



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

Twentieth Edition
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Something to Consider:

My soul, wait silently for God alone,
for my expectation is from Him.
Psalms 62:5

When parents are awaiting the arrival of a baby, we say they are “expecting.” This time of expectation affects every aspect of their lives. Whether the days are easy or rough, what lies ahead makes it all worth it. The sense of expectation grows along with the precious child

inside its mother. Even if you are not “expecting” a child, you should still live an expectant life. God has great things ahead for you. Some may take place slowly throughout your lifetime, while others will catch you in a moment of joyous surprise. Expect God to do good things in your life. Wait for them, anticipate them, prepare for them. Keep your eyes open. Adventure awaits.



Charger Headlines:

National Lutheran School's Week is January 24–29

“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Cor. 1:9 ESV).

In regard to serving others, our Lord said in Matthew 6: “3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” When your family has completed your project, write about what you did on a piece of paper and put it in an envelope. Do not put your name or your child's name on the envelope or description. Your child may bring the envelope to chapel on Thursday, January 28 to put in the offering. We will be posting the descriptions, but want them to remain anonymous.

We hope this will be a time for your family to grow closer to-

gether as you serve the Lord. Perhaps this will begin a new family activity that continues throughout the year!

Service project:

Families will do individual service projects during January and bring a photo/description during NLSW. On Thursday, students will bring an envelope with a paper describing their family's project – anonymously. The envelopes will be put in the offering basket for chapel.

We will have a large display board to show the projects – one in main lobby, one in ECC lobby.

Sat./Sun., Jan. 23rd & 24th

Join us for worship! The Faculty will sing at the worship services.

Lost Coat and Jackets-

Please check the Church narthex coat racks for items that have been hanging there for several months. Thanks.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

A special thank you to Thrivent members who designate Good

Shepherd Lutheran Church or Good Shepherd Lutheran School as the recipient of the available dollars. These funds are applied to the endowment loan. Your support is sincerely appreciated. Please see Marty Hoffman with any questions.

Challengers

Challengers will not be held on Friday, January 29th.

**School's Out Club – 2/15/2016
Presidents' Day**

Good Shepherd offers School's Out Club to serve the students and their families by providing, on weekdays when school is not in session, quality child care at our facility. The next scheduled date is Monday, February 15, 2016. Stop by the school office or TRACKS to pick-up the Attendance Reservation Form, specify the date and times the student will be attending and deliver the form to the school office or to Mrs. Molitor.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, January 23

-Faculty Sing for Worship at 5:30pm

Sunday, January 24

-Faculty to Sing 8:00am & 10:30am Services
-New Enrollment Open House 1:00-3:00pm

Monday, January 25

-Scrip Orders Due by 9:00am
-National Lutheran Schools Week
-“Class Choice Day”
PS-3 Muffins with Mom
-Papa John's Pizza Night
-Science Fair Night 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday, Jan. 26

-“Favorite Team Day”.
-GR. 4-8 Muffins with Mom
-Boys AB Basketball vs Edwardsville 6:30pm
-Boys CD Basketball at Edwardsville 6:30pm

Wednesday, Jan. 27

-“Multi Cultural Day”
PS-3 Donuts with Dad
-GSLs Spelling Bee
Gr. 1-4 8:45am; Gr. 5-8 10:30am
-Girls AC Basketball vs Litchfield 6:30pm
-Boys A Basketball SIJHSAA Regional

Thursday January 28

-Chapel 8:20am
-“Dress your Best Day”
Gr. 4-8 Donuts with Dad

Friday, January 29

-“School Spirit Day”
-Faith Families Play Date (Assembly Schedule)
-Boys AC & Girls A Basketball at Unity 4:30pm



Charger Headlines Continues...

Saturday, January 23

*Faculty sing for worship at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 24

*Faculty sing for worship at 8 & 10:30am

*Open House 1 – 3 p.m.

Monday, January 25

*Theme: Pray Together

*Muffins with Mom: 7:30 – 8am Pre-school – 3rd Grade

*Dress Up: Class Choice Day Each class will decide what they want to wear.

