

Monday November 24th 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: Frudel, Tuesday: Cereal Bar, Wednesday: Belvita, Thursday: Rice Krispy Bar, Friday: Nutrigrain Bar

**Hot Lunch Menu:** All Lunch is served with a fruit, vegetable and a milk. Monday: Popcorn Chicken, Tuesday: Meatballs, Wednesday: Ham/Turkey Sub, Thursday: Sloppy Joe, Friday: Bosco Sticks

Chapel Mission: Our current offering is up to \$354.26. 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:

Nov 25, 2025

### Our Thanks in Review: Things we are Thankful for.

*"The weather outside is frightful, the roads are cold and slow. The wind keeps fiercely whispering of yet-another snow. But even in this blust'ry chill, our hearts find warmer things— like gratitude for grace and life and all the joy God brings. So as we pause for Thanksgiving break, may the Holy Spirit guard your way, and may your homes be filled with thanks for every gift God gives today."*

I am truly thankful for you—Yes, you. Thank you for partnering with Trinity Lutheran as we support your children in their educational journey. Your warm good-mornings, your kind goodbyes, and the joy your children bring into our school each day are genuine blessings. To our dedicated staff, thank you for the deep care and commitment you show to every student who walks through our doors. May our gracious God watch over you and your family during this special Thanksgiving season, granting you rest, joy, and safe travels.

Nov 25, 2025

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

- Christmas is around the corner. The whole school sings and presents a Christmas story on Sunday the 21st. With all the preparations and joyous celebrations of the Christmas season, let us make time to pause and listen to the children present the reason for the season, Jesus Christ is born. Alleluia, and Praise to the King Eternal. Make every effort to attend this event for your family, for your church and for your soul.
- Looking ahead we have our first 2 basketball games in the first and second week of December.
- COLD and SNOW means - Snowpants, Jackets, Mittens, Hats, and snow gear. Please send your students with enough gear they can play and stay warm outside while playing in the snow.

### Dates to remember: Plan ahead

- 11-26-28th THANKGIVING BREAK 🍂
- 12-4: Basketball away at Gaylord B:4pm A: 5pm
- 12-9: Basketball away at Belle Plain B: 4:30 A: 5:30
- 12-21: Sunday CHRISTMAS SERVICE for the SCHOOL.

## Life in Middle School

Mr. Ritter

**Week 13:** Forensics is over and all of the students did a great job. The improvement from our first practice to Trinity's Forensic night to the final performance at MLC was incredible. While I'm sure most students are simply relieved that it is over, they should be proud of their performances this past week. Also, Thanksgiving break means that our Christmas service is just around the corner. The free time that was designated for forensics will now shift to recitation practice.

**Math:** Math is getting difficult. Not only are we almost completely done with review from previous years but the new concepts are piling up quickly. Notetaking for math, which has previously been unnecessary, is going to slowly become crucial for every level.

**PE:** The end of our volleyball unit is quickly approaching. We have made our way from bumping a ball that was tossed from ten feet away to moving under and returning serves. Our two classes next week will be our last few days to play real games and put everything together.

**Papers:** If your students are not bringing graded papers home regularly, they should be. I do not force students to take their papers home on a daily basis, but I do grade assignments everyday in order for them to have timely feedback on their work. Knowing the grades they get soon after completing an assignment is the easiest way to know how improvements can be made. However, if papers are not checked until weeks after they are completed, opportunities for corrections, retakes and simply avoiding future mistakes are not possible.

**Highlights:** There is very minimal late work compared to last quarter as we approach the midterm. On a related note, focus during work time has also increased in the past few weeks.

## Mrs. Biedenbender's Room

It's hard to believe we are almost at the end of November! Please encourage your child to keep reading and filling out their orange reading calendar for their pizza certificate! November calendars are due back by Monday, December 1st!

Look for a note to come home about our Christmas gift exchange...the students picked names for giving a gift to their classmate.

Since it is a short week this week, no memory treasure/spelling list will go home. We will review our past spelling words and have a class spelling instead!

