



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Not Ashamed” Romans 1:16

All School Newsletter
April 1, 2022

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, April 1

- Variety Show 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 2

- Jazz Festival @ Good Shepherd

Thursday, April 7

- Chapel 8:25 a.m. Gr. 3-8
- Chapel 8:50 a.m. ECC-Gr. 2

Saturday, April 9

- GSLS Track Meet @ CHS 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 10

- Last day to submit LESA Scholarship Application

Monday, April 11-Monday, April 18

- NO SCHOOL - Easter break

Tuesday, April 19-Friday, April 29

- Apex Fun Run

Thursday, April 21

- Chapel 8:25 a.m. Gr. 3-8
- Chapel 8:50 a.m. ECC-Gr. 2

Friday, April 22

- Mid-Quarter

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



DAILY HEALTH SCREENING

Please remember to fill out the Daily Health Screen for your child EVERY DAY they are scheduled to attend.

NO SCHOOL - EASTER BREAK



There will be **no school** Monday, April 11th through Easter Monday, April 18th as we celebrate Holy Week and the passion of our Lord and Savior.

PLEASE NOTE

The last day of school will be Thursday, May 26th, not the 27th as previously listed. 8th Grade Graduation is at 7:00 p.m.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Calling all Rain Forest Explorers! Save the Date for VBS - Join us Monday, June 27th - Friday, July 1st from 9:00-12:00 noon for a fun and educational week. We are also looking for Leaders to help. If you are interested, please email churchoffice@gslcs.org.

2022-2023 SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications for **LESA's Building Blocks Assistance** and **Good Shepherd** is available through FACTS. Info for LESA's scholarship requirements follow. **Deadline to apply for these scholarships is April 10, 2022.** **Empower Illinois** also offers scholarships. Information on how to apply can be found [here](#). Any questions, please contact Mr. Mayhew

ILLINOIS STATE TAX CREDIT

The Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program offers a **75% income tax credit** to individuals that contribute to qualified Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs), e.g. Empower Illinois. Empower Illinois in turn provides scholarships to our school families who apply and meet the income requirements. An excellent win-win opportunity! (See the flyer after the newsletter for more details.) Mr. Mayhew would be happy to answer any additional questions you might have.



Charger Headlines Continued...

PASTOR'S CORNER

We invite you to join us for worship on Wednesday at 4:30 or 6:30 p.m. A light meal will be served between services in the lower level of the church. Hope you will plan to come!



IMPORTANT DATES

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022-All grades sing in church and 5th-8th grade band plays in church, ALL 5th-8th grade band members meet at 7:40 in the church balcony.

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022-Spring concert at 6:30 PM in the church featuring 4th grade band, 5th-8th grade band, and 5th-8th grade choirs, students arrive by 6:15 PM and meet in the cafeteria, 4th grade may wear nice dress clothes of any color, 5th-8th grade wears black and white (school dress or nicer, no t-shirts or denim)

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022 7:00 PM 5th-8th grade band plays for GSLS 8th grade graduation, meet in balcony by 6:30 PM

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Next year's Good Shepherd School Calendar may be found by clicking Calendars at the top of the front page on our [website](#) or by using this [link](#).

PIANO RECITAL

Mrs. Jarabek's piano students recital will be on Saturday, April 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the church.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Metro-East Lutheran High School's 33rd Annual Sigmund Bohnet Memorial Golf Tournament will be held April 23 at Arlington Greens Golf Course in Granite City. The cost of the outing is \$80 per person, which includes a meal, green fee for 18 holes, skins game, mulligans and golf cart. The **deadline to register is April 8**. For more information, call the MELHS office at 618-656-0043.

Something to Consider...

