



Good Shepherd Charger News

"In His Hands" Isaiah 49:16

All School Newsletter
March 20, 2025

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, March 21

- NO SCHOOL - School Improvement Day

Sunday, March 23

- 1st & 2nd Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church

- 3rd & 4th Gr. Sing in 10:30 a.m. church

Thursday, March 27

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

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

Saturday, March 29

- GSLS Auction @ American Legion,

Collinsville 5:00 p.m.

Monday, March 31-Tuesday, April 8

- Achievement Testing - KDG-Gr. 8

Thursday, April 3

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

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

Thursday, April 10

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

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

- Deadline to submit scholarship application for LESA & Good Shepherd

Friday, April 11

- 3rd & 4th Gr. Spring Musical in Gym -

7:00 p.m. (Students arrive at 6:45)

- Grandparents & Special Friends Day

- GSLS Theme T-shirt day

- Mid-Quarter

For more information:

gslcs.org/calendars



Shake, Rattle and Bid! - March 29th

We hope you can join us for the annual benefit auction on **March 29th**.

Click [GS Auction](#), to buy your dinner tickets. If you are unable to come, we encourage you to still use the link to register and bid on the silent items.

Non-Uniform Punch Cards will be sold **ONLY** during the dinner event. These punch cards will give your child the opportunity to wear what they choose 5 times during the 2025-26 school year.

Sneak Peak: There are four trips/getaways to be auctioned off; one of them being a trip to Mexico to an all-inclusive, adults only resort! These trips are only offered at the live bidding event!

Regional Science and Engineering Fair

We are excited to announce that the following students will be representing Good Shepherd Lutheran at this year's regional science fair on **Saturday, March 22nd** at SWIC's Belleville Campus: Agnes H., Will B., Owen C., Isabella B., Adalie T., Ava H., Elise L., and Adrian V. We wish these students the best and thank them for representing GSLS well!

Junior Olympiad

Good Shepherd sent four student representatives to the Madison County Junior Olympiad on **Tuesday, March 11th**. They spent the day working on and completing different academic and STEM challenges with area schools. It was a fun day of team building!

Thank you students for representing our school and thank you Mrs. Maske for your leadership! Team members were Robert A., Liam D., Agnes H., and Livy P.



3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to 5th-8th Grade Students who are named on Good Shepherd's 3rd Quarter Honor Roll! [Tropical Sno Caseyville](#) is celebrating your hard work! Honor Roll students will receive a coupon for a free Sno cone! Opening day is **Friday, April 4th!** (See the Honor Roll list following the newsletter.)

2025-2026 School Calendar

The Board of Education approved the school calendar for next year. It follows this newsletter and can also be found on the [school website](#)

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Packer

Join us this Sunday as we celebrate the Third Sunday in Lent. Here is a summary of the themes of the day: Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1–15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14–28).

But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16–24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1–9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.



Summer Fun

Spring is right around the corner and so is Summer Fun. Summer fun will run from May 28-Aug. 1. If you click [here](#) you will see the summer fun dates along with the Themes. The older students will also be having an art day, STEM, baking, and water day plus so much more. The younger kids will be having projects and learning based on the theme. Chapel will take place on Wednesdays.



Please fill out the form for the days your child will be attending. If they are coming half day, mark with an H, full day with an F and extended day with an E. You can make changes as long as the changes happen by the Wednesday before the week starts. Forms are due back by **Friday, April 25th**. Summer Fun, right now, is only offered for our students enrolled for the 2025-2026 School year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nobbe. (Forms are also available on the website - <https://www.gslcs.org/k-8th/summer-camp/> and in the school office.)



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 Jamie M., Huxley M., Daxton P., Briar P., Luke R., Elliana S., Selah T., Brooke W., and Adah W. Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

Will people listen to my advice?

Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

- Philippians 4:8

Most people are attracted to godly wisdom. While our ungodly friends may not identify it as God's wisdom, they will want it because it makes so much sense. People listened to Samuel because Samuel had a good adviser...the Lord God. Don't use advice as an excuse to lecture on your point of view. Pray about what you want to say and do your best to provide God's point of view from his Word. Then your words will make all the sense in the world.

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...

School Toolbox

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the 2025-2026 school year through School Tool Box.

Each supply box matches the grade's approved list. You can add extras or remove what you don't need. After you pay online, supplies are shipped directly to your home address. A flyer with more details will be coming home today with each student.

Link to order: <https://schooltoolbox.com/school-supplies/user/login>

2025-2026 Tuition Scholarships

Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd Church and School are available **NOW** through FACTS. **April 10th** is the deadline for submitting documents. (See flyer.)



