



Good Shepherd Charger News

“In His Time”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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Something to Consider:

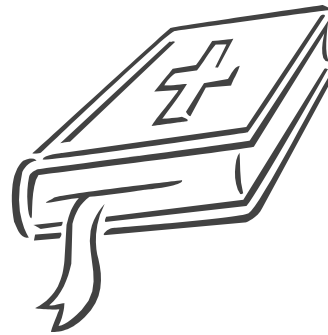
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. *1 Peter 1:3-4*

God's spoken words were powerful enough to create the universe. You were made in His image; therefore, your

words have power too—the power to hurt or heal, encourage or condemn, safeguard the truth or foster lies.

God wants you to use your words in the same way He does—for good. It will mean a decision of your will and a lot of determination, but your words can make you a creative force for good in the world.

Ask God to help you take charge of your tongue and thus control the power of your spoken words. God's words cre-



ated the universe and all it contains. Imagine the wonderful things your words can do.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, March 28
-Regional History Fair

-Regional Science Fair

Sunday, March 29
-Singing for the Savior Choir 8:00 & 10:30am
-Christ's Kids Choir 10:30am

Monday, March 30
-NO SCHOOL Easter Break Through Monday, April 6

Tuesday, April 7
-PS—Grade 8 Resume

Thursday, April 9
-Chapel 8:35am

Friday, April 10
-Mid Quarter

-All State Band

Saturday, April 11
GSLs Track Meet at CHS 9:00am

Charger Headlines:

School Benefit Auction !

This fun event and important fund raiser was a complete success. The food was great, the donations were wonderful and the bidding was generous! Over 206 people were in attendance and over \$38,000 was raised for our school! Thank you to all the parents for their generous donations. Thank you to all those individuals that helped plan, organize, set-up and donate of their time for the auction. This truly was a wonderful way to help the children at GSLs!

Candy Sales

The candy sale will be delivered on Tuesday, April 7th.

CHARGER CHALLENGE

August 29th is the Good Shepherd Charger Challenge 5k & 5k Relay. Ask your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to register for the race. Registration can be completed on-line at <http://www.active.com/collinsville-il/running/distance-running-races/5k-and-5k-relay-charger-challenge-2015> or you can print a form at <http://www.gslcs.org/run>. Want to run your first 5k! Check out the training page at <http://www.gslcs.org/run>. This 10-week course is being coached by Jenifer Schaller, RRCA certified running coach, owner of RunWell running store in Ed-

wardsville, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church member and former GSLs mom (her daughter graduated in 2010). Don't want to race consider volunteering or sponsoring. Sponsor and volunteer information can be found at <http://www.gslcs.org/run>. The 2015 Charger Challenge will help fund playground equipment for the new Early Childhood Center which is scheduled to open in August 2015. On September 7, 2014 we broke ground at our main campus for the new Early Childhood Center, which will house our 3-year old preschool, 4-year old preschool, preschool extended care, half day and full day Kindergarten classes.



Charger Headlines Continues...

Charger Bucks—Scrip

Weekly orders will be processed on Mon., April 13, 20, & 27; May 4 & 11. The green order sheets need to be turned in to the school office by 9:00am on Mondays. Walk-up sales will be after school on Fridays and will continue on Sunday mornings between services.

Remember that you can place your order online. You may access the link for shop-withscrip.com through our school's website. If you have any questions please contact the school office 344-3153 and ask for Gail. Tell your family & friends about this program - anyone may participate.

Market Day

Orders are due in the school office by Monday, April 6th. Place and order of \$40 or more and get a FREE 1lb. bag of California Blend vegetables. A \$90 order earns you a FREE 1lb. bag of Chicken Gems. Pickup day is Monday, April 13th from 3:00 to 4:30pm.

Thank you for your orders.

