

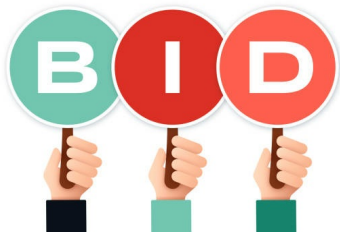


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ROMANS 1:16

Happy Valentine's Day!

I just love how John 3:16, the GREAT LOVE verse of the Bible, fits right into the word Valentine! God's love for us is never ending, unchangeable, and personal. His sacrifice for us gives us peace and confidence to live for Him now and grants us eternal life with Him in our life to come. What a gift! We share this gift of love daily with all of our students...pass it on to someone you know today!



ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

The 2022 Annual Benefit Auction for Good Shepherd Lutheran School, our school's largest fundraiser, is quickly approaching!

The online auction begins on Sunday, March 13th, and ends on Saturday, March 19th.

The Auction Committee is asking for assistance from our GMLS family to help us acquire a variety of donations in order to make this auction successful! Some examples are gift cards, condo rentals and hotel/resort stays, sports and other tickets, food/gift/spirits baskets, jewelry, purses, meat bundles, and creative experiences, to name just a few.

We are also looking for business and individual auction sponsors. (See below)

Are you willing to help? Please contact Co-Chairs Rob Pickerell (618.830.2231/rpickerell@charter.net) or Jennifer Pickerell (618.830.8121/jpickerell@charter.net) for more information!

YOU can support US!

*You can be a
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or a*



Good Shepherd Lutheran School; Collinsville, IL
2022 Virtual Auction
Sunday, March 13 to Saturday, March 19, 2022

Sponsorship Levels

PREMIER PARTNER - \$500

- Featured on the school's two Facebook pages (with a combined list of approximately 1,500 connections) the week before and during auction.
- Featured in one of the weekly school newsletters.
- Listed as Premier Partner on the auction website; bidders view each time they open the website over that week to bid. The site can display a company logo or your business name.
- Premier Partner recognition from auctioneer on March 19.
- Company marketing materials included with each winner's package.

SUPPORTER - \$250

- Listed as Supporter on the school's two Facebook pages (with a combined list of approximately 1,500 connections) during auction.
- Listed as Supporter on the auction website; bidders view each time they open the website over that week to bid. The site can display a company logo or your business name.
- Supporter recognition from auctioneer on March 19.
- Company marketing materials included with each winner's package.

Sponsorship questions? Contact Jennifer or Rob Pickerell, Auction Co-Chairs, at rpickerell@charter.net/618.830.2231 or jpickerell@charter.net/618.830.8121. Deadline to submit sponsor information is Monday, March 7, 2022. **Tax ID: 37-0841452**

*Premier Partner
for our Auction
in March!
You can also help
by passing this
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to someone
(or a business)
who would love to be
known as a
Charger Supporter.
Thank you so much!*

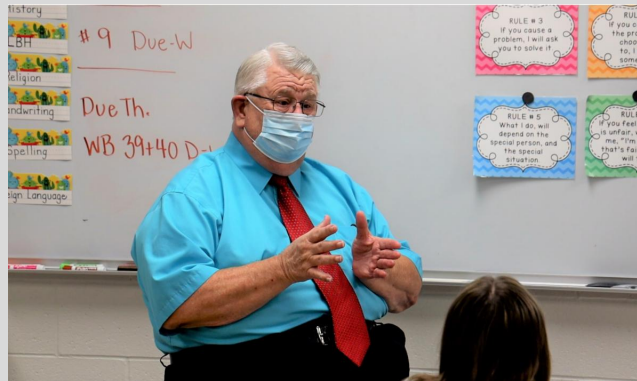
Click here for the [GSLs Promo Video 2021!](#) This highlights our school and all that God is doing here. Please pass this link along to prospective families who are looking for an **AMAZING** school!

Chapel is a very important part of our week. Our guest chapel speaker was Seminarian Chris Dhuse, from Batavia, IL. He's in his first year of studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and also doing his fieldwork here at Good Shepherd. He is also engaged to our 3rd grade teacher, Miss Anna Gain! They met at Concordia University, Wisconsin and plan to get married next year.





