



# Good Shepherd Charger News

"In His Hands" Isaiah 49:16

All School Newsletter  
January 31, 2025

## Charger Headlines...

### Calendar of Events

#### Friday, January 31

- Boys Basketball A Team Conference Tournament @ MELHS 6:30 p.m.
- Girls Basketball A Team Conference Tournament @ MELHS 5:15 p.m.

#### Saturday, February 1

- PeeWee Boys Basketball 9:00 a.m.
- Boys Basketball A Team Conference Tournament TBA
- Girls Basketball A Team Conference Tournament TBA
- Madison County Jazz Festival @ GSLS in gym 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. (Volunteers Needed)

#### Wednesday, February 5

- Boys Basketball D Team @ Zion Belleville Tournament TBA
- Girls Basketball D Team Tournament @ Zion Belleville TBA

#### Thursday, February 6

- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
- Chapel Service 8:55 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)
- Spring Pictures ECC & Kdg 8:30 a.m.
- Boys Basketball D Team @ Zion Belleville Tournament TBA
- Girls Basketball D Team Tournament @ Zion Belleville TBA

#### Friday, February 7

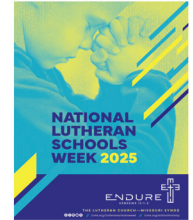
- Spring Pictures Gr 1-8
- Winter Sports Pictures

**For more information:**  
[gslcs.org/calendars](https://gslcs.org/calendars)



#### Lutheran Schools Week

Thank you for the variety of ways you supported Good Shepherd and all Lutheran schools during National Lutheran Schools Week. Please join us in thanking the NLSW Committee for their contributions to make it a memorable and joyous celebration: Mrs. Robinson, Chair; Mrs. Dhuse, Mrs. Gruben, Mrs. Hulse, Ms. Rebbe, Mrs. Sengele' and Mrs. Strocher. With your partnership and prayers we continue to have many reasons to be thankful and to celebrate!



#### Spring Pictures Day

Lifetouch will be taking spring pictures on **Thursday, February 6th for Preschool and Kindergarten students. Grades 1-8 pictures will be taken on Friday, February 7th.** Standardized dress is **NOT** required for these pictures. Order forms were sent home or you can order online using our school ID: EVT3MXFF9

**Winter Sports Pictures (grades 5-8, boys and girls basketball and Cheerleading Squad) will be taken on Friday, February 7th beginning at 7:00 a.m.** Athletes will receive a picture form from their coaches or you can order online using the ID: EVTD8TJ7X

#### Annual Benefit Auction

Shake, Rattle & Bid! We are 2 months away from the annual benefit auction and the auction committee could use your help! You could support the auction by donating items like: gift baskets, services, event tickets, trips, and much more! All proceeds from this year's auction will go towards upgrading the school's security camera system. (See flyers that follow for more info.)

#### Spring Resale Shop Open - February 22

Mark you 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. Polos, shorts, pants, skirts, and more will be available in lots of sizes for both boys and girls. (4T-18+). Parents, you are encouraged to bring clean, gently worn standardized clothes or Chargerwear items to the school office any time to be included in the sale.

#### FRIENDZY

During the month of February we will be discussing how God made all of us unique for a reason and that our differences make us stronger. See the letter from Mr. Mayhew following the newsletter for more information.

# Charger Headlines Continued...

## Pastor's Corner

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus calms a terrifying storm that threatens His life and the life of His disciples. The key words we will be focusing on are, "Why are you afraid?" Jesus asks us these very same words as we are threatened by the many afflictions of this life. He wants us to know that He is with us just as He was with His disciples. Join us as we learn more about what this miracle means for us and our salvation.



## Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to all of our 1st-8th grade students who entered the Good Shepherd Spelling Bee. Thank you for your bravery in participating and doing your best. We are very proud of each of you! Pictured: Evan D., 1st Grade; Luke R., 2nd Grade; Clark M., 3rd Grade; Annalynne C., 4th Grade; Gavin G., 5th Grade; Errolyn K., 6th Grade; Elise T., 7th/8th Grade.



