

Monday November 10th 2025

Trinity Lutheran School Nicollet

*Trinity Lutheran School proclaims the love of Jesus Christ by partnering with parents to prepare students for this life and eternity.*

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**Breakfast Menu:** All breakfasts are served with fruit and milk.  
*Monday: Mini Cini, Tuesday: Cereal, Wednesday: Graham Cracker, Thursday: Pop Tart, Friday: NO SCHOOL*

**Hot Lunch Menu:** All Lunch is served with a fruit, vegetable and a milk.  
*Monday: Hamburger on a Bun, Tuesday: Bosco Sticks, Wednesday: Ham & Turkey Sub, Thursday: Mac-N-Cheese, Friday: No School*

**Chapel Mission:** Our current offering is up to \$328.20. This semester our missions will be going to the Central African Medical Mission.



Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School  
Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all His benefits.  
Psalms 103:2

## Principal notes:

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### Our Week in Review: Things we learned

- Welcome to November. Parent Teacher meetings are here. How are your students doing? Are you tracking your students' reading or math? What subjects do they not like or don't tend to bring home? Knowing what your students are learning is important. I can't recommend enough reading with your younger kids or challenging your older kids to read books that have no pictures but longer paragraphs and chapters. A good reference for reading is 5 minutes of reading per grade level. Another great way to challenge your readers is to find a topic they are interested in, then find some books from the library and encourage them to read daily until Christmas.
- Temperatures are dropping and recess is cold: Snow is in the future, when the temperatures drops below 35 Degrees please start to send snow pants, mittens, hat, winter coats and possible scarf or face covering if your students face is their

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### Looking Forward: Things to know - A little repeat but still relevant.

- [BASKETBALL SIGN UP HERE!](#) 3rd - 8th Grade - It is time to sign up! We will be partnering with St. Peter again and are excited to have our season get underway. Please click the blue link to get signed up. The cost this year is \$50.
- Forensics is coming up. Have your students practice their part or parts for these events. A great way to encourage them is to have them demonstrate their part in front of the family after dinner. The more they practice the better their event will be.

### Dates to remember: Plan ahead

11-12: CEA MEETING @6pm

11-13: Forensics at Trinity 5:30pm Come hear speeches and drama from your kids.

11-14: **NO SCHOOL!!!** Staff development day.

11-17: **BASKETBALL STARTS** \_ Parent Meeting at 5:20pm

11-20: MLC Forensics for 5-8th grade. 3-5pm

11-26-28th **THANKGIVING BREAK** 🦃

# Life in Middle School

Mr. Ritter

**Week eleven:** As the year goes on 5th-8th grade is getting busier and busier. This week we attended a veteran's day program at MVL that took up a good portion of our morning this past Wednesday. Having the opportunity to thank the people that serve or have served our country and gain some knowledge about our nation's military is always a great experience and learning opportunity. Forensics is approaching fast. Next Thursday is Trinity's Forensic night followed by the main event at MLC the following week. The students have been working on their presentations the past few days and will continue to practice and polish next week.

**Social Studies:** The 7th and 8th graders are finishing up a newspaper project at the moment. The project incorporates a main article about political or workplace reform with two sidebars elaborating on the topic. The 5th and 6th graders are currently working their way through a study of Africa and culture.

**Writing:** In 5th and 6th grade we are starting to dive into writing fictional narratives. The students shared their topics with me on Thursday and I'm very excited to see their highly creative ideas take shape into a story. 7th and 8th grade is finishing a descriptive paragraph and will soon be getting into a large scale research report.

**Have a great weekend!**

## Mrs. Biedenbender's Room

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me this past week! Please let me know if you ever have any questions or concerns about anything!

We are looking forward to doing our plays, poems, and a presentation for you on Forensics night on Thursday! Your child can come about 5:20pm to watch the younger children, in the gym, before it's our turn.

**Math:** 3rd graders learned to write numbers up to six digits, number lines, measuring length to the nearest quarter inch, inches, feet, and yards.

4th graders learned more multiplication facts, writing numbers up to 8 digits, mixed numbers and how to write a check.

**English:** We learned about conjunctions and how they join subjects, verbs and simple sentences together.

**Reading:** 3rd and 4th graders have begun reading a new novel this week. One group is reading a fantasy called Catwings, and another is reading a historical fiction called Riding Freedom.