*Devo: Led by Mrs. Peterson

*Assembly: Juggling Jeff 2 – 3 p.m.

*Science Fair Night: 6:30 – 8 p.m.

*Candy Sale Assembly

Tuesday, January 26

*Theme: Learn Together

*Muffins with Mom: 7:30-8am 4th-8th Grade

*Dress Up: Favorite Team Day

*Devo: Led by Mrs. Italiano

*Move-Up Day: After opening devotions, each class will go to the teacher of the

next grade level until 9 a.m.

*8th Graders go to 3 year old Preschool

Wednesday, January 27

*Theme: Reach Out Together

*Donuts with Dad: 7:30 – 8am Preschool – 3rd Grade

*Dress Up: Multicultural Day (dress as someone from a different culture or your ancestry)

*Devo: Led by Ms Hasselbring

*Ms H available to come to classes and speak about her outreach work in Asia

*Spelling Bee: Grades 1 – 4 at 8:45 a.m., Grades 5 – 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 28

*Theme: Serve Together

*Donuts with Dad: 7:30-8 4th-8th Gr.

*Dress Up: Dress Your Best Day (for Chapel) (no bare shoulders)

*Chapel: Students bring envelope with Family Service Project for chapel offering

Friday, January 29

*Theme: Play Together

*Dress up: School Spirit Day Wear

school colors and/or GS logo apparel

*Devo: Led by Mrs. Pritchard

*Faith Families Play Date (Assembly Schedule): Each Faith Family teacher will decide on a play activity for his/her Faith Family.

Charger Bucks – Scrip

Weekly orders will resume on January 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!

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: Carter H.;

Sydney H.; Addie L.; Catrina L.; Andrew M.; Ryan P.; and Jack P.

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. The cost is \$30.00 per person. 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.

Immediate Need—Auction Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help make this a great auction. Remember, if you can only do a small amount, that is valuable and needed! Volunteers are needed for acquisitions from businesses. Please contact the school office at 618-344-3153 or stop by to pick up the forms.

Baskets and Bows Needed

The Auction committee is in need of large baskets/containers, bows, ribbon, and basket filler to be used for the classroom Auction basket items. Please bring what you may have to the school office. Thank you.

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. Help is needed acquiring donations from businesses. Everyone should be given the opportunity to contribute to this annual fundraiser. Your indi-

vidual 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' Homeroom	Home Office
Ms. Combs' 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...

Prospective Student Open House

Good Shepherd Lutheran School announces that it will hold open houses on Sunday, January 24th, February 21st, and March 13th from 1-3 pm. These events will focus on touring the facility, meeting with the teachers. This would be a great time for families to find out about a Christian education. Invite your friends/neighbors to attend this Open House to help promote the 2016-17 school year.

Box Tops and Labels

The next turn in date for the Box Tops and Labels program is Wednesday, January 27th. Please send the trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom.

National Lutheran Schools Week

We are preparing to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week with other Lutheran schools across the nation and world on January 24 - 29. Under the theme of Life Together in Christ, we will explore praying together, learning together, reaching out together, serving together and playing together.

Rather than have a school-wide service project this year, we are suggesting that each school family do their own service project during the month of January. This way you can gear the project toward your children's ages and your family's time and interests.

Families will bring a photo/description during NLSW. On Thursday, students will bring an envelope with a paper describing their family's project - anonymously. The envelopes will be put in the offering basket for chapel. We will have a large display board to show the projects - one in main lobby, one in ECC lobby.

The following are just a starting point for suggestions, have fun researching and choosing your family's project.

*Visit a Senior Care Center - contact them about bringing treats, helping with a craft, singing or playing the piano, or just visiting with residents.

*Contact the local Food Pantry and organize a drive in your neighborhood or extended family to make donations.

*Sponsor a child through World Vision or another child sponsoring organization.

*Shovel a neighbor's sidewalk.

*Write a letter to someone serving in the military or a veteran.

*Check with your Pastor about shut-ins who might appreciate a visit or cheerful card.

