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3-7-22

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ROMANS 1:16



Ash Wednesday, which was celebrated on March 2, is 40 days before Easter Sunday. This 6-week season is called Lent and is a time of somber reflection and remembrance. Many people fast during this time and also abstain from something to remind them to focus on Jesus and what Jesus gave up for us---His life. May this season be meaningful to all of us as we reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf. At GSLS, we are always grateful that we can daily share the story of God's love and His plan of salvation through His Son Jesus for each and every one of us!



### GSLS ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

The 2022 Annual Benefit Auction for Good Shepherd Lutheran School, our school's largest fundraiser, is quickly approaching! The Virtual Auction opens for bidding on Sunday, March 13, at

5:00 p.m. and ends on Saturday, March 19, at 9:00 p.m.

Sign up now! Registration opened yesterday March 7, at <https://events.handbid.com/auctions/good-shepherd-annual-school-auction-2022> and you can preview the 200+ items available.

Items include a Florida and Ozark Getaway, a private plane ride, full orthodontics treatment, BBQ class, sports tickets, health/fitness products, meat bundles, goat yoga, massages and floats, private lessons, homemade/handcrafted products, birthday party and family fun packages, a large variety of gift cards, and more!

### Questions? Please contact Co-Chairs

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for more information!



Click here for Auction Flyer:  
[GSLs Auction 3-22](#)

FOUR  
SWIM LESSONS

ANY AGE  
ANY LEVEL

\*BY CARRIE KOBER - WATER SAFETY  
CERTIFIED SWIM COACH  
- 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE -  
SUMMER 2022

CALL FOR AGREED UPON DATES AND LOCATION

LAKE OF THE OZARKS  
CONDO

3 NIGHT - 4 DAY STAY

THREE BEDROOMS, THREE BATHS APPROX 1600 SQ FEET. MAIN BEDROOM HAS A KING BED, BATHROOM HAS A WALK IN SHOWER, AND JETTED TUB. QUEEN BEDROOM WITH ATTACHED BATHROOM. TWIN OVER FULL BEDROOM WITH AN ATTACHED/SHARED BATHROOM. FLAT PANEL TVS IN EVERY BEDROOM AND OUTSIDE SCREENED IN BALCONY.  
ALL LINENS AND TOWELS ARE INCLUDED. KITCHEN HAS EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO COOK AND SERVE YOUR MEALS. DISHES, SILVERWARE, COFFEE MAKER ETC.  
TWO SWIMMING POOLS, TENNIS AND PICKLE BALL COURTS.  
\*DATES TO BE AGREED UPON WITH OWNER\*

## Lots of gift baskets



Lots of science projects this month! Here are some of the 3rd grade animal habitats.



The 5th graders worked in groups to complete a S.T.E.M. Cartography project. This consisted of designing and constructing a hill (made in layers) from cardboard, along with making both topographic and relief maps.



Our 4th graders had fun in gym class celebrating the 2022 Olympics! They ran a Olympic Torch relay and had to speed skate on paper plates.

Watch their Olympic Video here:

[\*\*GSLs Celebrates the Olympics\*\*](#)



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

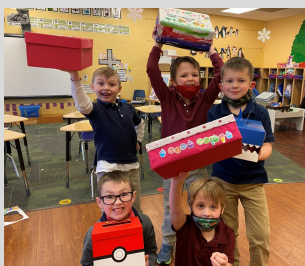
Chapel is a very important part of our week.

Our students have the opportunity to worship God, pray, and learn from God's Word. Pastor Walther spoke to our students about marriage and its importance.

We are so blessed by his messages!



Beginning band is for our 4th graders and is directed by Mr. Stegman. They are sounding really good these days!!



We had wonderful Valentine's Day Parties! So grateful for GOD'S LOVE we can celebrate every day of the year!!!





Pre K-3 - Hill



Pre K-3 - Jackson



Pre K-4 - Klaas



Pre K-4 - Nobbe



Kindergarten - Krause



Kindergarten - Sengele



1st Grade-Boys



1st Grade-Girls



2nd Grade



3rd Grade - Gain



3rd Grade - Pritchard



4th Grade - Batty



4th Grade-Maske



5th Grade



6th Grade



7th Grade



8th Grade



Happy Valentine's Day!!!

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## We thank Debra Downing for her support!!!