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Position Openings at Good Shepherd for 2025-26

Teachers

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 with a teaching license. 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! Teachers shall have, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in education with a teaching license. 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 344-3153 or rnobbe@gslcs.org or gsls1@hotmail.com

Celebrating **41** *Years of Christian Education*
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Q3 Honor Roll 2024-2025

High Honor Roll with Distinction (Gr. 7&8 - GPA 4.00+)

8th Grade: Chloe B., Raeli B., Trinity B., Liam D., Cooper I., Elle J., Prabhgun K., Meghan M., Jake R., Chance S., Elise T.

7th Grade: Will B., Isabella B., Owen C., Agnes H., Livy P., Caroline S.,

High Honor Roll (Gr. 5&6 - GPA 3.51 to 4.0; Gr. 7&8 - GPA 3.51 to 3.99)

8th Grade: Robert A., Rory D., Zoe G., Caleb M., Hunter S., Cali W.

7th Grade: Zinn C., Sydney H., Alexis K., Jacob K., Violet M., Piper M., Charlotte P., Levi T., Isaiah W.

6th Grade: Alison B., Vivian C., Molly F., Lola F., Lena G., Emma J., Hunter M., Adelynn M., Bhavmeet S., Hailey S.,
Natalie S., Lily W., Riley Y.

5th Grade: Remy B., Brad B., Aiden B., Alayna E., Hazel F., Gavin G., Savannah G., Camy H., Francesca H., Isla J., James K.,
Lucy P., Amelia R., Jael S., Sydney S., Ceana S., Grant W.

Honor Roll (Gr. 5-8 - GPA 3.00 to 3.50)

8th Grade: Brayden B., Ezra C., Isaiah C., Alyssa S., Donovan T., Noah W.

7th Grade: Ella F., Daphne F., Myla G., Sophia N., Nate P., Taylor P., Kaelyn S., Adalie T.

6th Grade: Ryan B., Tinley F., Paisley H., Andi H., Rylee M., Aria M., Madilyn S., Rylen T., Mia W.,

5th Grade: Jemma A., Livi B., Tilayna E., Ellie F., Violet G., Frison R., Richard V., Holden W.

2025-2026

Good Shepherd Lutheran School

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- Aug 12 Welcome Back Night at 6-8 pm- Grades K-8
- Aug 14 Athletic Parent Meeting at 6:30 pm- Gr. 5-8
- Aug 14 Classes Begin - Preschool - Grade 8
- Aug 29 No School - LESA School Improvement Day
- Sep 01 No School - Labor Day
- Oct 02 No School - LEA Teacher Conference
- Oct 03 No School - LEA Teacher Conference
- Oct 13 No School - Columbus Day
- Oct 17 End of 1st Quarter - 42 days
- Oct 30 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct 31 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov 26 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 27 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 28 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 19 End of 2nd Quarter - 40 days
- Dec 22 No School - Christmas Break
- Dec 23 No School - Christmas Break
- Dec 24 No School - Christmas Break
- Dec 25 No School - Christmas Break
- Dec 26 No School - Christmas Break
- Dec 29 No School - Christmas Break
- Dec 30 No School - Christmas Break
- Dec 31 No School - Christmas Break
- Jan 01 No School - Christmas Break
- Jan 02 No School - Christmas Break
- Jan 5 School Resumes
- Jan 19 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Feb 16 No School - President's Day
- Mar 6 End of 3rd Quarter - 43 days
- Mar 13 No School - School Improvement Day
- Mar 30 No School - Easter Break
- Mar 31 No School - Easter Break
- Apr 01 No School - Easter Break
- Apr 02 No School - Easter Break
- Apr 03 No School - Easter Break
- Apr 06 No School - Easter Break
- May 21 Last Day of School - End of 4th Qt. - 47 days
- May 21 8th Grade Graduation - at 6:30 pm
- May 26 Summer Fun Begins
- Jul 03 Summer Fun Closed - Observance of July 4

SHAKE * RATTLE
& Bid
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL
2025 BENEFIT AUCTION

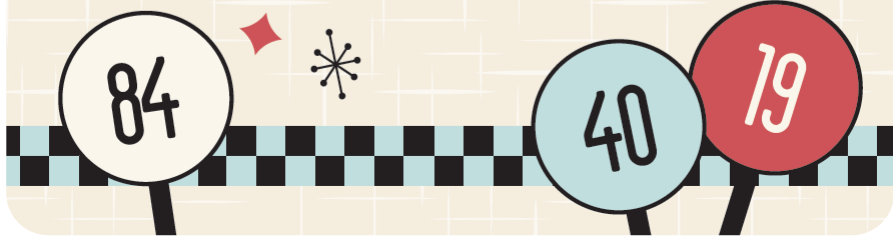
March 29, 2025 · 5pm

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.