



Good Shepherd Charger News

"In His Hands" Isaiah 49:16

All School Newsletter
January 24, 2025

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 25-Sunday, January 26

- Science Fair Judging
- Faculty Sings in all three church services

Sunday, January 26

- 5th and 6th Grades sing in 10:30 church
- 7th and 8th Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church
- Band accompanies worship at Good Shepherd Church - 7:30 a.m.
- New Enrollment Open House 1:00-3:00 pm

Monday, January 27

- Science Fair in Gym 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- NLSW Theme - Stripping Away Hindrances
- Dress Up - Neon Day
- Boys Basketball Regional Tournament @ Albers Elementary, Albers, IL 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 28

- NLSW Theme - Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus
- Dress Up - Silly Hats and Socks
- Girls Basketball A Team Conference Tournament 5:30 p.m. @ GSLS vs Unity, ESTL

Wednesday, January 29

- NLSW Theme - Enduring the Cross
- Dress Up - Sports Day
- Spelling Bee Gr. 1-8, 9:00 am in church
- Boys Basketball Regional Tournament @ Albers

Thursday, January 30

- NO PEER TUTORING
- NLSW Theme - The Joy Set Before Us
- Dress Up - Favorite Color Day
- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
- Chapel Service 8:55 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)

Friday, January 31

- NLSW Theme - The Joy Set Before Us
- Dress Up - Favorite Color Day
- Girls / Boys Basketball A Team Conference Tournament @ MELHS 6:30 p.m.

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Tax Forms

Families needing to print statements for tax purposes, please follow the steps below. If you have trouble or need assistance please contact Mrs. Osborn in the school office.



Log into your FACTS account > Payment Plan & Billing >

View Details > Select Correct Term > View Payment Summary > Print

Prospective Students Open House

Good Shepherd Lutheran School will hold an Open House on **Sunday, January 26th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** for Preschool through Grade 8. Invite your friends and neighbors to tour the school and find out more about the opportunities at Good Shepherd!

National Lutheran Schools Week

We look forward to celebrating Good Shepherd Lutheran School during National Lutheran Schools Week **January 27-31.** (See flyer that follows for fun dress days and daily themes.)

Science Fair

Kindergarten-5th and 7th Grade Science Fair projects will be on display in the gym on **Monday, January 27th at 6:30 p.m.** You are invited to come see their amazing discoveries! (See flyer that follows this newsletter.)

Spelling Bee

This year's spelling bee will be on **Wednesday, January 29th** at 9:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The order of participants will be numerical again this year: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th. Parents are welcome to attend.

Peer Tutoring

There will be NO Peer Tutoring on Thursday, January 30th due to National Lutheran Schools Week. Peer Tutoring will resume on **February 6th.**

Annual Benefit Auction

The 2025 Annual Benefit Auction for Good Shepherd Lutheran School will be on **Saturday, March 29th.** Now is the time to be looking for items/services to donate to the classroom basket. A list of themes for each class/grade is attached and has been sent home with your student. A sponsorship/donation form is also attached. We look forward to a great event!

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner

This coming Sunday we have a military leader who shows great faith. He understands that because Jesus is God that Jesus just has to speak a word and his servant will be healed. Let us cling to Jesus with such faith! Let us trust Him and the power of His Word to do for us what He has promised. Let us keep coming to Him with our prayers and our pleas for help. We know that all authority in heaven and earth is His, and that with a word He can bless, forgive, and heal. Join us this Sunday as Jesus will be present in His Word and Sacrament to work in us and through us just as He did 2000 years ago for the Centurion and his servant.



Spring Resale Shop Open - February 22

Mark your calendar to stop by our **Resale Shop** on **Saturday, February 22nd** from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the school cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to purchase gently used standardized dress clothes and Good Shepherd Chargerwear at bargain prices. Bring clean, gently worn standardized clothes or Chargerwear items to the school office any time to be included in the sale.

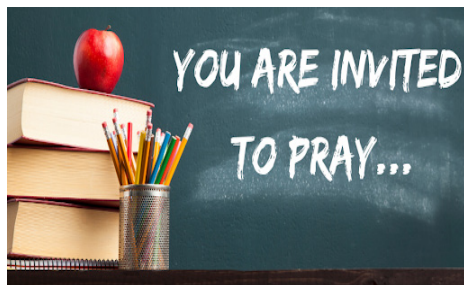


Tuition Scholarships

Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd Church and School are available through FACTS. (See flyer.) LESA is sponsoring a virtual application event on **Tuesday, February 25th**, noon - 7:00 p.m. titled, "How to do a Financial Scholarship in FACTS". Watch for the sign-up link coming later this month.

Introduce A Girl to Engineering Day

On **Saturday, February 22nd** there will be a wonderful opportunity for girls in grades 5-8 to have hands-on engineering experiences and learn more about the field from female engineering leaders in the Metro East Area. The event will be held in the Engineering Building at SIUE. (See the flyer that follows for registration and more information.)



