



# Good Shepherd Charger News

"Rooted in Christ" Colossians 2:6-7

All School Newsletter  
December 1, 2023

## Charger Headlines...

### Calendar of Events

#### Friday, December 1

- Boys Basketball AC @ Maryville Christian 6:00 p.m.
- Girls Basketball A Team @ Edwardsville Tournament TBA

#### Saturday, December 2

- Band plays in Collinsville Light Up Parade 5:30 p.m., meet @ 5:00 p.m.
- Boys Basketball CD Belleville Round Robin Tournament 11:00 a.m.
- Girls Basketball A Team @ Edwardsville Tournament TBA

#### Sunday, December 3

- 1st & 2nd Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church
- 3rd and 4th Gr. Sing in 10:30 a.m. church
- 5th and 6th Gr. sing in 10:30 a.m. church
- 7th and 8th Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church
- Girls Basketball A Team @ Edwardsville Tournament TBA

#### Tuesday, December 5

- Boys Basketball AD @ Hamel 6:00 p.m.
- Girls Basketball AC Home vs Dupo 6:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, December 7

- Boys Basketball AC and C Girls @ Holy Cross, Collinsville 5:00 p.m.
- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
- Chapel Service 8:55 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)

#### Friday, December 8

- GSLS Theme T-Shirt Day
- Boys Basketball AD Home vs. Zion Bethalto 6:00 p.m.

For more information:  
[gslcs.org/calendars](https://gslcs.org/calendars)



#### Where Do I Find?...Helpful School Links

- [Health Forms](#)   [Athletics Volunteer Signup](#)   [Website](#)   [Charger Bucks-Scrip](#)

#### GSLS Chargerwear

Good Shepherd Charger Sweatshirts for sale in the school office! Get yours today in maroon or gray in youth and adult sizes, including XL, 2XL and 3XL. They make great Christmas gifts. (\$21.00) Also available are stocking caps, ball caps, drawstring bags, t-shirts, and some fleecewear!



#### Parent Alert

In the morning, drop off of students is only allowed at the spots where the **orange cones** are located on the parking lot. If you do not want to use the two car lines, please park your car in the designated parking spots and your children may walk in safely from there. Any questions, please speak with Mr. Mayhew.



#### Gingerbread House - December 5th & 6th

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! Adult help with shopping and bagging is needed in order to provide this fun opportunity for our students. **Please use this link now to volunteer - <https://signup.com/go/yjbhHMO>** Also, to help speed up the shopping process, please fill out the gift labels included in the Gingerbread House envelope your child was given to share with you. These should be filled out at home before they shop. Thank you.

#### Hat, Scarf, and Gloves

Please consider sharing the warmth of the season by donating new hats, mittens or gloves, and scarves for local children through the Collinsville Head Start and Food Pantry programs. Collection continues next week through Friday, December 16th.



#### Charger Bucks - Scrip Program

Make shopping for Christmas convenient by ordering gift cards and e-cards. Over 700 vendors to choose from at RaiseRight.com. Orders will be processed on December 4th and 11th. Check your list and be prepared for gifts, entertaining, travel, decorating, dining out, and earn tuition credits for your family! Invite your friends and relatives to order!



Gift cards will be sold in the connector hallway before and after Sunday School on December 3rd, 10th, 17th. (See flyer following newsletter.)

# Charger Headlines Continued...

## Pastor's Corner -

The Advent Season begins this Sunday with the lighting of the Advent wreath! Advent is the four weeks before Christmas. We have special Wednesday services 12/6, 12/13, & 12/20 at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. We also have Advent Suppers (free-will offering) from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Advent is a beautiful way to make your Christmas special. You might like to purchase your own Advent wreath for your home and have special family Advent devotions. Visit the news section of our website or app for more information. - <https://gslcs.360unite.com/devotions-advent>



## Congratulations

Vivian S., kindergarten student in Mrs. Sengele's class, won second place in the Lutheran Hour Ministries 2024 Rose Bowl Float Coloring Contest. The theme for this year is "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord". Vivian will receive a 2024 Petal Pushers t-shirt and a float magnet. To learn more about Petal Pushers and Lutheran Hour Ministry click this [link](#)

## Counselor News

Unfortunately, Good Shepherd is not currently providing counseling services for our students and parents. We are in the process of searching for the right candidate to meet our needs and trust God to provide. Thank you for your understanding and prayers.

## Young Authors

Students in 2nd, 4th, and 6th grade are required to participate in writing and illustrating a book as part of the Young Authors program. Kindergarten through 8th grade students are invited to get creative and also write a book. Books are due by February 9, 2024, unless otherwise stated by your child's teacher. Any questions may be directed to your student's teacher. Happy writing! (See flyer that follows for more details.)