## Science Fair

Kindergarten-5th and 7th Grade Science Fair projects were fantastic! Thank you to all the students who participated and to our coordinating teachers, Mrs. Hulse and Mrs. Maske. A list of the 5th and 7th grade students who are advancing with their projects to the Regional Science Fair follows the newsletter. Congratulations to all!

## Boys A Basketball Team

For the first time ever, the GS Chargers won the SIJHSAA Regional Championship on Wednesday by defeating Albers/Damiansville 62-28. The Chargers will continue to the next round in the state tournament on Saturday, February 8th at Rend Lake. Go Chargers!!

## 2025-2026 Tuition Scholarships

Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd Church and School are available **NOW** through FACTS. (See LESA flyer following the newsletter for details to apply.)

**REJOICE**  
ALWAYS,  
**PRAY**  
CONTINUALLY,  
**GIVE THANKS**  
**IN ALL**  
CIRCUMSTANCES.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV

## 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 Emma J., Errolyn K., Rylee M., Lexi M., Hayes O., Bhavneet S., and Mia W. Please join us in prayer.

## Something to Consider...

### Giving Thanks

**Why is it important to thank the Lord?**

**Since everything God created is good, we should not reject any of it but receive it with thanks.**  
**- 1 Timothy 4:4**

**Thanking God shows an attitude of gratitude. A thankful heart gives you a positive attitude because it keeps you focused on all God is doing for you. Make giving thanks a part of your prayer time, and thank God for something every day.**

### 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...

## Counselor's Corner

Helping your child feel proud of their work and accomplishments is important for our children. Some parents find it tricky to praise their child because they don't want them to be boastful. But, praise from parents and loved ones is vital for healthy growth. Here are some tips on how to praise your child for a job well done and help them feel proud: Praise efforts over results ("You studied so hard for the test and I'm proud of you!")

Celebrate small wins (every small achievement is a win)

Be genuine in your praise (really mean what you say)

Be specific (praise specific actions)

Share your child's accomplishments (tell others what your child has done!)

**Here is a link that discusses more ways to show your child how proud you are of them!**

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/boost-self-esteem.html>

## Tax Forms

Families needing to print statements for tax purposes, please follow the steps below. If you 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

## 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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# GSLs 2025 Science Fair Regional Projects

## Experimental Division - Grade 5

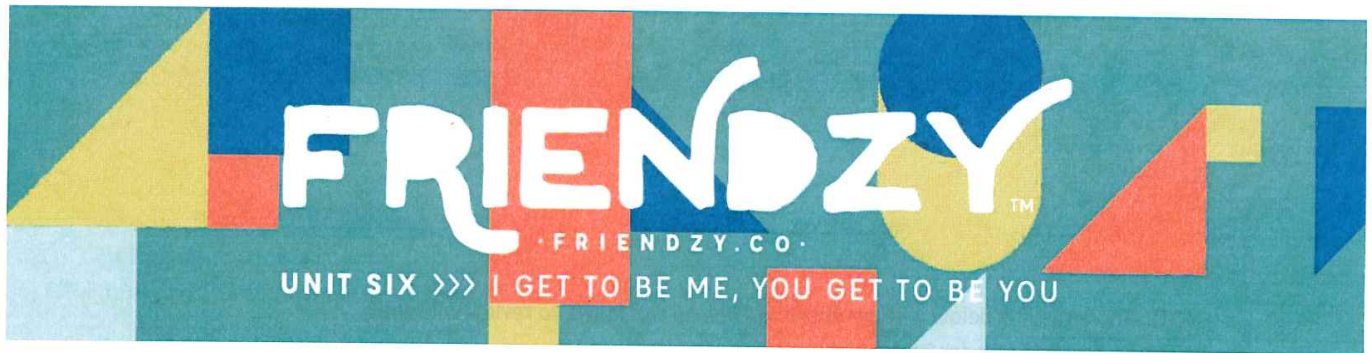
<u>Name</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Category</u>
Ellie Forman	1-H	Clucky Eggperiment	Behavioral Science
Hazel Frazier	1-H	Super Sourdough	Chemistry
Jed Schlesinger	1-H	Creepy Crawlies Can Be Cunning	Behavioral Science
Gavin Grice	1-H	Potato Power	Chemistry
Lucy Packer	1-M	Fading Away	Material Science
Camy Harrington	1-M	Cookie Crazy	Chemistry
Jemma Atchisson	1-M	Detergent Standoff	Material Science
Christopher Gould	1-M	It Actually is Rocket Science	Aerospace Science
James Kosten	1-M	Teeth Terminators	Health Science
Richard Voss	1-M	Shocking Electricity	Chemistry
Ceana Stults	1-M	Highest Bounce	Physics

