



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

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Something to Consider:

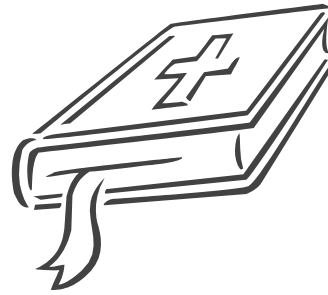
We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more.

2 Thessalonians 1:3

Faith is trust that's put to the test. It acts on what it believes to be true. If you have faith that your best friend can keep a secret, you'll risk being honest about your biggest mistakes and regrets. If you have faith

that God really loves you, you'll risk making a decision you believe will honor Him, even if it promises not to be easy.

Faith grows the more you use it, the more you try it on for size. Give God the chance to grow yours. Act on what He's asked you to do. Risk moving out of your comfort zone. Do more than believe with your heart. Move forward in faith,



wherever He's leading you.

A Look Ahead

Sunday, October 18

-Cherub Choir 8:00am
-Christ Kids Choir 10:30am

Monday, October 19

-A Volleyball Conference Tournament

Wednesday, October 21

-Preschool 4's Field Trip
-Box Tops and Labels Collection Day

Thursday, October 22

-NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Conferences 9:00am-7:00pm

Friday, October 23

-NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Conferences 9:00am-4:00pm

Saturday, October 24

-A Volleyball Conference Tournament

Charger Headlines:

Box Tops and Labels

The next turn in date for the Box Tops and Labels program is Wed., Oct. 21st. Please send your trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is on October 27th-29th. The Book Fair is a great way to encourage reading! It also helps to build our school and classroom libraries. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair.

Shopping hours: 7:50-8:10a.m. and 3:00-3:30p.m. each day. We really appreciate your support.

Recycling Ink Cartridges

This year we are again collecting used ink jet cartridges as a fundraiser for our technology program. Please send them with your child and place them in the box located by the Scrip Office. Thank you for your support.

Attention All Veterans!

The students of Good Shepherd Lutheran School would like to invite you to a special assembly in honor of all veterans on Monday, November 11, at 2:00p.m. in the school gym. This is just a small token of our thanks to you and all service men and women for your service to our country. If you can attend, please let the school office know by calling 344-3153, or e-mail Peg Rincker at: princker@gslcs.org.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

There is NO SCHOOL Thursday and Friday, Oct. 22nd-23rd for parent/Teacher Conferences. Your child's report card will be available at your scheduled meeting time. This is a great time to continue partnering with your child's teacher for a great Christian education.

MELHS Visit Day

The 8th grade visit day is scheduled for November 4th. The purpose of this visit is to expose 8th graders to a high school setting, explain the differences between middle school and high school in terms of academics and activities, give them advise on how to have a successful transition to high school, and inform the students about Metro-East Lutheran High School and its mission. Simply put—the better a student does in high school, the more options he/she will have after high school. Therefore, we want to help students succeed—no matter what high school they attend. In order to be successful, they must know what to expect. Knowing is half the battle!



Charger Headlines Continues...

Charger Bucks-Scrip

There is no Scrip ordering this week. Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, & 30. (have your order in the school office by 9:00 a.m. on these dates) Walk-up sales will continue on Fridays from 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings between services.

Blood Drive

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will once again be hosting the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Drive on Monday, October 26, from 2:00-6:00 in the fellowship hall. You can sign up on line at www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org and use the sponsor code 9887. The summer months are very hard on the blood supplies. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

Food Drive

The Good Shepherd MOPS (Mother's of Preschoolers) will be hosting a Food Drive for the S.O.S. Food Pantry. We will be collecting peanut butter, jelly, fruit cups and cereal bars. Donations will be collected by the MOPS Mom's and their children on Saturday, October 17th from 9 am to noon in the Early Childhood Center.

GSLS Home Party Vendor Fair Oct. 17

Please plan to attend the Home Party Vendor Fair in the Fellowship Hall tomorrow, October 17th sponsored by Women's Day of Renewal (WDR).

