

Monday November 17th 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: Brekkie, Tuesday: Cereal Bar, Wednesday: Belvita, Thursday: Rice Krispy, Friday: S'mores Bar

**Hot Lunch Menu:** All Lunch is served with a fruit, vegetable and a milk. Monday: Chicken Patty, Tuesday: Soft Pretzel, Wednesday: Sloppy Joe, Thursday: Pizza, Friday: Orange Chicken

Chapel Mission: Our current offering is up to \$344.83. This semester our missions will be going to the Central African Medical Mission.

**YEARBOOK PHOTO ALBUM:** Please upload your photos from TLS Events to this google photo album for our yearbook team. Thanks!



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

## Principal notes:

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### Our Week in Review: Things we learned

- Mid way through the month of November. What are you thankful for? As we approach the end of the church year and the cooler days of late November we turn our attention to Thanksgiving. A time where we reflect on all that our Lord has done for us. Now is a great time to be thankful. Every day we should celebrate our Savior and His eternal Mercy. May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all these next few weeks as you prepare your hearts for Thanksgiving. (A great way to connect with your students, ask them what they are thankful for. They may surprise you about what is on their hearts.)
- 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.

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

- **LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR \_ [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

- 11-14: **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 12:** Our trial run for forensics is complete and the students all did a great job. Our room will be taking a few more days next week to practice and polish before heading to MLC on Thursday the 20th. On a separate note the quarter is flying by and we have a mid quarter grade deadline coming up on November 25th before Thanksgiving break. This means that anything not turned in by the 25th will be put in the gradebook as a zero. Overall the amount of late work this quarter has gone down tremendously which will hopefully continue over the next couple of weeks.

**Reading:** On top of our novels for this quarter the 5th - 8th graders have also been going over figurative language, story elements and elements of plot. As we continue in our novel studies the goal is for the students to start looking beyond the basic storyline and making connections from the novel to the real world through the interpretation of themes, characters and conflicts.

**Social Studies:** 7th and 8th is moving into a study of World War I. This quarter is more project and essay heavy rather than simple question and answer daily work. 5th and 6th grade are moving towards the end of their Africa unit. They just finished up a repeat project from quarter one and on Wednesday they created and graded mini quizzes that were taken by their peers which went very well.

**Basketball:** Practices begin on Monday the 17th. I'm looking forward to working with all the students on the basketball court and can't wait for the upcoming season.

## Mrs. Biedenbender's Room

The kids did such a great job at Forensics' Night! They progressed so much over the weeks, and did their best that night! Thank you for all your work with them at home! Now we will focus on our Christmas program.

**Math:** 3rd graders learned to  
4th graders learned

**English:** We learned about conjunctions and how they join parts of speech and simple sentences together.

**Reading:** 3rd and 4th graders are reading their new novels and breaking out into discussion groups to talk about it.

**Christ Light:** Our new stories this week are "The Passover" and "Crossing the Red Sea".

**Social Studies:** We learned about communities and how they adapt to the land around them.

**Science:** We had a couple mini-lessons about why leaves turn colors in the fall, and why wolves howl.



We love art time while listening to classical music!

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

**Grade 2:** We hope to finish Wagon Wheels yet this week and record some thoughts we have had while reading it. In English we added the fifth part of speech - the preposition, Wow - they are catching on to classifying sentences with a preposition in them. The second graders worked at and completed a seven-line poem and presented it. A bar graph and Venn diagram made us really think in Math this week. I am now sending a book home as often as they bring one back. Reading with your child will improve fluency and comprehension. If second graders read 250 minutes at home this month and record it on their reading calendar - they earn a personal pizza. Spelling words for next Thursday, November 20th are - **boy enjoy joined points shout ground around crowd flower snow below yellow**

Skill worked on this week for both classes was giving feedback to presenters after they presented their writing. It was a joy to hear gentle positive feedback along with kind and thoughtful remarks on improvements that could be made!! Way to go!!!

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**Grade 1:** We have been learning about telling time, counting money, recording fact families and reading the temperature outside our room. Superkids Reading did have us talking about appropriate behavior and even what to watch on T.V. or You Tube.

First grade goal on our Reading Calendars is to read 25 books this month. I will be sending books home as often as they bring one back. Thank you for reading with them because your children are becoming better readers. Our spelling words will be

tested on Thursday, November 20th and will be - **flipping flipped stepping stepped there from be to we or**

May God bless your long weekend and our normal week together next week.

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

I am very proud of the children as they learn the Christmas Service in recitation and song. This week we tackled 2 of the larger recitations and learned 1 new song.

**Christ Light:** Crossing the Red Sea and the Passover. . 2A and 2B. Keep up the great work on Memory work, 1st grade!

**Math K:** Pennies, buying items with pennies, tally marks. We will start a new book Using numbers and number words.

**Reading:** We have added our 3rd vowel, Ii, and met our new Superkid, Icky. This week we will learn about plural nouns.

**Writing:** Story about insects or inchworms.

**Science K and 1:** Plant movement and survival

**Art:** Angels for our Christmas tree!

**English 1:** This week we will learn to classify and give the rule number that is used in the sentence. We are classifying the subject noun, verb, article, adverb, and adjective!

**Social Studies K:** Our third continent, Europe!

**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 4th recitation on our green Christmas sheet. Thanks for helping!

I hope you have a super day off on Friday!



Playing cats at recess!

Madilyn's 6th Birthday!

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Kelly

We have been spending a lot of time in preschool getting ready to recite some nursery rhymes to all of you this evening at 5:30! We hope everyone can attend; please plan to meet in the classroom at 5:20. And please let me know if you cannot make it to this fun event.

We learned this week that God gave Moses a very big job to do, and he didn't want to do it! Sometimes we don't want to do what God says, but His way is always best. God has given us an important job too - to tell others about Him!

Thanks to everyone who has given us boxes! We've been having so much fun pretending with small, medium, and BIG boxes. We've also been having fun learning about the <h> sound - there were lots of horses especially, for show and tell!



Enjoy your three-day weekend.