**Math:** 3rd graders learned about subtraction stories, scale maps, and making fractions.

4th graders learned about capacity, relating money and fractions to decimals.

**English:** We practiced classifying sentences and began writing persuasive essays. We will finish them this week, read them to the class, and see if we can persuade our teacher and classmates to agree with our point of view!

**Reading:** 3rd graders have been reading short stories from our reading book and discussing various literary elements that go along with them. The 4th graders will finish their novel "Riding Freedom", and have been discussing what life was like in the late 1800's, such as the settling of the West and the lack of freedoms for women.

**Christ Light:** We learned how God miraculously delivered the Israelites from the Egyptians! This week we will learn that even though they forgot about His goodness and complained about life in the desert, God still took care of them!

**Social Studies:** We are learning how communities come together to deal with events such as natural disasters.

**Science:** We will have mini-lessons on who invented football and the history of Thanksgiving Day.



## Mrs. Gronholz's Room:

**Grade 2:** Math class has had us adding two digit numbers by using dimes and pennies and the bigger the number - the better they like it. In English we wrote and revised our own sentences this past week. The second graders completed another poem and presented it. In Reading this week we were reminded to ask questions and not jump to conclusions. I am now sending a book home as often as they bring one back. Reading with your child will improve fluency and comprehension. Spelling words for Thursday, December 4th are - **cook took foot stood too tool boot soon blew chew threw grew**

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**Grade 1:** We continue to tell time, count money, record fact families and read the thermometer outside our room in Math Class. Superkids Reading has had the first grade children writing descriptive paragraphs. We continue to read, read, and read more. 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, December 4th and will be - **go no so be he me she we hi flu**



May God bless your Thanksgiving and our normal week together next week.

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

Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the time you have with your family. So much to be thankful for!

**A note for our Christmas gift exchange** for a classmate should be in your child's Green folder. Have fun shopping for this friend!

**Christ Light:** God takes care of the Israelites in the desert. He always meets our needs.

**Math:** Telling time to the hour, making clocks, penny purchases

**Phy Ed:** We are having fun learning many fun games with the parachute!

**Reading:** Unit 9 starts with the consonant, Tt. We will learn some fun jump rope rhymes and play *Follow the leader* with our Superkid friends, Tic, Tac, and Toc.

**Writing:** Interviewing classmates

**Science K and 1:** *Does any place not have Fall?* and *How is a Thanksgiving spice, cinnamon, made?*

**Art:** We have started a project for Christmas gifts! No hints!

**English 1:** Favorite Family Activities and singular and plural nouns

**Social Studies K:** Castles... Mighty and Magical.



Working hard at the Art Table



**PRESCHOOL NEWS**  
Mrs. Kelly

**Looking back...**

We've been having fun as usual in preschool! Last week we looked at letter I and learned a bit about insects - six legs, three body parts, exoskeleton! We also talked a bit about Indians - native Americans at the first American Thanksgiving.

We've been working on counting items from 0-10, which is easy if you're five years old but really challenging if you're three! It is fun watching the older kids helping the younger ones - I love our multi-age classroom!

We're having fun with pumpkin pie playdough! Thanks to all parents for your playdough donations.

**This week...**

This short week we're doing all things Thanksgiving: different Thanksgiving foods, being helpful, and about the importance of being thankful.

**Bible Stories**

The Israelites (there's a hard word to wrap your tongue around!) have finally gotten away from Pharaoh thanks to God's mighty hand. Now we're learning

how He provided for them physically, just like He provides for us - which we celebrate at Thanksgiving. Next week we'll hear about how God gave them (and us) his commandments to guide them.

**Looking ahead...**

When we get back to school next week, it'll be December! We will be celebrating Advent all month, with a special calendar, wreath, and devotions. We'll also be practicing our recitations and songs for the Christmas service on Dec. 21.

On Monday your kiddo should be bringing home a Christmas gift exchange note. We're going to try something different and have it be a book exchange. More info is on that note coming home.

Next week: letter J!

Wednesday:

- Chapel
- Show & Tell <j>

Thursday:

- Bookmobile

Friday:

- Show & Tell ANYTHING!