



# Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

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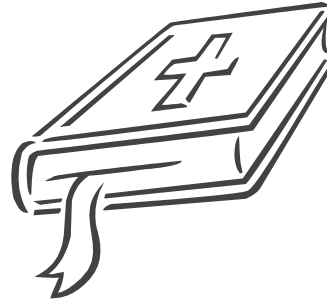
## Something to Consider:

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.  
*Proverbs 17:17*

You may have heard of the counseling theory that suggest you limit your friendships to “safe” people—those with no emotional baggage that could drag you down. That doesn’t sound right, does it? Not only could this severely limit your pool of potential friends, but it

seems to violate the selfless example of Christ, who specialized in making friends of those who were down and out.

You could be a great influence for good in a needy person’s life, simply by making friends with them. Certainly some people can be emotionally draining, and you should always ask God for wisdom when approaching a new relationship. He will always steer you in the right di-



rection. And He will often point you to diamonds in the rough.

## Charger Headlines:

### Giving Thanks!

We give thanks to our Father for the greatest gift we have received, His Son, who died and rose, so that we may have eternal life with Him in heaven. Pass on this special gift to others as you celebrate our Savior’s birth!

### Thank you

A special Thank you to all the students and instructors that were involved with the Christmas Concerts. We praise God for sending His only Son for the salvation of the world. May these events glorify the One to whom we praise.

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Welcomes You

We welcome you to join us for our Advent and Christmas Services.

- Preschool Singers – Sunday, Dec 20 before the 10:30 a.m.
- Children’s Christmas Service Sunday, Dec 20th at 6:00 p.m.

- Christmas Eve Services 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m. (with Communion)
- Christmas Day Service 9:00am (with Communion)
- Christmas Cantata – Sunday, January 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

### Wrapping Paper/Tape Needed

Shopping after Christmas sales? The Gingerbread House is asking for donations of scotch tape, tissue paper, and wrapping paper for next school year. NO Santa paper please. You may take the donations to the school office.

### Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Gingerbread House a fun successful event for our students here at Good Shepherd.

### Alumni Night Tonight

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.

### “What Child is This?”

Can’t Get Enough Christmas Music? Looking for more opportunities to hear and sing Christmas music? Come sing Christmas hymns and hear the Christmas story proclaimed through music of professional quality by our GSLC choir and member and guest instrumentalists on Sunday, January 3rd, 2016 at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary. “What Child is This?,” is John Leavitt’s popular Christmas Cantata including choir, an orchestra, percussion, Bible readings, and congregational singing of Christmas favorites woven together with new Christmas compositions. This would be a great first impression of our church for the friend or neighbor you want to invite.

## A Look Ahead

### Monday, December 22

- NO SCHOOL/Christmas Break Through Jan. 3, 2016

### Thursday, December 24

- Early Childhood Closed

### Friday, December 25

- Christmas Day
- Early Childhood Closed

### Friday, Jan. 1

- New Years Day
- Early Childhood Closed

### Monday, Jan. 4

- All Classes Resume
- GSLC Auction Change Drive Through Friday, Jan. 15th
- Scrip Orders Due by 9:00am

### Tuesday, January 5

- Prospective Families Preschool Open House 6:30pm
- Boys CD Basketball Home vs Edwardsville 6:30pm
- Boys AB Basketball @ Edwardsville 6:30pm

### Wednesday, January 6

- Girls C & Boys B Basketball Tournament at Holy Cross Through Saturday

### Thursday, January 7

- Chapel 8:20am
- Prospective Families Kindergarten Open House 6:30pm

### Friday, January 8

- Boy’s Pee Wee Basketball 8:00



# Charger Headlines Continues...

## Open House Pre-K & Kindergarten

Good Shepherd's first "Open House" for Pre-school - 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.

## Charger Bucks - Scrip

Weekly orders will resume on January 4th, 11th, & 25th; February 1st, 8th, 22nd, & 29th. The green order sheets need to be turned in to the school office by 9:00am on Mondays to be processed that week.

Walk-up sales will be after school on Fridays and will continue on Sunday mornings between services. If you have any questions please contact the school office 344-3153. Tell your family & friends about this program - anyone may participate!

## Registration Opens

Pre-K through 8th Grade Open Registration for the 2016-17 school year will begin on Monday, January 4th. We encourage you to please go to the school website at [www.gslcs.org](http://www.gslcs.org) and reenroll or register for next year as soon as possible. Please note that the enrollment process has been enhanced to reduce additional paper forms,

expedite the completion of tuition agreement processing, and offers multiple options for payment of the non-refundable registration fee. If you have any questions or need assistance registering, please contact Mrs. Schnicker at 344-3153 ext. 232 or TADS Customer Support at 1-800-477-8237.

If you are in need of scholarships; applications for financial aid will also be available on-line through TADS beginning January 4th. Submitting your financial aid application ASAP provides you with the best possible opportunity for assistance. All financial aid applications must be completed no later than March 1st.

If you or someone you know is new to Good Shepherd, please spread the word about the wonderful opportunities for children in our Christian school. School tours are made available by going to the school website.