This E-newsletter is sponsored by former GSLs principal, Dr. Bill Cochran!



Two great GSLs Principals.....1984 - 2021

1984



Here is a great picture of Mr. Mayhew (who was one of the first teachers hired in 1984) and Dr. Cochran (who was the founding principal of Good Shepherd Lutheran School that year).

Dr. Cochran says, "I give thanks and praise to God for the teachers and staff who have served so faithfully over the years since the school's beginning! To God be the Glory!"

2021

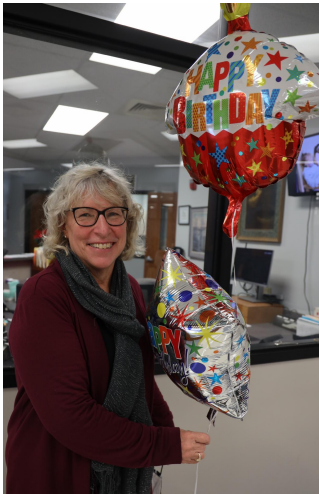


Dr. Cochran continues to be a big supporter in various ways since his retirement. Last fall, he visited Mrs. Batty's 4th grade classroom. He shared stories with her students about how the school started, how God provided then, and will continue to provide for us now. Students were amazed how different the school was back then. (You know... back

We thank Dr. Bill Cochran for his amazing and continued support!



Our students sang and wished our January Birthday Teachers a very BLESSED year ahead!!



In January, students and office staff sang to Mrs. Cluck to celebrate her birthday! We are all SO VERY grateful for how she holds that front office together for us!

Click for:
[Video of Mrs. Cluck's Birthday](#)



Since his birthday was on a chapel day, the WHOLE SCHOOL got to sing Happy Birthday to Mr. Zach Stegman, who is our very talented music director.

Click here for :
[Video of Mr. Stegman's Birthday](#)





THREE CHEERS for our VOLUNTEERS!



We love our volunteers! We currently have *TWO* volunteer opportunities. Mrs. Nancy Stallard (our new Development Director) is looking for people who will do:

- Data entry
- Calling on our alumni families to gather information

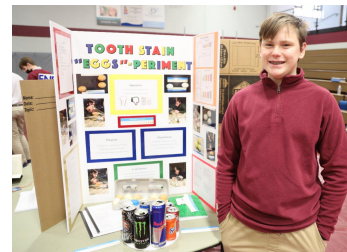
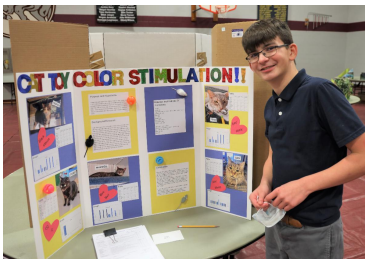
If you would like to bless us with your time, please contact her at: 618-344-3153, ext. 223 or nstallard@gsllcs.org.

The Annual 2022 GSLS Science Fair was a huge success as our 5th and 7th graders displayed their wonderful experiments! We had everything from food to planets, light, chemicals, motion and explosions! Way to go, Chargers!

Three of our talented 5th graders shared their experiments



Our 7th graders did some very complex experiments this year.



GSLs CHANGE DRIVE
Even during a national coin shortage.... The School Change Drive was a huge success!



A big "Thank You" to everyone who participated in our Change Drive during National Lutheran Schools Week! Over \$3,000 was contributed to this event!

Kindergarten placed 1st, with donations averaging \$16.84 per student. They received a pizza party and three free dress days.

First Grade placed 2nd, with donations averaging \$14.40 per student. They received two free dress days.

Third Grade placed 3rd, with donations averaged \$11.43 per student. They received a free dress day.

Many other classes made it to the 1st line of the jug and received a free dress day.



Pre K students filling their jug



Kindergarten won 1st place.



Kindergarten won 1st place.



1st grade won 2nd place.




3rd grade came in 3rd place.



Other classes won a PJ Day!