**Christ Light:** Our new stories will be "Moses Meets with Pharaoh" and "God's Power Punishes and Protects".

**Science:** We learned why plants give us so many flowers.

## **Mrs. Gronholz's Room:**

**Grade 2:** Wagon Wheels has us looking at our map of Kansas as Daddy leaves Nicodemus. Informative writing has us doing research and then writing facts on another animal. Math daily work keeps our brains sharp and excitement continues as we measure, weigh, count, write digits of a date and read a bar graph. In Super Kids Reading we will complete our fourth unit. The r-controlled vowels are a challenge - that is for sure! Reading is so very important so continue to read at home and encourage your child to write their opinions, thoughts and feelings. Spelling words for next Thursday, November 13th are - **draw yawn awful fault August called smallest chalk walk talk today away**

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**Grade 1:** In Math this week we joined a Morning Math meeting with the 2nd grade and we are learning new things daily . We will use measuring cups and spoons today so find a recipe for your child to enjoy making with you. Superkids Reading has helped us learn about setting and plot. The children giggled about fictional and real bubble gum stories. Reading is so very important so continue to read at home and encourage your child to write their opinions, thoughts and feelings. Our spelling words will be tested on Thursday, November 13th and will be - **helping helped asking asked hugging hugged shopping shopped grinning grinned**

May God bless your weekend and our week together but it is a short week due to Friday off for children and scheduled as a Staff Development Day!

**Mrs. Schmudlach's Kindergarten and First Grade Classroom:**

**I am encouraging you to read 1 or 2 books a night with your student! Record those books on the November Reading calendar. Turn in the calendar at the end of the month for a personal pan pizza at Nicollet Mart. If you turn all 5 months in... you receive your wrist band to the WOW zone in Spring.**

**Christ Light:** This week we start Set 2 with new colored folders and new Memory Work sheets. Our stories will be *Pharoah Does Not Obey God* and *The 10 Plagues*.

We should gladly listen to those who teach God's Word...parents, teachers, etc.

**Math K:** Missing pattern pieces, pennies! We are also finishing our Scarecrow Counting book.

**Reading K:** Big Book of Blending page 6, the consonant L,l, and taking book bags home.

**Writing K:** We each drew and labeled something, or someone, that we loved.

**Science K and 1:** *How does an acorn become an oak tree? And why are rainforests so rainy?*

**English 1:** Learning rules 1 and 2 to capitalize the first word of a sentence and to capitalize the names of people. We will also add rule 3: Always capitalize the pronoun, *I*.

**Social Studies K:** We are in the continent of South America. This continent contains the world's largest rainforest, the Amazon. We are also visiting Machu Picchu, the Inca's ancient city.

**Music:** We already have learned 3 of our 6 songs for Christmas! It is amazing how fast we can memorize! Please move on to the 3rd recitation on our green Christmas sheet. Thanks for helping!

**Coming Up:**

**November 12:** CEA meeting at 6.

**November 13:** Forensics Night at school. Our classroom will be presenting 2 poems for you to enjoy. The evening starts at 5:30. I hope to see all of you there! Please let me know if you have any questions. Please arrive by 5:20 pm. After we say our 2 poems, you are welcome to hear the upper graders present their Forensic pieces in the classrooms.

**November 14:** NO SCHOOL

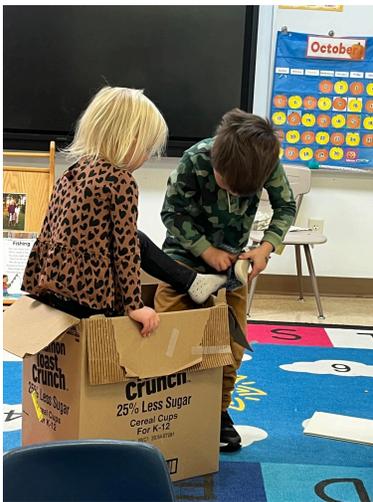
## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Kelly

We are continuing to have fun in the preschool classroom! One new thing we've been trying is acting out the Bible stories we're learning. Last week we acted out Joseph and his brothers; this week we're doing baby Moses. The kids' refrain: "Can we do it again??"

Lots of fun things came to our classroom for the <g> sound this week—glasses, goggles, goats, gourds, and more! Next week we'll tackle the <h> sound.

We are practicing some nursery rhymes to recite next Thursday for Forensics Night. Please read what Mrs. Schudlach wrote about coming to school at 5:20 on Thursday. We'll present our poems along with the K-1 class, and then go watch and listen to the older kids. We hope you all can come!



One thing I love about a multi-age preschool is how much the different ages can learn from each other. Littler ones can learn more advanced imaginative play and some beginning literacy and math skills, and older children learn to be patient and to be good leaders, encouragers, and helpers, like in this picture.