This is an opportunity to shop a variety of home vendors, enjoy flavored coffees, breakfast treats, and the fellowship of other shoppers. Because the vendors generously share their profits for the day with WDR, this event helps to defray expenses and to provide funds for scholarships to WDR.

Tyson Labels

Please continue to collect Tyson Project A+ labels. For each 100 Tyson labels submitted before 10/31/15, GSLS will receive 10 free Scholastic books for our library.

Lost and Found

Is your child missing a sweater, sweatshirt or even a pair of glasses? Check the lost and found in the school office to claim your missing items.

Fall Work Day

Mark your calendars! Fall work day is Saturday, October 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The property board would appreciate any help to keep the grounds looking great. Bring your shovels, rakes, and trimmers etc.

Christmas Sales

Thank you to all the families that participated in the Christmas Sales and to the volunteers for helping with the sales.

Peer Tutoring

Could your child use some help studying for tests? perhaps they need study tips or test-taking strategies?

Maybe they just need someone to work with them or help learn math facts?

Why not give peer tutoring a try? We have tutors ready and willing to help your child review, make flashcards, learn sight words, math facts, and help with homework.

Tuesdays and or Thursday's in the library, from 3:15 - 4:00.

No need to sign up for this free service—just come!

School's Out Club

Good Shepherd has a School's Out Club that will serve the students and their families by providing, on weekdays when school is not in session, quality child care in a Christian setting. Daily hours are 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Bring your child to Good Shepherd School, lower level TRACKS area or ECC building. The fee is \$40 per day. Charges will be submitted to TADS for processing unless other arrangements have been made with Mrs. Molitor. School's Out Club will be staffed by Good Shepherd Teachers and Christian adults. Send along a sack lunch that requires neither heating nor refrigeration. Stop by the school office or TRACKS to pick-up the Attendance Reservation Form. Specify the days the student will be attending and deliver

the form to the school office or to Mrs. Molitor. The dates scheduled so far this school year are: Oct. 16, 22, 23 and Nov 11 and 25.

Early Childhood Center Update - Now that the swings and climbing structure in the Outdoor Classroom are finished, our next project is the Fall Zone. The Fall Zone is the space below the equipment where a young child may fall. The children can't play on the swings and climbing structure until the Fall Zone is completed. We need to install, level, and secure timbers with rebar, lay out weed-blocking fabric, then spread pea gravel and mulch. We have a Team Leader for this project but need Volunteers who can assist during weekdays or weekends (daylight hours). Separately, there are several learning stations which need to be built with Volunteers. If you're available for these projects, please call Bob Mayhew at 344-3153, or rmayhew@gslcs.org. School students in the Challengers classes (grades 2-8) are ready to build indoor and outdoor musical play equipment for our ECC, but they need PVC pipes and metal pipes of different lengths and thicknesses. Do you have any pipes left over from a recent home project, or know a low cost source? Please contact Susan Petersen right away because the kids are ready to get started: spetersen@gslcs.org, or 344-3153, X 203. Do you know a prospective family with a two-year old? Please help us tell them about our program for 3-6 year olds by sending them one of our Brochures, available in the school office. The Brochure fits in a No.10 business envelope.

Pie and Cheesecake Sale

The 8th grade class is selling a variety of delicious pies and cheesecakes just in time for Thanksgiving. To order, please see any 8th grade student. Orders must be in by Thursday, November 5th. Pies/cheesecakes will be delivered to you by the 8th grade students the week-end of November 20 - November 22. Thank you for your support!

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: Andrew B.,

Brady B., Natalia B., Alyssa B., Kylie B., Jonah C., Hudson C., Claire G., Henry G.

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...

Medicine Distribution

We will no longer be providing pain reliever or any other medicines to the students. Please send in a package of your preferred pain relief, etc. Please label with your child(ren's) name to be stored in the school office for their use only while at school. All medicines need to be taken to the school office for proper distribution. Please add new medications to your child's medicine file located in the school office. The authorization form for medication distribution is on the front page of our website.