There are so many ways to support our school!
You can donate online at our web site: [GSLS Website](#)



Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Please Support Our School



Quality, Christ-Centered Education- Grades PK3 to 8th Grade

Student success is a top-priority at Good Shepherd. Our staff genuinely cares about each student and works hard to ensure every student receives a quality education, builds life skills, and matures spiritually. However, to maintain this level of excellence in education, we need outside assistance. Every school needs donations to help it run efficiently, and every business benefits from advertising. Sign up for one of our "Win-Win" options, and you will get a tax-deductible receipt for your donation, along with valuable advertising for your company.





Business Sponsors

If you are a business, we have three ways you can support our school **AND** get valuable advertising!
Click this link for the [Business Sponsor Flyer](#)

Thrivent Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2022!



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If you are a Thrivent member, you can help us!
Remember, you can apply your Thrivent Choice Dollars to GSLS!
To do that, simply go to www.thrivent.com, scroll down and click on: "Generosity" or click here:
[Generous Giving and Member Stewardship | Thrivent Choice](#)
Click on "Direct Choice Dollars" and find us at "Good Shepherd Lutheran School Collinsville" or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice"

Thrivent Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2022!

AND...

Your Choice Dollars for 2021 will NOT be automatically given to us again if you donated last year. You MUST give them each year.

Thank you for your support!



WHY we do WHAT we do!

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."



At GSLS, we believe in teaching our students to look at the world through "3rd world glasses" so that they may understand what it is like for children living in these countries, and see how blessed they are to live in America. Our hope is that, by learning how children in 3rd world countries live, we will cultivate grateful hearts in our students and move them to ask, **"What can I do to help?"**

Mrs. Nancy Stallard, who did a mission trip to Zambia with her 9-year-old daughter in 2007, shared with our students that in Zambia, if children want toys and balls to play with, they have to make them out of plastic bags and scraps they find as they walk along the road. Students enjoyed dressing up in traditional dresses and playing with two Zambian soccer balls, and a truck made of wire scraps, with wheels made of flip flops. They got to try grinding grain for food and enjoyed holding Zambian necklaces, bracelets, spoons, and little toy animals made out of wood.

All of our chapel offerings for February are going to help buy backpacks filled with school supplies for children in Zambia.



Nancy & her daughter in Zambia



Students enjoyed dressing up.



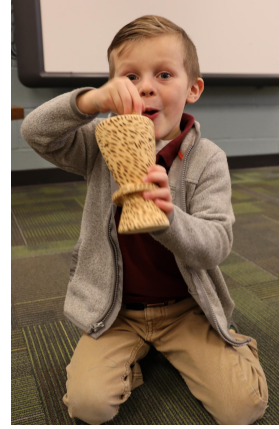
Hand-made soccer balls



Hand-made wire truck



Zambian wooden elephant



Trying to grind some grain

Spelling Bee 2022!

We have AMAZING spellers! Our 2022 GSLS Spelling Bee Winners were:

1st grade - Joel A. winner and Annalynne C. 2nd place

2nd grade - Aiden L. winner and Jed S. 2nd place

3rd grade - John A. winner and Hunter M. 2nd place

4th grade - Myla G. winner and David K. 2nd place

5th grade - Maria A. winner and Jack Z. 2nd place

6th grade - Henrik G. winner and Lily W. 2nd place

7th & 8th grade - Gavin R. winner and Kristina M. 2nd place

Special thanks to Mrs. Hasamear for organizing the Bee and to Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Mayhew for serving as judges.

**Congratulations to everyone who qualified and participated this year.
What amazingly blessed students we have!**



Students lined up to take their turn spelling difficult words.



