



# Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

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## Something to Consider:

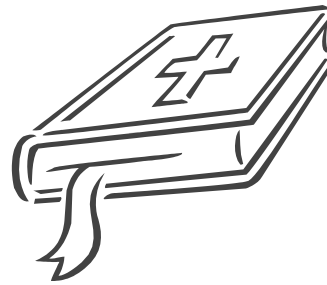
Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

*Acts 2:21*

Some people believe that you can't be certain of your salvation until after you die. But the New Testament is filled with assurances—that God's deep desire is for everyone to receive the gift of salvation, that Christ's sacrifice on the cross was sufficient to cover all sin, that any person who is forgiven and

cleansed by Christ's blood is heir to eternal life.

God doesn't want you to live your life wondering if you will make it to Heaven. He wants you to know that He is preparing a place for you. Jesus said to the thief who hung beside Him on the cross, "This day you will be with me in paradise." That day, with his dying breath, a criminal turned to Jesus and re-



ceived the assurance of his salvation.

## Charger Headlines:

### Advent Season

This season brings great joy and giving. As we await for the coming of the Lord, let us always set our mind on Him and the true message of Christmas. Good Shepherd has services available the next two Wednesdays at 4:30/7:00pm with a soup supper in between. Come and celebrate the coming of our Lord!  
**Christmas Concert Pre-K-Gr. 2**  
The Preschool-Gr. 2 Christmas Concert will be Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00pm. Kindergarten and preschool students should meet in the cafeteria at 6:40pm. Grades 1-2 should meet in the Music room at 6:40pm. All K-8 string students will be performing and should meet in the church sanctuary at 6:40pm (including K-2 string students). Concert Dress for Preschool-Gr. 2: nice dress clothes of any color. (Please, no denim). Doors to the church will open at 6:30pm. Please do not arrive earlier than 6:30pm.

### Christmas Concert Gr. 3-8

The grade 3-8 Christmas Concert

will be Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00pm. 7th and 8th Band students should arrive at 6:40pm and immediately put instruments together in the cafeteria and come to the Church Sanctuary. Grade 5-8 choir students will meet in the cafeteria at 6:40pm. Grades 3-4 will meet in the Music Room at 6:40pm. Strings students may put cases in the connecting hallway and meet in the sanctuary at 6:40pm. Parents and guests: doors will open at 6:30pm. Please do not arrive earlier as you will not be able to enter and be seated. All Band students will need instruments and music. Concert dress for grades 5-8: black bottoms and white dress shirt/blouse. Concert dress for grades 3-4: best dress of any color. (Please, no denim).

### Christmas Concert DVDs

Complete the order form if you would like to order a DVD of the Gr. 3-8 or K-2 Christmas Concerts. The cost will be \$14 for each DVD. The

concerts will be on separate DVDs.

### Challengers

Challengers will NOT be held on Friday, December 18th.

### Open House Pre-K & Kindergarten

Good Shepherd's first "Open House" for Preschool - is scheduled for January 5th at 6:30 pm. We also have an "Open House" on January 7th at 6:30pm for Kindergarteners, for the 2016-2017 school year. These are great opportunities to meet teachers and see what your child will learn and experience in a Christian school. There are Early Childhood tours available by contacting the school office. We encourage you to share this information to families you may know that might be interested in a Christian education.

### Toys for Tots

GSLS are collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps Reserves to distribute to economically disadvantaged children in our local area. A designated box will be in the school lobby until Dec. 11th. Thank you for the contributions you are able to make!

## A Look Ahead

### Monday, December 7

-Scrip Orders Due By 9:00am

### Tuesday, December 8

-Gingerbread House Through Thursday, December 10th

-Christmas Concert Gr. K-2  
7:00pm

### Wednesday, December 9

-Gingerbread House Through Thursday, December 10th

-Daisies and Brownies Pictures  
8:00am in the gym

-Advent Services 4:30 & 7:00pm

### Thursday, December 10

-Chapel 8:20am

-Gingerbread House Concludes

-Girls AC Basketball at Bethalto  
6:30pm

-Boys AC Basketball Home vs  
Belleville 6:30pm



# Charger Headlines Continues...

## It's that time! Emergency Closing

If school must be closed due to the weather, parents will be notified. In addition, you can listen to your radio or TV for: *Good Shepherd, Collinsville*. Good Shepherd Collinsville's name will be listed.

## Please do not call the school or teachers and other workers at their homes.

Listen to radio stations: KMOX (1120), KXOX (630), WIL-FM (92.3), WRYT (1080), & WIBV (1260). TV stations KMOV (4) or KSDK (5).