## Experimental Division - Grade 7

<u>Name</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Category</u>
Agnes Hemmer	1-H	Teachers Vs. AI	Behavioral Science
Will Bilbruck	1-H	How Clean is Your Water?	Product / Consumer Sciences
Charlotte Parker	1-H	Which Soda Causes Tooth Tissue to Dissolve the Most?	Health Science
Caroline Stajkowski	1-H	Water Bottle Battle	Product / Consumer Sciences
Owen Clark	1-H	Melting Magic	Chemistry
Zion Cooper	1-H	Pop, Pop, Popcorn!	Product / Consumer Sciences
Isabella Billings	1-M	Energized Fruits	Chemistry

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Adalie Tubbs	1-M	Which flavor of Breyers ice cream melts the fastest?	Product / Consumer Sciences
Ava Hendricks	1-M	Rethink What You Drink	Health Science
Caleb Brown	1-M	Air Vs. Helium	Physics
Nate Phelps	1-M	Running on Different Surfaces	Material Science
Piper Mosby	1-M	Different Brands of Lip gloss	Product / Consumer Sciences
Isaiah Wolf	1-M	Testing Which Batteries Last the Longest	Product / Consumer Science
Sydney Hill	1-M	Electrolytes Vs. Water	Chemistry
Rylin Rayburn	1-M	The Power of Fruit	Chemistry
Elise Lane	1-M	Melting Hearts	Chemistry
Adrian Vital	1-L	Hot Wheels Races	Physics
Nathan Geiler	1-L	What is the Fastest Way to Cool Soda?	Chemistry



Dear Good Shepherd Families,

**DID YOU KNOW?** We only have three units left until we wrap up Friendzy for the school year?! With that in mind, we are going to put everything we have into making these last couple months great!

During this unit, students will discover that beauty is found in the different ways God has made each and every one of us. By the end of this unit students will see how He made all of us unique for a reason and that our differences make us stronger!

<b>Catchphrase</b> <i>Main point for students to catch on to</i>	<b>Key Verse</b> <i>Biblical anchor points</i>	<b>Goal</b> <i>What students will practice and work towards</i>
"I Get To Be Me, You Get To Be You"	"But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it." -1 Corinthians 12:18 (NLT)	To name my unique qualities and celebrate the unique qualities of others.

Encourage your student to recognize their strengths this month. Once we come to a place where we know who we are in Christ, and what strengths we carry, then we can celebrate the strengths and gifts of others. This is how we can live out the Catchphrase: I Get to Be Me, You Get to Be You! Here are some ways you can **Continue the Conversation** at home this month:

1. I have unique qualities that God created.
2. God created others with different qualities.
3. I can appreciate what makes my friends and I special.
4. I can use my words and actions to celebrate others.

**BE INTENTIONAL** Review the Strengths Finder chart (see below). You can use this to have intentional conversations with your student(s) about the strengths you see in them. Also, take time to model recognizing your own strengths. What strengths do they possess? How are those different or the same as yours? Consider how the people you know are different from each other and from you! Discuss how individual differences are actually a strength. Have fun building your students up and create meaningful points of connection! Your students are learning relationship skills that will benefit them for a lifetime!

Blessings,  
 Mr. Mayhew



**Valentine's**

# Parent's Night Out

***Crafts, Games, Snacks, Fun  
for your kids while you enjoy a night out!***

***Support the GS High School Youth Group  
with your generous donations.***

**FEB  
15**

**Good  
Shepherd  
Fellowship  
Hall**

**6:30 -  
9:00PM**

***RSVP by February 8th to reserve your spots.***

***Limited Space Available!***

***Call or Text - Carrie Kober - 314-221-9722***

# 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](http://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](mailto:mgersman@lesastl.org)

Website: [lesastl.org](http://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.*



# 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

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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