Some people have observed (tongue in cheek, of course) that for Lutherans, every day is Lent. Of course we know better. We are able to take ourselves lightly, knowing that we are new creations in Christ, who has conquered fear, death, and the devil on our behalf. The gift of laughter brings many benefits, including medical. Here are just a few:

- Laughter can lower blood pressure, increase muscle flexion and trigger endorphins – the brain chemicals that can bring on euphoria.
- Laughter affects the immune system. Gamma-interferon, a disease-fighting protein, rises with laughter. So do B-cells, which produce disease-destroying antibodies, and T-cells, which orchestrate our body's immune response.
- Laughter helps shut off the flow of stress hormones, which suppress the immune system, raise blood pressure and increase the number and stickiness of platelets in our blood, which can cause fatal artery blockages. Donald Demaray, author of *Laughter, Joy and Healing*, reminds us that "Laughter and joy can alter moods and even promote physical healing. If you laugh less than 15 minutes a day, including three belly laughs, you are under laughed."

Studies have shown that the average child laughs hundreds of times a day. The average adult, only a dozen times. So, for the sake of health and hope, find that funny bone-and tickle it!

Robert Mayhew, Principal



In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty will be praying for our students and their families. On Monday we will be praying for the students in Mrs. Maske's 4th grade class.

We invite you to remember these and others in your prayers.

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.



DONATE TO YOUR SCHOOL

INCREASE YOUR IMPACT

The OLD Way To Donate

Alexa would donate \$250 every year to her local private school. She owed the State \$750 in tax liability. Her total spend for tax liability and the donation was \$1,000.



TAXES OWED

\$750

TOTAL OUT OF POCKET

\$1000

The NEW Way To Donate

Alexa could increase her donation to her local private school to \$1,000 and decrease her tax liability to \$0. She quadrupled her impact at the school while paying the same out-of-pocket cost.



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\$0

TOTAL OUT OF POCKET

\$1000

THE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: HOW IT WORKS



The Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program offers a 75% income tax credit to individuals and businesses that contribute to qualified Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs), like Empower Illinois. The SGOs then provide scholarships for students whose families meet the income requirements to attend qualified, non-public schools in Illinois.

Please note, the information provided here was accurate at the time of creation, and is intended to be informative and educational, not to be mistaken as legal, accounting, or tax advice. The description and examples provided are for illustrative purposes only and should not be used as the sole example.

[1 / Empower Illinois](https://www.empowerillinois.org)

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Tuition Assistance

Do I qualify?

Step 1: Complete Application online at FACTS

- <https://online.factsmgmt.com/gg/inst-application/inst/4FG8Z>
- One application per household
 - Includes Lutheran High Schools
 - Divorce families must complete separate applications if both parents are paying tuition

Many families will qualify for some level of assistance from LESA if at least 10% of income from 2021 is used to cover the cost of their child/children's Lutheran K-8 net tuition.

Step 2: Submit payment for application (\$35)



Step 3: Submit **ALL** 2021 tax documents - by April 10, 2022

- Applicant and co-applicant must submit tax docs
 - ***Tax documents do not have to be filed; but must be prepared and submitted to your application
- **CHECK EMAIL.** FACTS representatives will email if documentation is missing. Please respond to the FACTS representatives if they contact you and check your junk folder for any FACTS emails.
- Documents can be uploaded to your application via PDF or picture taken with your mobile device
 - ***Tips on uploading a document can be found at lesastl.org

Required

Documentation

Submit by April 10, 2022

2021 Tax Documents

- 1) 1040 form (page 1 & 2)
- 2) W-2s
- 3) Income docs
 - > Schedule 1 – 5, C, E, K, etc.
- 4) Non-taxable docs
 - > Child support, SNAP, Welfare, Social Security
- 5) Corporate, Partnership, &/or trust tax forms
- 6) Other docs may be required
 - > Household bills, daycare, etc

Deadline: April 10, 2022

Have Questions???

FACTS customer service: 1.866.315.9262

Monday—Thursday 7:30-7pm; Friday 7:30-5pm

LESA office: 314.200.0790

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