Good Shepherd Collinsville **does NOT** follow Collinsville Unit 10's plan for the late start or closings. At Good Shepherd, if school is in session it will start at the regular time.

Should parents decide to pick their child up early due to weather, please call the school office in advance.

## Charger Bucks – Scrip

We have two weekly order dates left before Christmas - December 7th and 14th.

Plan ahead and order each week for gifts and entertaining. Please have your order in the school office by 9:00am.

Walk-up sales will resume on Fridays from 2:45 - 3:30pm and will continue on Sunday mornings between services. Questions, please contact the school office 618-344-3153.

Tell your family & friends about this program.

## Looking for the Perfect Gift?

Take the guesswork out of gift giving....

Christmas Scrip Certificates are available! Scrip certificates can be redeemed for gift certificates to over 40 stores. And, Scrip Certificates help both our school families and our school. It's the perfect gift! Available now in the school office!

## Church Doors Locked

The church doors will remain locked during Chapel. All parents coming to Chapel or visitors will need to enter through the school doors for security purposes.

## Box Tops and Labels

The winning class for the Box Top and Label Program contest for the month of November is Mrs. Robinson (1-2). Mrs. Robinson's students collected 465 box tops and labels with an average of 31 per student.

We ended October with a total of 10,684 box tops and labels and added 2,452 more this month, for a total of 13,136 box tops and labels collected so far this school year.

## ALL NEW Early Childhood Center Update –

Our Director, Mrs. Bedard, during a Bible class this summer, related how she teaches the faith to little children. You could hear the passion in her voice when she invited us to see the results firsthand. "I really think if you ever ques-

tion: Why did we build an Early Childhood building? Why are we spending money on this facility and on teachers? Why? Just come one day, just come and see what's going on because it's amazing!" You can now hear her entire 45-minute presentation online in MP3 format, which easily plays on smartphones, mobile devices, and computers. You'll hear why Julie and our teachers tell young children about Jesus, and how the children respond to God's Word. You can also forward the web page link to neighbors, relatives and friends who are parents of 3-6 year old children.

Visit [www.GoodShepherdCollinsville.org](http://www.GoodShepherdCollinsville.org), then navigate to Bible Studies > Bible Study Archives > Various Topical Studies, and look for "2015/08/30 Teaching the Faith to Little Children - ECC Director Mrs. Bedard." Click the "MP3" audio file to listen, and the "PPT" file to see her slides. To find the best time to stop by for a tour, please connect with us at 344-3153, or [jbedard@gslcs.org](mailto:jbedard@gslcs.org)

## Alumni Night

Alumni night is scheduled for Friday, December 18th. Freshmen will receive a T-shirt and all past graduates will be honored at the half time of the 8th grade boys basketball game vs. Bethalto.

# 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:

Madeline B., Logan B., Jacob B., Alex C., Reagan G., Elise H., Nicholas H., Taylor H., Henry L., Jeremy O., Caleb T., Morgan J., Makenzie K.,

Colleen L., Martin L., Hannah R., Elizabeth S., Elke S., Brady S., Hannah S., Macie S., Gabe S., Andrew T.

# Auction Up-dates

## SAVE THE DATE

Good Shepherd Lutheran School will be having its Annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, March 12th. This year we will bring back the auction to Good Shepherd. Come and enjoy the evening while supporting "quality Christian education" for students in Preschool - Grade 8. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the school office.

## Shopping After Thanksgiving

When out shopping after Thanksgiving, please keep the Good Shepherd Lutheran School Benefit Auction in mind. Many of those deals would make great auction donations.

## Auction Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help make this a great auction. Remember, if you can only do a small amount, that is valuable and needed! Please contact the school office.

## Auction Donations

Yes! YOU can get involved by donating an item or service or attending the Good Shepherd Lutheran School Auction.

Everyone should be given the opportunity to contribute to this annual fundraiser. Your individual participation is needed for this event to succeed! Please participate for our students!

## Homeroom Basket Themes

3 Yr. Old Preschool Arts & Crafts for Kids

4 Yr. Old Preschool	We Love Our Pets
Kindergarten	Sweet Tooth
1st Grade	Boys Will Be Boys & Sugar and Spice
2nd Grade	Spending the Day with Grandpa and Grandma
3rd Grade	In the Garden
4th Grade	Summer Time Fun
5th Grade	Mr. & Mrs. Fix-It
6th Grade	Family Fun Night
Mr. Rinker's Homeroom	Breakfast in Bed
Mr. Voss's Homeroom	Home Office
Ms. Comb's Homerooms	Games & Puzzles

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...