Grade 3 & 4 Spring Musical

The Christ's Kids Choir of Good Shepherd Lutheran School invite you to attend their spring musical performance of "Happily Forever After-This is not a Fairy Tale." The performances will be on Friday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 26, at 2:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Come join us as a group of knights and princesses find out that their castle is built on sand and watch as their carpenter friend defeats a dragon so that they can live forever in his father's kingdom! To order your copy of the Spring Musical DVD, please make checks payable to Good Shepherd for \$14 by Fri., May 2nd.

Chapel

The Chapel offerings for the months of April and May will benefit families that need assistance with tuition. The scholarship fund is a way to assist families financially so they can send their children to a Christ centered school. The challenges families face can prevent children from hearing the Gospel. We hope through these donations, it will provide an avenue for families wanting a Christian education in an ever changing society.

GSLCS Easter Egg Hunt

Good Shepherd Church will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Come enjoy the Journey to the Cross, an egg hunt (2nd grade & under), crafts & snacks! Tell your family & friends, you won't want to miss out on the fun.

If you can help that day, please message Debra Downing on Facebook or send an email to debra.downing@hotmail.com. Eggs to be filled are in a box in the connecting hallway. Grab a bag of eggs, fill them with treats & bring them back.

Early Childhood Center - Update

On the roof, numerous steel cross members were lowered onto the steel I-beams and ceiling joists. Thousands of welds were made to connect the steel framework together. Steel door jambs and wooden window jambs were installed. The air conditioning unit was delivered. Some leveling of the ground surrounding the ECC was begun. Rainy weather slowed progress a couple of days.

Our marketing team is looking for individuals who recommended Good Shepherd to others, or received a recommendation that led them to enroll their children. We'd like to highlight the families with

a brief paragraph and photo in our church and school newsletters. Our goal is to inspire parents and members to suggest Good Shepherd to others when the opportunity arises. Please contact D. Bohler at bohler4@sbcglobal.net. And please keep the Construction Workers, all Parents and Students, plus our Teachers and Staff in your prayers.

MELHS Sports Camps

The Metro-East Lutheran High School summer camp schedule is now available on our website at www.melhs.org. Please look under the "activity camps" tab on the front page of the website.

Boxtops and Labels

The winning class for the Box Tops and Labels Program contest for the month of March is 1-2, Ms. Rattelmuller's class. The students collected a total of 491 box tops and labels with an average of 31 box tops and labels per student.

We ended the month of February with a total of 21,684 box tops and labels and added 2,451 box tops and labels this month. That totals 24,135 box tops and labels collected for the 2014-2015 school year so far. This Sunday, March 29th-Palm Sunday-**ALL GSLS CHOIRS**

GSLs choirs will sing including Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st- 8th grade.

Their song is "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" which tells the story of Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem on His way to the cross on Good Friday.

Some families are out of town, so your attendance is VERY important!

The schedule is as follows:

8:00 AM 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th Grades

(meet at 7:45 cafeteria)

10:30 AM 3rd, 4th, 5th 6th Grades

(meet at 10:15 cafeteria)

In Our Prayers this Week:

Each week this school year, the faculty will be praying for the school families. Please remember these and others in your

prayers. The families of: Stephen C., Riley D., Johnathan F., Olivia G., Christopher H., Sidney P., Bryan R., Hannah R.,

Molly S., Justin W., Connor Z.

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.

Retreads...

Auction Saturday Night

Come enjoy a fun exciting evening bat our "Big Band" themed Annual Dinner and Auction. Enjoy the entertaining sounds provided by the "Original Knights of Swing" while perusing the silent items and following the live auction! Good Shepherd Lutheran School's annual dinner and auction will be held tomorrow March 21, 2015 at the Doubletree Hotel in Collinsville IL. Doors will open at 5:00pm and the oral auction will begin around 8:00pm. Thank you for supporting the "Mission Next Door"! Hope to see you there!

Box Tops and Labels

The next turn in date for the Box Tops and Labels program is Wednesday, March 25th. Please send the trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom.