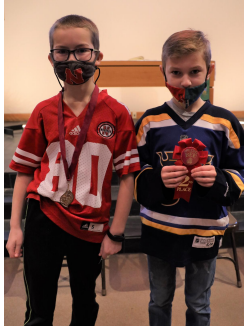
A brave speller



1st grade winners



2nd grade winners



3rd grade winners



4th grade winners



5th Grade Winners



6th grade winners

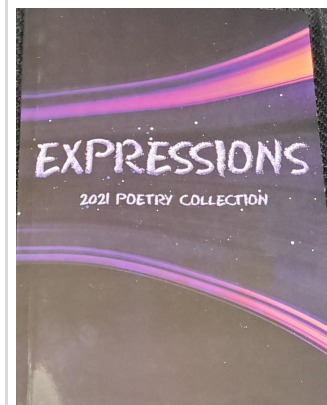
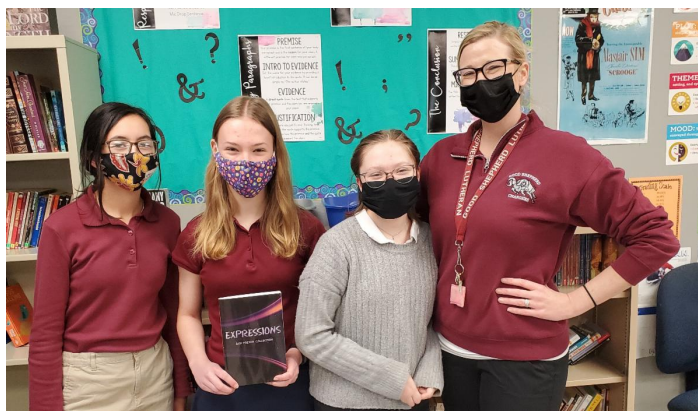


7th/8th grade winners



Gavin R. will represent GSLS at the next level

Mrs. Hasamear does such a wonderful job teaching grammar and writing to our students. It's no wonder that last year, three of our 7th graders (now 8th graders) had their poetry published! (left to right) Natalia B., Alyssa B., and Kylie B. had their poems published in the "Expression 2021 Poetry Collection." They submitted entries to the American Library of Poetry Contest. Each year, this organization receives thousands of submissions from talented young authors. Since only a select hundred are chosen for publishing, we are so proud of our students for working hard and being creative in their writing skills. Congratulations!



We had 14 alumni attend our Alumni Basketball Game on January 11th! It was so great to see them! If you are an alumnus. or have an alumnus student. please send your/their email address to nstallard@gslcs.org so that we



can add them to our alumni data base.



Open House



Good Shepherd cordially invites you to an Open House for prospective students and their families.

Our two Open Houses,

on February 27th, and March 20th,
are from 1-3 P.M.

and will provide an opportunity to meet and interact with the teachers, principal, and Board Members, as well as tour our beautiful facility.

We look forward to sharing our dynamic learning environment with you!

Click here and learn more by watching the

[GSLS Promo Video 2021!](#)

"It's a great day to be a Charger."

All of our Charger basketball teams had great seasons! We are very proud of all the players for working hard, improving their skills, and showing great teamwork on the court! Here, we honor our 8th graders who are great players, students, and young adult leaders in our school!

[8th Grade Boys Basketball Night](#)



Coach Mayhew with his 8th graders

8th Grade Girls Basketball Night



Coach Kreher with his 8th graders

Charger Boys C-team



Our C-team boys are in 5th-6th grade and are coached by Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Brunton, and Mr. Robinson. [CLICK & watch their video here: Boys C-team Video](#)

Charger Boys A-Team

Our A-team boys are in 7th-8th grade and are coached by Mr. Mayhew. [CLICK & watch their video here: Boys A-team Video](#)



National Lutheran Schools Week!

We had a super NLSW! Our theme was "In All Things" from Colossians 1:15-20. Our service project was to collect money for school backpacks for students in Zambia through Lutheran Hour Ministries!

Crosses in our hallway, the Zambia Backpack Display, and unified chapel every day





Day 1-Theme: Christ - In Christ We Have Everything. Dress up: "Class Choice" day. Sports, Stripes and Dots, Superheroes and Princesses, Mismatched Shoes and Socks



Day 2-Theme: Creation - Christ Who Created All Things. Dress up: Animal Day -- as creatures that God created. Kindergarten animals, a Dino-Violinist, and a T-Rex came to chapel!



Day 3-Theme: Children/Family - Dress up: Comfy Cozy Day & Pajamas. Principal Mayhew in comfy clothes, 8th grade in PJ's, and a 3rd grader with her huggable dog!



