



Good Shepherd Charger News

"In His Hands" Isaiah 49:16

All School Newsletter
February 28, 2025

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, March 5

- ASH WEDNESDAY,
- Chapel Service 8:20 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

Sunday, March 9

- Preschool & Kdg. students sing in church - 8:00 and/or 10:30 am service

Thursday, March 13

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

Friday, March 14

- GSLS Theme T-shirt day- "In His Hands"

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Report Cards

The end of the 3rd quarter is **Friday, March 7th**. Please contact the teacher if you have any questions. Report cards will be sent via email on Tuesday, March 11th.



ReSale Shop

A big thank you to Wilhemina Roney, who headed up the 5th Grade Spring ReSale Shop on Saturday! This Service Project provided our families great school clothes at great prices. This is a team effort and we thank the following for giving their time before, during and after the sale: Andrea Grzywacz, Casey Harrington, Jayla Johnston, Samantha Bub, Julie Bilibruck and Chloe, Brittany Wrigley, Jamie Gould, and Brittany Smith. We also appreciate all our families who donated items. \$860 will be given to the Scholarship Fund to provide the opportunity for more students to benefit from attending our amazing school!



FRIENDZY

Unit seven teaches the students how to "Stop The Tattling." We will discuss and dive into God's Word to discover how sharing how we feel with friends to solve small problems can make our friendships stronger. See the letter from Mr. Mayhew following the newsletter for more information.



Shake, Rattle and Bid! - March 29th

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.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Packer

This Sunday's theme is Faith Alone, and I will be preaching on "How the Blind See." The disciples' blindness versus the blind man's faith still drives the theme this Sunday, with the core message—faith clings to Christ when we can't see. Life is difficult, confusing, and it often feels like we cannot see any way forward. Even worse, sin blinds us to our true condition apart from Christ and to just how dangerous and deadly sin is. Christ through His Word and Sacraments gives us eyes to see Him and His salvation, and faith to cling to Him even when times are dark.



2025-2026 School Calendar

Next year's school calendar will be approved by the Board of Education in March.

Ash Wednesday Chapel Service – March 5

Ash Wednesday is this week! On Wednesday, March 5, we will have a special chapel service that includes the imposition of ashes. During this service, your student will have the opportunity to receive the sign of the cross on their forehead or the back of their hand. This symbol serves as a reminder of our sin and mortality, but also of our salvation through Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection.

If you have any questions about the service, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher for more information.

You are invited to join us for chapel that morning. Additionally, there will be Ash Wednesday services at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. if you would like to attend with your family.

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 that follows.)



Something to Consider...

Hanging In

We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it.)
- Romans 8:24

Who but God controls the future? Who but God has a home for you that is eternal? Who but God forgives your sins? Who but God gives you a life that lasts forever? The reality is that God is always acting, you just may not always be aware of it. He is always aware, always there, always caring. Keep hoping God will act at the time and in the way that is best for you.

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 Henry B., Samuel C., Josie F., Eden G., Josiah J., and Kaelyn P.

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...

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

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

Pep Assembly

Families of the A Team Girls and Boys are welcome to attend the Pep Assembly on Thursday at 2:30 pm to encourage the teams at the Lutheran Sports Association State Basketball Tournament in Chicago this weekend!

School Counselor

Our school counselor was taken another position. We are again searching to fill this need for our school families. If you know anyone that has the qualifications for a school counselor, please have them contact Mr. Mayhew at 618-344-3153.

FRIENDZY

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UNIT SEVEN >>> STOP THE TATTLING

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

THIS MONTH - Unit seven teaches the students how to **Stop The Tattling**. We will discuss and dive into God's Word to discover how sharing how we feel with friends to solve small problems can make our friendships stronger.

Catchphrase <i>Main point for students to catch on to</i>	Key Verse <i>Biblical anchor points</i>	Goal <i>What students will practice and work towards</i>
"Stop the Tattling"	"Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity." - Proverbs 21:23	To use my words to solve problems and know when I need help from an adult.

Continue the Conversation by discussing these key points with your student:

1. I can use my words and actions to build good friendships.
2. I can identify problems.
3. I can use kind words and actions to solve problems.
4. I can ask for help from an adult when the problem is too big.

BIG DEAL VS. LITTLE DEAL - This month your student will learn to differentiate between big deals and little deals. Little deals are "kid-sized" problems that might be annoying or accidental, like someone taking a toy without asking or accidentally bumping into someone. Students are encouraged to solve little deals on their own by saying "I don't like that," "please stop," ignoring them, or walking away. We want to encourage students to refrain from tattling about little deals so they can build their problem solving skills and strengthen friendships.

Big deals are "adult-sized" problems that make us feel really upset or unsafe. Examples of big deals include when you or someone else is hurt or sick, someone is intentionally hurting you, or when someone is mean to you over and over. These problems can't always be solved easily and students should go to a trusted adult for help. Students should know that telling an adult about a big deal is not the same as tattling. The adults in their life are here to help them and keep them safe.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS I'd like to hear how your student is responding. Please send me an email about how your child is using their words or actions to solve problems at home!

Mr. Mayhew

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2025 BENEFIT AUCTION

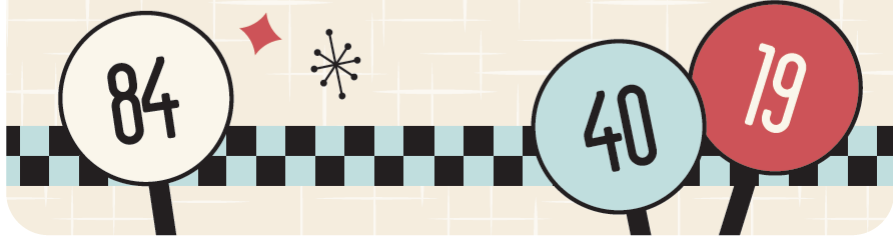
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Collinsville, IL

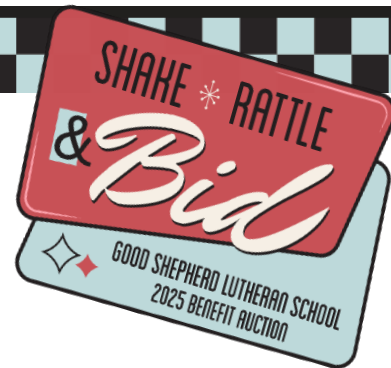


Scan to
Purchase Tickets

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.