## **Praise and Thanksgiving**

As the holiday season gears up, carefully plan your family time now. Remember when you were a child bursting with anticipation? Focus on the true meaning of the holidays as we approach the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

## **No Newsletter Next Week**

There will be no newsletter next week due to Thanksgiving Break.

## **School Lobby Doors**

For the safety of our students, the lobby doors will remain locked until 3:15pm on school days. As a reminder, please do not let other people into the building.

## **Papa John's Pizza Night**

Papa John's Pizza Night will be Monday, November 30th. Thank you for supporting our school with your pizza orders.

## **Girl Scout/Daisy Picture**

If your daughter is in a Daisy Troop/Brownies/Girl Scouts they are invited to be in a picture for the yearbook. The picture will be taken Wednesday, December 9th at 8:00am in the gym. The girls should bring their daisy vests/sash to wear.

## **December Chapel Offering**

The Chapel offering for the month of December is Collinsville Area Ministerial (CAMA) Food Pantry in our community.

## **Student Gift Exchange**

Please read your child's classroom newsletter to see how each class will conduct their student exchange this year.

The school will be emphasizing a service project in hopes that you would consider contributing to Toys for Tots and Give Warmth. Any questions, contact your child's teacher.

## **Christmas Sale Items**

The Christmas Sales were distributed on Monday, Nov. 16th. If you have problems with your order, please do not wait to contact Great American customer Care at 1-800-251-1542 or [greatamerican@gafundraising.com](mailto:greatamerican@gafundraising.com).

## **Reminder... Absent From School**

If your child will be absent, please call the school office each morning so both the office and the teacher are informed. If your

child is sick, he/she needs to stay at home. Remember, your child must be fever free WITHOUT the use of Tylenol or Motrin for 24 hours before returning to school. Please do not expose other children unnecessarily. A doctor's written excuse is needed to return to school. Always bring a note to the teacher when your child returns to school.

Also, please pick up your child's work in T.R.A.C.K.S. (After School Care) after 3:30 p.m. Picking up your child's work will help him/her keep up with the class.

## **Over the Counter Medicine**

As a reminder, GSLCS is no longer providing over the counter medicine. Please send in the appropriate medicine for your child to take during the school day along with the completed Authorization Form to the school office. The Authorization Form is under Medical Form on the front page of our website, [gslcs.org](http://gslcs.org).

Parents will be called each and every time the medicine needs to be administered.

## **Morning Drop Off**

When you drop off or pick up your children, please do so in the proper areas. The main drop off is meant to be a quick drop off. If you need more time, please use the other lane or park and let your child get their items for school. Thanks for working together in this process.

## **ALL NEW Early Childhood Center**

Here's an excerpt from the Bible class our Director, Mrs. Bedard, gave about Early Childhood Education at Good Shepherd: "You could talk to any Teacher in our school, and they would tell you the same thing--the same stories--of how they see the faith come out in children, and that it's really there, and that we can nurture it . . ." The 45-minute audio is online now in MP3 format, which you can easily play on your smartphone, mobile device, or computer. This is an easy way to learn why Julie and our Teachers tell young children about Jesus, and how the children respond to their lessons. You can also share this podcast by forwarding the web

page link to relatives, friends and neighbors who are parents of 3-6 year old children. Visit [www.GoodShepherdCollinsville.org](http://www.GoodShepherdCollinsville.org), then navigate to Bible Studies > Bible Study Archives > Various Topical Studies, and look for "2015/08/30 Teaching the Faith to Little Children - ECC Director Julie Bedard." Click the "MP3" audio file to listen, and the "PPT" file to see Julie's slides. For our Outdoor Classroom we would like to build a few learning stations, for instance, a sand box, and a few functional structures, like a trike shed. Will you please help us by joining a project team? Contact Bob Mayhew at 344-3153, or [rmayhew@gslcs.org](mailto:rmayhew@gslcs.org) to see all the various plans and connect with the one you like best.

## **Good Shepherd Youth**

Jr. High youth group will be meeting at 6pm on Sunday November 22nd for a thanksgiving meal in the fellowship hall. Feel free to bring a side dish to pass we will be making tacos as our main dish. Coming up in December we have youth bible study on the 6th with Jr. High from 4-5:45pm The 13th is the youth group Christmas Party from 6-8pm.