



Good Shepherd Charger News

"In His Hands" Isaiah 49:16

All School Newsletter
February 14, 2025

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, February 14

- GSLS Theme Shirt Day
- Girls Basketball A Team @ Immanuel, St. Charles, MO vs CCLS 5:35 p.m.
- Boys Basketball C Team Staunton Tourn. vs Zion, Litchfield 4:45 p.m.
- Girls Basketball C Team Staunton Tourn. vs Zion Belleville, 7:15 p.m.

Monday, February 17

- NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day

Thursday, February 20

- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
- Chapel Service 8:55 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)
- Girls and Boys C Basketball @ Grace Chapel, St. Louis, Girls 5 pm, Boys 6 pm

Friday, February 21

- ReSale Shop, 5th Grade Parents Set Up in Cafeteria

Saturday, February 22

- Boys PeeWee Basketball 9:15 a.m.
- ReSale Shop Open 9-12 in Cafeteria

Sunday, February 23

- 5th and 6th Grades sing in 10:30 church
- 7th and 8th Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church
- New Enrollment Open House 1:00-3:00 pm

Tuesday, February 25

- Boys PeeWee Basketball Game 6:30 p.m. Grades 2-4

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Shake, Rattle and Bid! - March 29, 2025

Get out your vibrant colors, retro designs, leather jackets, cat-eye glasses, chiffon scarfs and more! We are going back to the 1950's for the **Good Shepherd Lutheran School Benefit Auction**. You can see event details and purchase dinner tickets by scanning the QR code on the invitation. (Invite follows newsletter.)



The auction committee is still looking for sponsorships and item donations. Please consider helping make this a successful event. Please email gslcs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com with any questions.

Chapel Service

On **March 5**, we will observe **Ash Wednesday** with a special chapel service, which will include the imposition of ashes. During this service, your student will have the opportunity to receive a cross made of ashes on their forehead or the back of their hand. This sign symbolizes both our sin and mortality, as well as the hope we have through Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection.



This will be the first time Good Shepherd incorporates this tradition during chapel. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher for more information. You are invited to join us for chapel that morning. Additionally, we will have **Ash Wednesday services at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** for families who would like to attend together. We look forward to sharing this meaningful occasion with you and your family!

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.



GSLS Open House for Prospective Students

Good Shepherd will host an open house on **Sunday, February 23rd**, from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** All are invited to visit our dynamic school, tour our campus, meet our faculty, and get answers to questions about everything from academics and extracurriculars to tuition and financial aid. For more information, call the school office at 618-344-3153.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Packer

This Sunday is Grace Alone Sunday as witnessed by the Gospel reading (Laborers in the Vineyard). We are saved by grace alone not because of our works, but "grace alone" does not mean that one is free to live like a pig! Hence, the appointed Epistle, warns us of the need to discipline our bodies. The joy of grace is that it frees us to WORK in the Lord's vineyard and from the hell of idleness! Join us as we hear what grace alone truly means.



PeeWee Boys Basketball Game

Our PeeWee boys team (grades 2-4) has been working hard learning the basics of basketball. You are invited to attend their game on **Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m.** Please support their efforts and come cheer our future Charger athletes!

Domino's Slice the Price Cards

If you or someone you know missed out on our fundraiser but would like to buy a Domino's Slice the Price card, they are **now available** to purchase from the school office. Price is \$20.00 each. Check or cash is accepted. These BOGO free cards for large pizzas are good to use through 12-31-25.



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

2025-2026 Tuition Scholarships

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

Something to Consider...

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

- John 13:34

We often find it hard to love others. It can be especially difficult to do this when people are mean to us or hurt us in some way. So whether we've been treated bad or good, the Bible tells us to love others. This love for others shouldn't be based on what others do to you. So regardless of how others treat you, you should always respond to them in love.

This kind of love can seem a bit crazy. We're used to people getting revenge, payback, or teaching other people a lesson. So why would Jesus ask us to do something so radically different? It's because Jesus knew there was a better way. He knew that loving others was the best way because it frees us from carrying around hurt, revenge and bitterness.

We have to begin to realize that the love for others doesn't come from us. We can love others because Jesus loved us first. He loved us when we had nothing to offer Him. Because of this love, we can do the same and love others.

Blessings!

Robert Mayhew, Principal



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 Isla J., James K., Frison R., Amelia R., Sydney S., Richard V., and Holden W.

Please join us in prayer.

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 - Mrs. Epplin

One of the hardest parts of parenting and teaching is to get children to listen. You say or ask something and children will pretend they don't hear you. It can be very frustrating for everyone. Reflecting on how we talk to children can help explain why they don't listen. For instance, using complicated words or phrases, over-explaining instead of just getting to the point, talking when they are engrossed in another activity, or just bad timing. Try using different strategies and see what works. Sometimes a simple switch like using a different tone of voice (whispering instead of yelling) or making direct eye contact can make a big difference! Here's an article explaining some positive strategies to get children to listen more!

<https://www.positiveparentingsolutions.com/parenting/get-kids-to-listen>

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

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2025 BENEFIT AUCTION



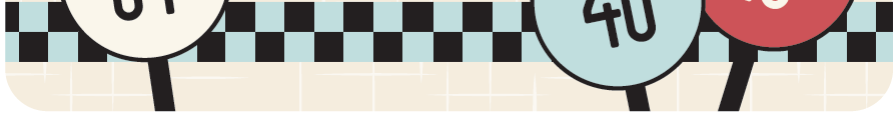
March 29, 2025 · 5pm

American Legion *
Collinsville, IL



Scan to
Purchase Tickets

Email gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com
for seating requests or questions.



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.