**Trinity Lutheran School, Alma, Missouri** **January 4, 2026**

**Principal's Pens will be electronically sent out unless you've requested a hard copy! Just reach out to the office if you'd like one sent home with your child. Upcoming Events can be found on the last page of this newsletter.**

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# Welcome Back!

## Just a reminder to check your balances & student progress/grades on FACTS! If you need log on information, reach out to Ms. Wells!

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## We will be celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week in January! Watch for more details.

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## *ALL CHOIRS SING January 25 at 9:30 TRINITY To Celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week*

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Sucker Friday returns! $1 for a sucker or meat sticks!!

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| 5<br>No School | 6<br>French toast tornado<br>---<br>Hot Dogs<br>Tater Tots<br>Baked Beans<br>Mixed Fruit | 7<br>Sausage and cheese biscuit<br>---<br>Soft Taco<br>Corn<br>Pears<br>Brownie | 8<br>Biscuits and Gravy<br>---<br>Chili<br>Peanut Butter and jelly<br>Carrots<br>Apples<br>Cookie | 9<br>Breakfast Bar<br>---<br>Popcorn Chicken<br>Macaroni and Cheese<br>Green Beans<br>Banana |

**Milk and fresh fruit offered daily**

Salad option available

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

*Breakfast & Lunch Menus available on our app.*

*We want your pictures for the yearbook! Please email mschreiman@santafechiefs.k12.mo.us with any pictures you'd like to share!*

## Family Devotion
## Table Talk

**Family Devotion**

*Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him." And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. ... Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. (Matthew 2:13-15a, 16-17)*

*This story used to make me feel uneasy. "Why did God save His own Son but not the other babies?" I wondered. It seemed ... unfair, somehow. Unjust. Was God playing favorites?*

*Years later I realized that in fact, Jesus did not get away safely. The final baby of Bethlehem also died at the hand of a king named Herod—thirty-some years later, as an adult. And it wasn't a quick death by the sword but the long-drawn-out agony of crucifixion.*

*But even that's not the real point, is it? Because out of all those babies and toddlers, Jesus is the One who came into this world on purpose to die. He gave Himself into death on purpose, for all those babies and for us as well. And then He rose from the dead, just as He will raise those children—and us as well.*

*WE PRAY: Lord, overcome the darkness with Your light. Amen.*

## Upcoming Events

**January**

5 Professional Development
6 Classes Resume
10 Girls Basketball Shootout
19 NO SCHOOL (MLK Day)
25-3 National Lutheran Schools Week
25 ALL Choirs Sing
30 Spelling Bee (TBD)

**February**

16 NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
18 Ash Wednesday
19 *PT Conferences
23 PTL Meeting 6:00 pm
27 12:30 Dismissal