**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 email her at [nstallard@gslcs.org](mailto:nstallard@gslcs.org).



We had a wonderful time celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week in January and here is a highlight video of the fun!

CLICK HERE:

[National Lutheran Schools Week](#)

There are so many ways to support our school!  
You can donate online by clicking here:  
[Donate to GSLS!](#)

**Thrivent Choice Dollars  
expire on March  
31, 2022!**



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Remember, you can apply your Thrivent Choice Dollars to GSLS!  
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scroll down and click on: "Generosity"  
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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 do it each year.

Thank you for your support!

### Charger Bucks/ SCRIP

Scrip is Fundraising  
While You Shop!™



### Charger Bucks - Scrip

Purchase gift certificates through the Scrip/Charger Bucks program for numerous vendors and earn rewards for your family and for GSLs.  
Our code is: F8CLL9AF2577

This is the **easiest** program we have. These gift cards are the same price as buying them directly from the vendors themselves, so there is no additional cost to you for using the Scrip/Charger Bucks program!

If you need more information, contact Gail Mayhew ([chargerbucks@gslcs.org](mailto:chargerbucks@gslcs.org)) or click below:

[\*\*Scrip Ordering Link\*\*](#)



## 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."*





This is why we do what we do here at GSLS: teach students to "See a need...and fill a need." Alex & Grayson, along their mothers and Mr. Stegman, took time to shovel the ice off

the TRACKS entrance & play area after the big ice storm we had. THAT was a BIG job, and we thank them for their service to their school! That's the Charger Spirit at work!!



### Chapel Offerings:

We are so very proud of our Chargers! For February, all chapel offerings went to help buy backpacks filled with school supplies for Zambian children. They were \$15 each, and our students donated enough to send **113** backpacks! Whoohoo!!!

Teaching our students to give to others is just one of the many Christian life-skills we teach at GSLS... praising God for this wonderful GROUP effort! GO, CHARGERS!!



Here is something to warm your heart! Watch our 2 kindergarten classes singing God's praises in choir practice. Mr. Stegman does such an amazing job with the kids of all ages in choir and band....SO true...."God does loves me dearly." Enjoy!

Click for [Kindergarten Choir Practice](#)

### Open House



[CLICK here](#)  
**GSLs OPEN HOUSE**  
for the Open  
House Flyer!  
And please pass this  
along to friends you

Good Shepherd cordially invites you to an Open House for prospective students and their families. Our last Open House is on **March 20 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!\*\*](#)

The Girls A Basketball Team worked hard together, had a great season, and took 3rd place in their conference tournament! Thanks to Mr. Kreher for coaching!!!

[CLICK HERE for their Video:](#)  
[Girls A Team Basketball Video](#)



Our Girls C Team Basketball Team are in 5th-6th grades and are coached by Pastor Wycoff and Mr. Franklin.

[CLICK HERE for their Video:](#)

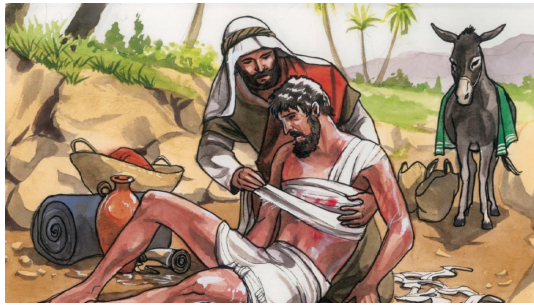
[Girls C Team Basketball Video](#)

Congratulations to the 5th grade boys basketball team and coaches on a 1st place championship in the Belleville Zion 5th Grade Tournament. A great season of sportsmanship and playing each game win or lose with the motto of "Modest in Victory, Gracious in Defeat."



Mr. Rincker's 8th grade students have been reading the Hobbit. So for art class, they chose a character from the book and replicated what the character would look like. They enjoyed the book, but the project made the book more fun! Enjoy their impressive full body artwork!





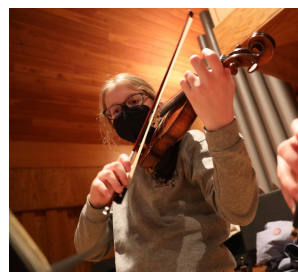
We are excited that the GSLS 3rd and 4th Grade Musical will be in person this year! Please join us on Thursday, March 24, at 7:00 P.M. for a suspenseful whodunit interpretation of the Good Samaritan.

