



MEMORIAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Classical Education

SUMMER READING CHALLENGES 2026

The faculty and staff of Memorial Lutheran School love to read, and we encourage you to, also!

Complete one or more challenge to win a certificate and an ice cream social after school on Friday, September 4th.

Tracking pages are online at MemorialLutheranSchool.org and **due to Deaconess Moerbe by Friday, August 28th**. Challenges are open to all students. Yes, parents may read aloud and audio books count, but readers should also read.

Rules & Restrictions

- Aim for age-appropriate, high-quality works.
 - Books may be used for multiple challenges only if they fit each criterion.
1. **STUDENT FAVORITE: Out Read Pastor Paul!** Aim for 10,000 pages, but who knows how many he may read? These challenge winners also receive a special lunch with Pastor Paul.
 2. **Olympic Awards:** Aim to read 15 minutes, or for young readers an entire book, every day!
 - a. Gold Medal – 15 minutes of reading EVERY day (80 days/books total)
 - b. Silver Medal – 15 minutes, 5 days a week (55-79 days/books)
 - c. Bronze Medal – 15 minutes, 4 days a week (45-54 days/books)
 3. **Family Fun Award:** Read aloud a full-length book as a family. This year we recommend *Winnie the Pooh*.
 4. **“Series-us” Fun Award:** Find and read a series as long as your grade level! Those going into third grade, read at least a three-book series, etc. Eighth graders and older, however, may remain at a seven-book requirement.
 5. **Literature Award:** Read at least five books, one from five or more of the following categories.

Poetry	Drama/Play	Biography	Autobiography/Memoir
Allegory	Folk Tales/Mythology	Non-Fiction History	Other Non-Fiction
1800s Fiction	1900s Fiction	Historical-Fiction	Science-Fiction
Satire	Book Translation	Dystopian	Adventure
Mystery	Comedy	Fantasy	Devotional
 6. **Biblical Scholar Award:** Scripture is full of wonderful books! Pick something to read from Scripture. Record which chapters you read and see how far you can get. May every chapter be a blessing!
 7. **Theological Reading Award:** Read one or more theological books, such as *Praying Luther’s Small Catechism* (Pless, CPH, 2016), *God at Work* (Veith, Crossway, 2002), or *Meditations on Divine Mercy* (Gerhard, CPH, 2003).
 8. **Historical Award:** Read five books—fiction, nonfiction, or a combination of both—that take place within one historical period.
 9. **Polymath Award:** Read at least five nonfiction books on *completely* different topics. That can mean one on math, science, history, etc., or one on animals, airplanes, volcanoes, poetry, a biography, etc.
 10. **Book Club Award:** Talk with one or more friends and pick a book together. As you read, think of questions to talk about and talk through the book as a book club, meeting one or more often.
 11. **Reading Challenge:** Rise to challenging reading material and the finest literature and nonfiction! Talk with Deaconess Ahlman, Deaconess Moerbe, or another teacher if you need help selecting something appropriate.