In Our Prayers This Week

Each week this school year, the faculty will be praying for the students and their families. Next week we will be praying for Hunter M., Adelynn M., Aria M., Madilyn S., and Hailey S. Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

**Wonderful Gifts
What should I thank God for?**

**Thank God for this gift too
wonderful for words!
- 2 Corinthians 9:15**

**There are so many things to
thank God for... salvation, faith,
heaven, miracles, food, other
believers, family, work, nature,
laughter, his unfailing love
and faithfulness, his honor, his
goodness, his Son...in fact, you
can give thanks for everything
good!**

Blessings!

Robert Mayhew, Principal

The purpose of Good Shepherd Lutheran School is to provide each student with a quality Christian Education. We recognize that this begins with the premise that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and in Him we have eternal life. The curriculum and all activities are developed around this premise.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Open House

Metro East Lutheran High School is having an open house on February 2. You're Invited! Please come to Metro East Lutheran High School for our Open House on Sunday, February 2nd from 1pm-3pm. Come tour our school, meet our faculty, and find out why MELHS is a wonderful place to be!

From our Counselor

Does your child know the difference between good stress and bad stress? I hear our children say they are stressed out more and more and I think it's important to know the difference between good and bad stress. Good stress can motivate us to achieve our goals, adapt to changes, make positive changes, and do our best. Examples of these include, studying for a hard test, completing a tough assignment, changing schools, and making new friends. Children may feel overwhelmed when accomplishing these tasks, but when they succeed, we celebrate and the stress is gone! But, sometimes stress is not healthy and can interfere with our child's life. Below is a link for your reference on how to recognize the various types of bad stress and how to help your child. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Epplin, School Counselor

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/stress.html>

Position Openings at Good Shepherd for 2025-26

Teacher Openings:


Good Shepherd Lutheran School is accepting applications for Christian teacher positions in grades K-8. We are planning for the 2025-26 school year and will be looking for teachers. Good Shepherd is a special, unique Christian school having strong commitment to the quality education and Christian training of the lambs of our Good Shepherd. Teachers shall have, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in education. Applicants should have good communication, organizational skills, leadership qualities, and a love for children. A more complete job description is available in the school office. Please contact Mr. Mayhew at 618-344-3153 or gsls1@hotmail.com, if you are interested or know of anyone who may be an excellent candidate.

Physical Education Teacher

We're excited to announce an opening for a PE Teacher (Grades K-8) at our school! We're seeking an energetic leader who thrives on teamwork and is passionate about inspiring students to embrace physical activity. If you have a knack for fostering a love of movement and are interested in coaching volleyball or other sports, we want to hear from you! Please contact Mr. Mayhew at gsls1@hotmail.com or 618-344-3153 to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

Teacher Aides Needed:

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is receiving resumes for teacher aide positions. The part-time positions will work with the Early Childhood and Day School teachers for the 2025-26 school year. Seeking a dedicated person who loves children, who can follow instructions, work cooperatively with others and be a self-starter. Please contact Mrs. Nobbe or Mr. Mayhew at 618-344-3153 or rnobbe@gslcs.org or gsls1@hotmail.com

Celebrating  *Years of Christian Education*
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JANUARY 27TH / 6:30 PM



GSLC Science Fair

**FREE
ENTRY**

**THE SCIENCE FAIR WILL SHOWCASE
SCIENCE PROJECTS FROM EACH GRADE**



**IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL:
SHULSE@GSLCS.ORG**

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

HEBREWS 12:1-2

JAN
27

NEON DAY

Stripping Away Hindrances

JAN
28

SILLY HAT AND SOCKS

Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus

JAN
29

SPORTS DAY

Enduring the Cross

JAN
30

FAVORITE COLOR DAY

The Joy Set Before Us

JAN
31

COMFY COZY

Running the Race with Perseverance

Theme Class Baskets



✧ **PK3 – Family Game Night**

- Ideas: Board games, Puzzles, Snacks, Scoreboard

✧ **PK4 – Family Fun Day Basket**

- Ideas: gift cards to local attractions: Edisons, Trampoline Park, Childrens Museums, Magic House, City Museum, Top Golf,
- Parents can chip in together for larger quantity gift cards.

✧ **K – Outdoor Yard Games**

- Ideas: Ladder Toss, Bocce Ball, Washers, Croquet, Giant Jenga, and many more
- Parents can chip in together for corn hole set or a basketball hoop.

✧ **1 – Sourdough Starter Kit Basket**

- Ideas: Food scale, mixing bowls, special whisking tool, proofing bowls, warmer pad, aprons, mason jars, oils, jams, recipe,
- Parents can chip in together to buy a proofing box.

✧ **2 – Coffee Basket**

- Ideas: Mugs, Coffee, Syrups, Local Coffee Gift Cards, Coffee scented candles, graphic coffee T-shirt (example: but first coffee...), etc.

✧ **3 – Summer/Grill Theme Basket**

- Ideas: Beach towels, bubbles, Chalk, Water bottles, grilling accessories, tiki theme stuff, summer décor
- Parents can chip in together for a Yeti Cooler or Grill.