The Variety Show is back! The GSLS Variety Show will be held on April 1 at 7:00 p.m. We invite any students, families, and staff to participate!



## GSLS String Program

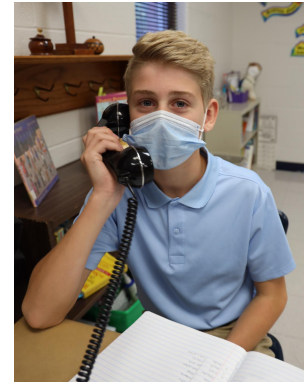
We are thankful for our new string teacher, Kim Gindler, who is an active performer in St. Louis area orchestras and also teaches in the SIUE Suzuki Program. Our GSLS String students sound AMAZING!!!



Mrs. Strackeljahn had her 7th



grade Spanish class practice their Spanish speaking skills while making pretend telephone calls. They found it challenging to come up with answers to the calls, some chose to hang up! HA! The BEST part of this exercise was watching them trying to "dial out" with Mrs. Strackeljahm's old-time phones! How times have changed! These students are learning so much in her class... Maravilloso!!!



In February, our 1st graders sang "Happy Birthday" to their wonderful teacher Mrs. Suzie Robinson. We wish her God's Blessings!!

[Click for her video: Mrs. Robinson's Birthday](#)

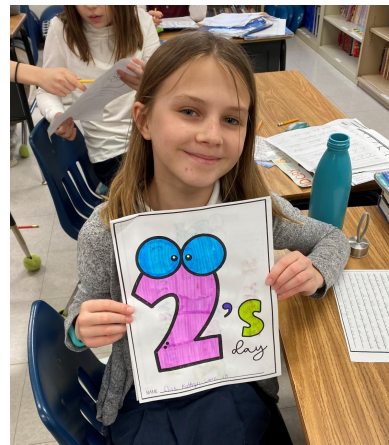


Both Kindergarten Classes and our 1st Graders enjoyed many activities as they celebrated their 100th Day of School!!! They had to search all around the room to find 100 Hershey kisses, write out 100 numbers, do 100 exercises, and make their



### Happy "Two's-Day" 2-22-22!!!

On 2-22-22 the 4th graders did a project: They had 2 materials, 2 people, 22 minutes, and 22 inches of tape. They were so creative! They also did writing assignments about 2's...."My friend and I go together like...bacon and eggs" or "Hot Chocolate and Marshmallows" Happy 2's day!!!!



**STAFF**  
Spotlight

## Mr. Zach Stegman - Music Director



Mr. Zachary Stegman received his Bachelor of Music Education and Music History degrees from SIUE. He has been teaching for 11 years, and we have been blessed to have him here as our Music Director for 9 of those years!

Mr. Stegman says, "I love that God's Word of Law and Gospel is taught daily and correctly, and that this defines everything that takes place at GSLS." He believes that music teaches the faith at another level and that the Word of God and its meaning are more easily remembered and retained when we learn it set to music. Students can serve the church and serve their neighbors using music throughout their entire lives.



Mr. Stegman organizes and teaches a LOT of music programs here: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Beginning Band, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Small Ensembles and Chapel Instrumentalists. He also teaches choir to EVERY age level. It is an amazing experience to watch him teach songs and actions to the 3-5 year-olds. They pick it up so quickly and love when he comes into their classrooms. There is Choir for 1-8<sup>th</sup> grades, and everyone sings at our Christmas and Spring Concerts. Mr. Stegman leads all the students in singing God's praises every week in chapel and has them bless the congregation by singing often in church throughout the year.

He also helps students prepare solos and participate in things like the IGSMa Solo and Ensemble Contest, ILMEA All District Band, Choir, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and Elementary Chorus, the Illinois Lutheran Schools Honor Band and other festivals. This year we were excited to have 3 students selected to the elite All Illinois Junior

## Band!!



GSLs is unique in that we offer instrumental music lessons during school time for piano, strings, and all band instruments.

Two of Mr. Stegman's four children attend GSLs and both are in the string program.



We are so grateful for how Mr. Stegman weaves his faith and God's word into everything he does here at school. His favorite Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 2:2 "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified."

We thank God for the talent, energy and enthusiasm He has blessed Mr. Stegman with... especially his ability to direct the band with one hand and play the bass drum with the other as he filled in for a sick student at a concert!

Click here to see his video: [Mr. Stegman 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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