## End of Year—Tax Credit

If you are looking for a way to give and also receive a tax credit for the 2015 year, please consider donating monies to purchase iPads and/or Chromebooks and for scholarships. Your donation will help students and teachers enhance the learning process.

## Recycling Bins

As a reminder, cardboard is not accepted in our recycling bins. Please continue to recycle your newspapers, aluminum and magazines. Thank you to those who have been participating in this program.

## Piano Recital

Mrs. Fuhrman's students will perform at the piano recital on Monday, December 21st at 7:00pm in the church balcony.

## ALL NEW Early Childhood Center Update

The audio from our Bible class is now online, and you can hear our Director, Mrs. Bedard, describe how we interact with young children. "Mrs. Gerber, who is one of our wonderful, wonderful Extended Care people and Aide, if someone would say, "So and so says he's not my best friend," she will always say, "Jesus is your best friend, and we're all friends at school. So if somebody says they're not your best friend it doesn't matter. Cause Jesus is your best friend." (Remind you of a hymn?) You can listen to the entire presentation on your smartphone, mobile device, or computer by visiting our church web site where the audio is available in MP3 format. Then, will you please share the web page link with neighbors, relatives and friends who are parents of 3-6 year olds so they can hear it? Head over to [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 Julie's slides. For more information about our program, please connect with us at 344-3153, or [jbedard@gslcs.org](mailto:jbedard@gslcs.org).

# 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: Kinley H., Tyler H., Paige H.,

Elliot J., Ashleigh J., Domiano L., Ellie M., Katie M., Jacob M., Blake M.

# 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.

## 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.

## Shopping for Auctions Donations

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

## 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.

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# Retreads...

**NEW Early Childhood Center** What are our 3-6 year olds learning at Good Shepherd? Our Director, Mrs. Bedard, gave a 45-minute overview this summer for Bible Class. "The things I've been talking about are the individual spiritual life and how we incorporate worship. Now I'm going to talk about life in the sheepfold, and that is, getting along. The primary learning thing that happens in Preschool is what we call social-emotional skills, and self-regulation. It's those things that are greater indicators of success in school and life than any academic thing that children will learn." You can hear more about this by visiting our church web site where you'll find the full audio posted in MP3 format, which plays on your computer, smartphone or mobile device. Then you can forward the web page link to friends, neighbors and relatives 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. If you'd like to stop by our ECC for a tour, connect with us at 344-3153, or [jbedard@gslcs.org](mailto:jbedard@gslcs.org).

## **GSLCS Change Drive**

Good Shepherd School's Annual change drive is scheduled for January 4-15. The proceeds will help continue providing a quality Christian education at GSLCS.

## **Christmas Book for Purchase**

GSLCS is taking orders for a fun interactive sticker and pop-up book, *Let's Decorate the Christmas Tree*, by Gretchen Claybrook. This inspirational book teaches the true meaning of Christmas and is available for \$15.00. Please make checks out to GSLCS. A copy of the book is available to view in the school office. Please place orders by Thursday, Dec. 17th to assure delivery before Christmas Break.

## **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.

## **Thank You – Donations**

The following are donations that have been given to the school from June-December. We appreciate your willingness to help through our "Education in Excellence" program.

Target \$881.86  
Papa John's Pizza \$153.76  
Undesignated \$2,438.30  
Scholarship \$8083.00  
Scholarship-Book Covers \$330.20  
Technology-Golf Tournament \$5232.83  
LESA Grant \$1255.00  
Library \$1796.88  
French Toast \$114.05  
BoxTops \$1580

## **Metro East LHS Mass Band Concert**

The Lutheran Mass (Combined schools) Band will include all 6-8th grade (no 4th or 5th graders) band students from Good Shepherd and will perform at the Metro East Lutheran High School Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 13th, 2015. The concert begins at 2:30 PM. All students need to arrive at 1:45 PM to be seated etc. Students may dress in nice clothes of any color (our concert is black and white).

The Mass Band Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 12th, 2015 in the MELHS Multi-Purpose Room from 12:00-1:30 PM. The MELHS address is 6305

Center Grove Road in Edwardsville, IL.

## **Box Tops and Labels Program**

The next turn in date for the Box Tops and Labels program is Wednesday, December 16th. Please send the trimmed box tops and labels to your child's home-room.

## **Young Authors**

Reminder, Young Author books are due Monday, January 25th. Please feel free to ask for additional help from your child's teacher.

## **Target**

Target has decided to end the Take Charge of Education (TCOE) program as of May 14, 2016. In the meantime, please continue using this program to help GSLS earn cash. Target is thankful of the supporters of this program and will continue to design giving programs in the communities where we do business.

## **Tardy Slips**

Students arriving late to school must have a tardy slip to enter the classroom after the bell has rung. When you sign in your child, the student will be given a tardy slip to take to the teacher. Arriving late due to an appointment, please bring a written excuse from the doctor's or dentist's office.

## **SIUE Speech, Language & Hearing**

SIUE is offering Speech, Language and Hearing therapy. Contact them at 618-650-5623 to schedule an evaluation or appointment, or visit [siue.edu/slh-center](http://siue.edu/slh-center).

More information is available in our school office.

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