✧ **4 – Dinner Date Night Basket**

- Ideas: Restaurant Gift Cards; Weekly Menu Board

✧ **5 – Spa / Wellness Basket**

- Ideas: Bath salts/bombs, yoga mat, candles, journal, water bottle, small weights
- Parents can chip in together for a massage gift card.

✧ **6 – Book Lover's Basket**

- Ideas: subscription, gift cards, book light, books, gift cards
- Parents can chip in together for Kindle.

✧ **7 – Local Sports Basket**

- Ideas: Cardinals, Blues, City, Mizzou, Illini: apparel, gadgets, tumblers, etc.
- Parents can chip in together for box tickets to a sporting event.

✧ **8 – Outdoor Oasis Basket**

- Ideas: outdoor rugs or pillows, string outdoor lights, potted plants,
- Parents can chip in together for a hammock or water fountain display.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNUAL AUCTION



March 29, 2025

WE INVITE YOU TO HELP SUPPORT OUR CAUSE AND CHILDREN WE SERVE BY CONTRIBUTING TOWARD THE GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL(GSLS) AUCTION.

The purpose of GSLS is to provide each student with a quality Christian education, to see that each child develops to the fullest of his/her capabilities.

Proceeds from this year's auction will go towards updating the school's security camera system. Currently, the school has analog cameras, but would like to upgrade those to new IP cameras that will offer higher resolution and advanced features. The school would also like to add additional cameras to the school campus.

COMPLETE FORM AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL BEFORE MARCH 1, 2025

NAME / BUSINESS NAME:
DONATION DESCRIPTION OR SPONSORSHIP LEVEL:
VALUE OF DONATION:

How Can You Help?

Donating Items

Item Ideas Include:

- Basket of Goods
- Gift Cards
- Services: Tastings, Sports or Entertainment Tickets, Trips

Cash Sponsorships

\$300 Gold Level:

- **2 Admission tickets to the auction in March**
- Full page ad in event program*
- 1 month of your business logo in the weekly school newsletter
- 1 yard sign placed on the school lawn for 1 month.

\$150 Silver Level:

- Half page ad in event program*
- Social media shoutout on both school Facebook pages
- Name on table at the event

\$75 Bronze Level:

- Business card or business logo in event program
- Social media shoutout on both school Facebook pages

*Additional \$50 if you would like for us to create an ad for you.

TAX ID: #37-0841452

Donated Items/Checks can be mailed to: Good Shepherd Lutheran School, 1300 Beltline Rd, Collinsville, IL 62234

Email business ad/logo to: Michelle at Matuszewski.michelle@gmail.com

K-8 Tuition Assistance

Step 1: Complete application online through FACTS

- <https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/4FG82/landing-page>

Step 2: Submit payment for application (\$40)

Step 3: Submit **ALL 2024** tax documents by April 10

- Applicant & co-applicant must submit tax docs
- Taxes do not have to be filed, but must be prepared and uploaded to application

Step 4: CHECK EMAIL

- FACTS representatives will email if documentation is missing. Please respond as soon as possible and **check your junk folder** for FACTS emails.
- Tips on uploading a document can be found at www.lesastl.org

Required Documentation

- 2024—1040 Tax Form (page 1 & 2)
- 2024 W2
- Business Income docs
 - ⇒ Schedule 1—5, C, E, K, etc.
- Non-taxable docs
 - ⇒ Child support, SNAP, TANF, Social Security

Do You Qualify?

1. If **at least 10% of income from 2024** is used to cover the cost of a child/children's Lutheran K-8 **net tuition**
2. Child/children must be enrolled at the school by April 30 to be eligible for a scholarship during the May awards

Questions???

FACTS Parent Line: 1.866.315.9262

LESA Office: 314.200.0790

Email: mgersman@lesastl.org

Website: lesastl.org

Deadline: April 10, 2025

Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA)

LESA equips Lutheran schools, families, and communities with resources to expand God's Kingdom.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
EDWARDSVILLE

ALL MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS ARE INVITED!

INTRODUCE A GIRL TO ENGINEERING DAY

FEBRUARY 22, 2025

8:30AM - 3:30PM

PRESENTED BY:



WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Keynote Speaker
- Hands-On Engineering Activities in Computer Science, Electrical/Computer, Mechanical, Civil, and Industrial Engineering
- Professional Panelists Discussion with Q&A
- Intern/Co-op Info Session
- **Lunch will be provided**

REGISTER HERE!



[TINYURL.COM/SIUEIGE](https://tinyurl.com/siueige)

FREE TO ATTEND!

REGISTER BEFORE: 02-02-2025

**FREE TO ATTEND WITH
REGISTRATION**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



ANGELA HEISE

Angie, is a SIUE computer science alumna, who currently serves as

**Corporate Vice President
for Microsoft Worldwide,
Public Sector**

overseeing government, defense intelligence, and education industries.

CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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