Thank you for partnering with us.

Early Childhood Center Update

The swings and climbing structure were installed in the Outdoor Classroom this past week. The climbing structure is made from green and brown recycled plastic lumber and features two slides, a climbing chain, a short bridge, lily-pad-style steps, and a climbing chute. The framework for the pizza garden, made from the same lumber, was built and positioned at the center of the surrounding sidewalk. Dirt for the three-foot-tall berm was delivered, and holes were dug for several new trees. School students in the Challengers classes (grades 2-8) are ready to build indoor and outdoor musical play equipment for our ECC, but they need PVC pipes and metal pipes of different lengths and thicknesses. Do you have any pipes left over from a recent home project, or know a low cost source? Please contact Susan Petersen right away because the kids are ready to get started: spetersen@gslcs.org, or 344-3153, X 203. Our ECC helps educate children starting at age three, so if you know a prospective family with a two-year old, consider sending them one of our brochures, or suggesting they call us for a tour at 344-3153. You can also share our first ECC video made by member Mark Wiemers, where two moms talk about the benefits of sending their young children to Good Shepherd. To view and share the video, simply enter <http://tinyurl.com/>

[GSECCvideo1](#) in your web browser and click on Mark's [August 11](#) post.

Family Reading Night

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend a Family Reading Night on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Good Shepherd School. This event is for students, their friends and the families of Good Shepherd School and Church with children in preschool through first grade. We will have a variety of activities including storytellers, opportunities to be authors and illustrators, a quiet reading room and a classroom devoted to Pete the Cat. Parents plan now to come and spend a fun evening with your child.

Reminder for Parents

Parents who have children participating in extra curricular activities after 4:00 p.m. will need to enter the school by the T.R.A.C.K.S. area. Children will exit through the main doors of the school after practices.

School Counseling

Hi! I am Diana Cuddeback the counselor here at Good Shepherd. I am a licensed clinical social worker with experience in family and individual counseling, grief counseling and counseling in schools. I will be at school on Tuesdays. If you think your child might benefit from additional support, you have concerns about your child, or you need assistance with resources in the community, contact me. This year we again have a grant from LESA (Lutheran Elementary School Association) that supports special character programming in your child's classroom. Look for information in your student's classroom newsletter on the topics we cover and ask your child about the activities!

Lice Volunteers Needed

Although Good Shepherd students have not experienced problems with lice nearly as often as is becoming more common, we must remain vigilant and deal with situations immediately. Lice are no respecter of cleanliness. To have lice does not mean a child or family is unclean. Parents are

REQUIRED to immediately report to the school if their child is found to have lice. THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL. The school, at minimum, inspects the student, siblings, and all students in classes of affected students. STUDENTS CANNOT RETURN TO CLASS OR ANY SCHOOL ACTIVITY UNTIL THEY ARE "NIT FREE" as determined by the school office. By working together, we can keep problems with lice to the bare minimum. Please consider making yourself available to help inspect children for lice. Each case calls for the school to inspect every classmate, siblings, and classmates of siblings if they are found to have a case of lice. This can put an end to other school office business for the day. Training and gloves provided. Contact the school office (344-3153) if you can make yourself available on an as-needed basis.

Chapel Offerings

The collections for August through October will benefit Dr. Sue, who is a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and a socio-Linguistics consultant with Wycliffe Bible Translators. She is based in Malaysia, but she travels throughout Asia. We can't put her name on the internet because she sometimes works in countries that are resistant to the Christian faith.

T.R.A.C.K.S.

For your convenience we have extended T.R.A.C.K.S. hours. Before school beginning at 6 a.m. until 7:45 when students are dismissed to the classroom and After school from dismissal at 3:15 until 6 p.m. Students can enter on the lower level through the T.R.A.C.K.S. door.
