



Good Shepherd Charger News

"In His Hands" Isaiah 49:16

All School Newsletter
February 21, 2025

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, February 21

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

Saturday, February 22

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

Sunday, February 23

- 5th & 6th Grades sing in 10:30 church
- 7th & 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

Thursday, February 26

- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
Chapel Service 8:55 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)

Wednesday, March 5

- ASH WEDNESDAY,
- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
Chapel Service 9:00 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)

Thursday, March 6

- Pep Assembly for A-teams going to State
Tournament 2:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7

- End of 3rd Quarter

Friday, March 7-Sunday March 9

- Boys & Girls Basketball A Teams LSA State
TBA

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.)

Don't forget, you can also donate to a **class theme basket**. Each grade has a box to place donations. (See flyer following newsletter with the list of the themes for each grade.)

The auction committee continues to look for sponsorships.

Check out the inspiration boards located at the entrances of the church, school, and TRACKS for additional ideas and items to donate. We thank you in advance for helping make this a successful event. Please email gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com with any questions.



Spring Resale Shop Open - Tomorrow, February 22

Don't forget to stop by our **Resale Shop** tomorrow, **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+).



GSLC Open House for Prospective Students

Good Shepherd will host an open house this **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.



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!



PeeWee
Basketball

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Packer

This is a beautiful summary of the themes of this Sunday's readings: The Sower sows the seed of His Word (Luke 8:4-15). This Word is living and powerful (Heb. 4:9-13) to conceive new life in those who hear it. But the planting of Christ is attacked by the devil, the world, and the flesh. Satan snatches the Word away from hard hearts. The riches and pleasures of this life choke off faith. Shallow and emotional belief withers in time of temptation and trouble. But see how Christ bears this attack for us! Christ's cross was planted in the hard and rocky soil of Golgotha. A crown of thorns was placed upon His head. Satan and His demons hellishly hounded and devoured Him. Yet, through His dying and rising again, He destroyed these enemies of ours. Jesus is Himself the Seed which fell to the ground and died in order that it might sprout forth to new life and produce much grain. In Him, the weak are strong (2 Cor. 11:19-12:9). He is the Word of the Father which does not return void (Is. 55:10-13) but yields a harvest hundredfold.



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!

SCRIP

It's never too late to start earning tuition credits by using the school's Scrip program! There are a variety of simple ways to get gift cards. Check out The **Family User Guide** at www.raiseright.com and the flyer following this newsletter for details of this easy-to-use program.



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 Callie L., Sebastian M., Alice M., Fred S., Jaxson T., Bekham W., and Samuel W. Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

Hopelessness

What can I do when things seem hopeless?

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
- Matthew 3:4

Hannah's situation seemed hopeless, so she took it directly to the Lord. After she prayed, she left her burden there, went home, ate, and no longer felt sad. When things seem hopeless, go to God and let him have the burden. He wants you to give your burdens to him so he can show how he will help you carry them.

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 - Mrs. Epplin

Resilience. Hard to learn. Hard to master. Hard to teach. I know parents want to teach their children to be resilient- especially in this world full of uncertainty. We can model to our children how to navigate the ups and downs in life and make a point to always practice resilience. Be aware of how you're modeling it and take some time to discuss with your child ways to become more resilient. Here's a link to help you get started.

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/healthy-living/emotional-wellness/Building-Resilience/Pages/Building-Resilience-in-Children.aspx>



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

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



MELHS

The Metro East Lutheran High School Music Department invites you to their Winter Concert: "Hymns, Psalms, Spiritual Songs, and Folk Songs". Join them on Sunday, March 2nd at 4:00 p.m. in Henschen Alumni Hall for performances by talented ensembles - Ritterchor (Honors Choir), Chorale, String Ensemble, and Concert Band. A free will offering will be taken to support the MELHS Music Department and a delightful dessert reception afterward!



Celebrating **41** Years of Christian Education

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2025 BENEFIT AUCTION

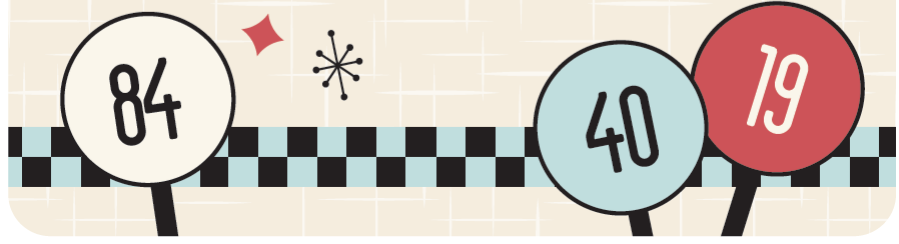
March 29, 2025 · 5pm

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.

Welcome to the Charger Bucks

Good Shepherd Lutheran School's Scrip Program

What is Scrip?

Scrip is a tuition reduction program for school families and friends.

You simply order gift cards to pay for things you would normally be purchasing. Good Shepherd families share an extra benefit by participating in the program because they earn credits which reduce the cost of their tuition payment based on their individual spending. Participating families will receive credits posted to their family tuition account in February and August. The credits are split 50/50 for reduction of your tuition and the school's general fund.

Orders may be placed by turning in a weekly order (green) sheet with a check or exact cash. Please have your child turn the order in to the school office or give it to their teacher. These orders will be filled on weeks when school is in session a full five days. They will be given to your child's teacher on Friday to be sent home.

Orders may be placed online. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com

Check out the newest mobile app RaiseRight. See more information on the next page.

If you would like to purchase Walk-Up scrip cards, please contact Gail Mayhew and we will make arrangements. www.scrip@gslcs.org
(618)444-6131

Check out the Family User Guide to help you navigate the order process at www.ShopWithScrip.com

Good Shepherd's enrollment code: F8CLL9AF2577

Shop With Scrip Customer Service: 1-800-727-4715