GSLS Summer Camp

"Around the World in 53 Days" with homage to Jules Verne
Registration is open for all children completing K thru 8. Forms are available in the school office and in the TRACKS area. Camp begins Tuesday, May 26th and the last day will be Friday, August 7th. Eleven weeks of fun and folly with age appropriate events planned for K-3 and 4-8 graders.
New hours of operation 6am- 6pm.

Candy Sales

Please participate in the candy sale this year. You can pay after selling the box, prepaid or pay through TADS. Thanks!

Congratulations

Congratulations to our first grade teacher, Mrs. Vanderhyde and her husband Josh on the birth of their son Simeon David. He was born on March 16th at 11:07 pm and was 8 lbs and 2 oz, 20 1/2 inches long. Please keep them in your prayers as we await his baptism.

Athletic Camps

Athletic Camp forms were sent home today for
Girl's Volleyball entering grades 3-5 / 6-8
Boy's and Girl's Basketball entering grades 3-5 / 6-8.
The forms can be brought back and given to the school office. The deadline for the camps is May 8th.

Girl's Basketball June 01- 05

Girls entering gr. 6-8 9:00am-12:00pm

Girls entering gr. 3-5 1:00-2:30pm

Boy's Basketball June 08-12

Boys entering gr. 6-8 9:00am-12:00pm

Boys entering gr. 3-5 1:00-2:30pm

Girl's Volleyball June 15-19

Girls entering gr. 6-8 9:00am-12:00pm

Girls entering gr. 3-5 1:00-2:30pm

Congratulations

On Saturday, March 14th the following students traveled to Coolidge Jr. High in Granite City to perform a solo or an ensemble and represent Good Shepherd in the Illinois Grade School Music Association District Solo and Ensemble Contest: Evan B., Jacob B., Logan B., Elijah B., Danielle C., Noah C., Autumn D., Jared F., Olivia G., Nicholas H., Christopher H., Elliot J., Khushi J., Tyler K., Addie L., Henry L., Catrina L., Claire L., Colleen L., Martin L., Ellie M., Harry M., Kate M., Katie M., Will M., Ryan P., London R., Hannah R., Elizabeth S., Brendan S., Sydney S., Olivia S., Jake W., and Chloe W. Many students performed in more than one event or on multiple instruments. All together, Good Shepherd students earned 37 Division I ratings. Catrina L., Claire L., and Colleen L. earned Division I Superior (perfect score) ratings on their solos. Along with the students who received Division I Superiors, Jacob B., Logan B., Henry L., Martin L., Will M., Hannah R., Elizabeth S., and Brendan S. are eligible to attend the State competition at Triad Middle School on Saturday, May 2nd!

Early Childhood Center

ALL NEW Good Shepherd Early Childhood Center - Update - Construction resumed this week but rainy weather prevented a full work week. The two walls enclosing the outside staircase by the gym have now been raised to two-stories tall. The walls include several window openings, as well as cavities which will hold steel beams. Other walls which were in process have been topped out. The four garage walls have been completed. Our marketing team is close to producing a number of items in our campaign to increase awareness among parents, members and the community. Our all new addition will allow twice as many 2-5 year olds as our current program, so we pray for God's divine guidance in growing this important ministry.

Lutheran Summer Camp

Camp is being held once again at Camp Ouatoga in Grafton, IL. Children finishing 5th - 8th grade are allowed to register. Be sure to register prior to June 1, 2015, to avoid a late registration fee!! Registrations will not be accepted after June 15, 2015 or if space fills up. Registration Handbooks can be picked up from the church office or by emailing: stewart97@sbcglobal.net
Campers currently in 5th or 6th Grade: Sunday, July 5— Friday, July 10.
Campers currently in 7th or 8th Grade: Sunday, July 12 – Friday, July 17
Directors 5th & 6th Grade Week - Scott & Stacey Studley (618-580-5708)
Directors 7th & 8th Grade Week - Mike & Amy Stewart (618-656-4476)