*Sort through your clothing and toys and make a donation to Goodwill.

*Each family member think of a person at school or work who might be feeling left out or lonely and show them some special attention.

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Game Pictures Needed

If you have GSLS game pictures, please share them with Mrs. Batty or Mrs. Krause either through email or CD.

Financial Aid

(Scholarship) forms are available on the school website. Students entering Pre-school 5-day School Day or 5-day Extended Day programs, Kindergarten-Full Day, and Grades 1 - 8 are eligible for financial aid. Remember, early submission of financial aid applications afford you the best possible opportunity for financial aid. All applications should be complete prior to April 1, 2016. For questions please contact the school office.

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 an excuse from the doctor's or dentist's office.

Early Childhood Center Update

On Monday, January 4, KMOX NewsRadio 1120 aired a drive-time interview with our Director, Mrs. Bedard. Highlights included

information about our Outdoor Classroom, Indoor Activity Room, and Climbing Wall. Although KMOX hasn't posted the audio online, you can check out their article based on the interview at KMOX's web site. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/GSECCradio>. Will you please share the brief article with friends, family and neighbors who have 3-6 year olds? Simply click an icon on the left side of the story for FaceBook, Twitter, Email, and others. You can also include a link to our newly redesigned web site: <http://www.GSECC.org>. Please suggest your friends stop by for a tour, or connect with us for more information at 344-3153 or orjbedard@gslcs.org.

Metro-East Lutheran High

Metro-East Lutheran High School is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Any new students (freshmen or transfer) interested in seeking enrollment at Lutheran High school please go to the school website at www.melhs.org and download the admission and enrollment packet or contact the school office at 618-656-0043. If you have additional questions, please contact Dr. Jay Krause, Principal, or email him at jay.krause@melhs.org.

MELHS Shadow Day

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to come and "Shadow" for a day and see what a day is like in the "life of a Knight." Prospective students are encouraged to shadow one of our current students and spend the day in classrooms, chapel, lunch, and visiting with students, faculty and staff, and become familiar with the daily ministry of Lutheran High. Interested students should contact the school office at 618-656-0043.

MELHS Basketball Games

Come and check out one of the remaining boys and girls Metro-East Lutheran High School Knight basketball games in January or February. The Lady Knights are fresh off of an excellent showing at the Calvary Lutheran Classic in Jefferson City and the boys varsity team is ranked #5 in the state of Illinois. Let them know at the gate that you are a prospective student coming to support the Knights!

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll with Distinction

8th Grade: Daniel B., Elise H., Nick H., Will O., Elizabeth S.

7th Grade: Sophia B., Hannah R., Gabe S., Justin W.

High Honor Roll

8th Grade: Thomas B., Jacob B., Alex C., Lauren F., Reagan G., Scott H., Gabrielle J., Max L., Henry L., Colleen L., Hunter L., Mark M., Jeremy O., Hannah S., Macie S.

7th Grade: Evan B., Jared C., Millie C., Kyla E., Olivia G., Christopher H., Faith M., Ryan P., Sidney P., Molly S.

6th Grade: Autumn D., Matthew H., Megan H., Khushi J., Alice K., Eli L., Claire L., Trevor P., MaryAnn R., Anna R., Trinity S., Garrett S., Maggie S., Sydney S., Jenae W.

5th Grade: Jacob B., Lillie C., Eli G., Jordan G., Ellie M., Katie M., Jacob M., Timothy P., Nick S., Sam S., Isabella S., Gavin T., Jake W., Kanalu W.

Honor Roll

8th Grade: Maddy B., Cierrah E., Taylor H., Morgan J., Elke S., Brady S., Caleb T., Anna W.

7th Grade: Noah C., Tyler K., Martin L., Will M., London R., Eli W., Connor Z.

6th Grade: Cameron B., Emma B., Kyle C., Carson C., Declan G., Ella W.

5th Grade: Joseph C., Abbey G., Marlaina G., Riquerah G., Kinley H., Tyler H., Ashleigh J., Blake M., Sophie T.