



Good Shepherd Charger News

"In His Hands" Isaiah 49:16

All School Newsletter
March 7, 2025

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

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 - "In His Hands"
and jeans day

Sunday, March 16

- 5th and 6th Grades sing in 10:30 a.m.
church service
- 7th and 8th Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church
service

Thursday, March 20

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

Friday, March 21

- NO SCHOOL - School Improvement Day

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Report Cards

TODAY ends the Third Quarter of our school year. Report cards will be emailed after school on Tuesday, March 11th. Please contact the teacher if you have any questions.



Shake, Rattle and Bid! - March 29th

Thank you to those who have already donated items, sponsorship, or supplies towards the auction.

Dinner Tickets! Consider purchasing dinner tickets sooner, rather than later. This will help ensure that we have an accurate count for the caterer. Please click the link below to buy your tickets. Invite friends and family to be at your table. Tables will seat 8 guests.

<https://events.handbid.com/auctions/good-shepherd-lutheran-school-auction-2025>



Items! An auction isn't successful without donated items. Please email gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com to let us know what you plan to donate. We are starting to take inventory!

Sponsorships! We want to make sure you and/or your business is advertised in our program. Our program has to be completed by March 14! If you donate at the Gold Level (\$300), you'll get 2 free admission tickets to the dinner! Email gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com with your business ad/logo.

Event Help. There are still a few things left to sign up for to help with the event. We are looking for a couple more supplies, and a few drivers to help transport items the day of the event. Check out this sign up.

<https://signup.com/go/rKaKCdz>

We hope you're able to join us on **March 29th** at the American Legion. Feel free to add a little 1950's flare to your outfit choice! Shake, Rattle, and Bid!

2025-2026 Tuition Scholarships

Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd Church and School are available through FACTS. (See flyer.) If you need help or have questions you can sign up for a 15-minute time slot at LESA's virtual scholarship application event being held **Tuesday, March 25th** from 4-7 pm. Use this link: <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/rficz> to sign up. You will then receive a Zoom link from Maureen at LESA. Any questions, please contact Nancy in the school office.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Packer

The season of Lent that began this Wednesday is a time of focused training for us as Christians. It is not that we don't pray, fast, or give money to the poor during the rest of the year; but just as athletes have more intense periods of training, so too, do Christians. Lent is a time where we focus on fasting, praying, and giving, so that we are better equipped for the spiritual battles that are before us, and so that we may be better equipped to fast, pray, and give during the rest of the year. May the 40 days of Lent be a blessing to you and your Christian faith.



Something to Consider...

Can I evaluate advice so I know if it's good or not?

**You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind...You must not bow to them or worship them
- Exodus 20:4-5**

It seemed like a good plan to Jeroboam. Problem was, making an idol was clearly against the commands in God's Word. You've got to read the Bible if you want to know what it says. It contains the very words of God, who wrote them to show you how to experience life in its fullness, and what happens when you ignore or disobey the basic laws of the universe. He created the universe, so he should know how it works! If the advice you're given contradicts the Bible, then it is bad advice. Read the Bible because what it says will literally save your life.

Blessings!

Robert Mayhew, Principal

Lutheran Middle School Dance

All 6th-8th grade students are invited to join middle school students from area Lutheran schools at the 2nd Chance Dance being held in the school gym at Metro East Lutheran High School on **Saturday, April 5th** from 6-9 p.m. The night will include DJ, drinks, snacks, photo booth, games, contests and prizes. See flyer following newsletter for more details.

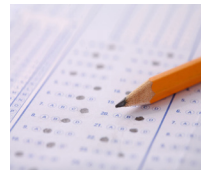


School Counselor

As notified in last week's newsletter, Mrs. Epplin has accepted a new position. If you know a qualified school counselor who might be interested in this part-time position, please ask them to contact Mr. Mayhew at 618-344-3153.

Achievement Testing

Achievement tests will be given March 31st-April 9th to all students in Kindergarten through Grade Eight. As always, please help your child do their best by having enough rest and breakfast before coming to school.



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 Yana J., Clark M., Parker O., Micah P., Dax S., and Alexa T. 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

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. 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

All 6-8th Grade Lutheran Middle School Students are invited to attend a...

2nd Chance Dance

Head to your favorite thrift shop and find the perfect formal attire!

The dance will take place in the school gym at Metro-East Lutheran High School on **Saturday April 5th, 2025, 6-9pm**. Admission is **\$5** and your name will be entered to win the attendance prize! The fun includes: DJ, drinks, snacks, photo booth, games, contests, and prizes!

Games

Best Dressed Boy

Best Dressed Girl

Limbo

Dance Off

Bags Competition

Hula-hoop Competition

Prizes

We are looking forward to a great night of fun for the middle school students!

For more information, text Dana McQuade (740) 438-6000.



Metro-East Lutheran High School
6305 Center Grove Road
Edwardsville, IL 62025



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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL
2025 BENEFIT AUCTION

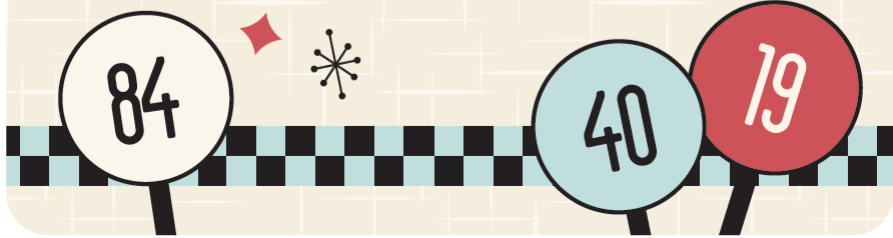
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American Legion *
Collinsville, IL

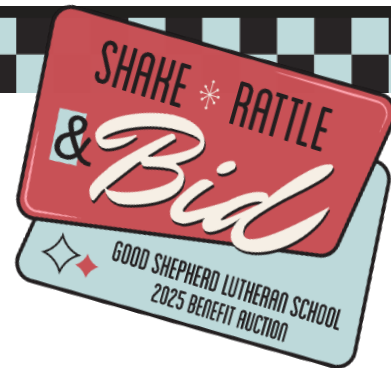


Scan to
Purchase Tickets

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.