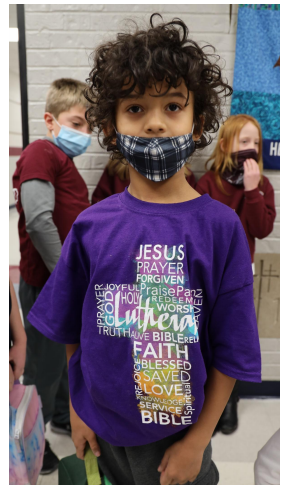
Day 4-Theme: Church - Church body working together. Dress up: Team Sports Day. 5th grade rocks Sports Day, Blues Threes, and Owen- the PERFECT St. Louis Sports Fan!



Meet
 Owen
 Our GSLS PERFECT
 St. Louis sports fan!
 Cardinals on the top...
 Blues on the bottom...
 Love it!!!



Day 5-Theme: Serving in Home and Community. Dress up: "Witness" wear that shows your faith in Jesus. Dressed like Jesus- The BEST Witnessing Wear!
 Students worship in chapel, and witnessing wherever he goes!



STAFF
 Spotlight

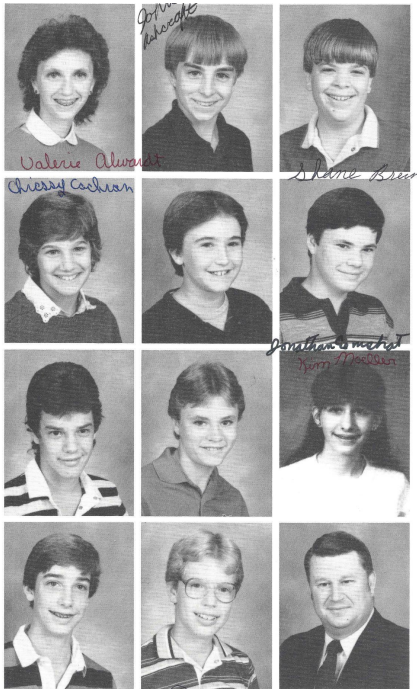


This month our staff spotlight falls on Dr. William D. Cochran —the man who started it all here at GSLS! On the left is his first principal picture in 1984...on the right, retired, and visiting our school in the fall of 2021. He seems to be smiling more now :-)



Dr. Cochran received his BSED from Concordia, Seward, his MSed from SIUE, and his Honorary Doctorate

from Concordia, Ann Arbor. He was a blessing in various classrooms for 54 years! WOW!
That's a lot of great teaching! He taught 22 of those years at GSLS and served as our principal for 8 years.



Dr. Cochran and his 8th grade class in the first GSLS Charger yearbook!



Dr. Cochran as principal and his 1st 8th grade class that graduated in May 1985

In 1984, he was instrumental in opening the school. He taught grades 6-8, as well as serving as the principal. Bob Mayhew was the first male teacher he hired, and together they saw the school go through several building projects.

Portable classrooms were used to hold the overflow students.

Dr. Cochran's two children attended GSLS and graduated in the classes of 1985 and 1987. What he loved most about teaching here were the teachers, eager students and their families, and how supportive the congregation was of the new school.



Dr. Cochran speaking to 4th graders



Dr. Cochran with Mrs. Batty's class

Dr. Cochran feels that our school is a wonderful outreach opportunity and blessing to the community, as we meet the needs of the hundreds of students we serve.

He knows that faith in God was the reason Good Shepherd Lutheran School was established, and knows that faith in God still remains a quality of the school today! He is grateful for all our donors because their support enables Good Shepherd to continue providing the high quality of education we are known for, and for sharing the saving Gospel message with others.



In his retirement years, Dr. Cochran enjoys visiting GSLs...



...and spending time with his family

His favorite Bible verse is his confirmation verse (which is also our school theme verse for the year!) Romans 1:16 *"For I am not ashamed of the GOSPEL of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation for everyone that believes."*

We are so thankful God worked through Dr. Cochran to open and run this school 38 years ago and are grateful for his continued prayers and support!

[Click here for Dr. Bill Cochran's Staff Spotlight Video](#)

Previous videos--Click here to play the 13 Flag Memorial video:

[13 Flags for US Military VIDEO](#)

Click here for the "Marching Band" video:

[Chargers Marching Band](#)

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.

Thank you for your support!



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