## In Our Prayers This Week

Each week this school year, the faculty will be praying for the students and their families. Next week we will be praying for Piper B., Brooks B., Caden B., Sloane B., Reyna C., Evan D., Chris G., Lydia G., Thomas G., Emma K., and Skylar M. Please join us in prayer.

## Something to Consider...

**Can you depend on God?  
Promises about Who God is....  
God is Faithful:**

**The Lord is good and his  
love endures forever; his  
faithfulness continues through  
all generations.  
Psalm 100:5**

**If we confess our sins, God is  
faithful and just and will forgive  
us our sins and purify us from all  
unrighteousness.  
1 John 1:9**

**The word of the Lord is right and  
true; he is faithful in all he does.  
Psalm 33:4**

**If we are faithless, Christ will  
remain faithful.  
2 Timothy 2:13**

**The Lord is my shepherd. I shall  
not be in want.  
Psalm 23:1**

**Take the opportunity to share  
God's promises from holy  
scripture and allow the holy  
spirit to work in them.  
Blessings on your journey!**

**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.**

# Charger Headlines Continued...

## SIUE's Introduce A Girl to Engineering Day

This year's event will be held on Saturday, February 24th for all middle and high school girls. If you love to solve problems, create solutions, and dream of making a difference, the field of engineering might be your calling. Registration deadline is January 31st. (See flyer following for more info and a QR code to register.)

## Cough, Cold and Flu

**Please** continue to be vigilant about avoiding the spread of germs. As a reminder, your child **must stay home** if they have a fever of 100.0° F or higher. Wait at least 24 hours after the fever has come down **without medication** before sending your child back to school.

You will be asked to come pick up your child if their temperature is above 100°F or if vomiting has occurred while at school. You may want to have your child wear a mask if they have a cough. Questions are always welcomed!



## Annual Benefit Auction

The 2024 Annual Benefit Auction for Good Shepherd Lutheran School is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th. We look forward to celebrating our 40th year! While you are doing your Christmas shopping, you might want to consider a donation to the Auction. (The classroom lists follows the newsletter.)



## FRIENDZY

During the month of December, students will learn the importance of considering the needs of others, not just their own needs. We will discuss and dive into God's Word to discover the plan God has laid out for us to live in agreement with others—to think of the needs of others before we think of ourselves. Please click this [link](#) for more useful parent information.

## Early Childhood Center Loan Update

Good Shepherd's real estate loan on the Early Childhood Center matures in September, 2024. Due to rapidly rising interest rates, our goal is to pay off our current (October, 2023) balance of \$763,000 before our loan matures this September, 2024. We will then be debt free for all our school and church properties! Please prayerfully consider how you can help us meet this goal.

Donations are tax deductible and can be made via check to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or through any of the [Online Giving](#) platforms by designating the gift for our Building Fund. Please contact the Church Office at 618-344-3151 for more information or any questions. Thank you for your support of Good Shepherd.



Celebrating **40** Years of Christian Education

LIST OF THEME BASKETS BY GRADE FOR THE  
40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GSLS BENEFIT AUCTION – May 4, 2024  
Firemen’s Hall, Collinsville, IL

- PK3 – Baby Theme Basket
  - Ideas: Onsie, Bottles, Décor, Books, Stuffedies, Toys, Diapers, Monitor, Gift Cards
- PK4 – Family Fun Day Basket
  - Ideas: gift cards to local attractions: Edisons, Trampoline Park, Childrens Museums, Magic House, City Museum;
- K – Future Builders Basket
  - Ideas: Legos, Magnatiles, Building Blocks, Puzzles
- 1 – Camping and Smore’s Basket
  - Ideas: Sleeping Bag, Lawn Chairs, flashlight, camping accessories, smores kits, campfire kits
- 2 – Coffee & Hot Chocolate Basket
  - Ideas: Mugs, Coffee, Syrups, Local Coffee Gift Cards, Hot Chocolate, Marshmallows,
- 3 – Summer Theme Basket
  - Ideas: Beach towels, bubbles, Chalk, Water bottles, grilling accessories, tiki theme stuff,
  - summer décor
- 4 – Dinner Date Night Basket
  - Ideas: Restaurant Gift Cards; Weekly Menu Board
- 5 – Spa / Wellness Basket
  - Ideas: bath salts/bombs, yoga mat, candles, journal, Water bottle, small weights
- 6 – Movie Night Basket
  - Ideas: Popcorn maker, Popcorn, bowls, snacks, cozy blanket, AMC gift card, Chef shoppe gift card
- 7 – Sunday Morning Brunch Basket
  - Ideas: waffle maker, pancake mixes, Breakfast restaurant gift cards, recipes, Coffee
- 8 – Baking Basket
  - Ideas: Baking utensils, dessert recipes, mixing bowls



# Earn More With Holiday 2023

Every gift card you buy gives back to the cause you care about most

Shop holiday gifts for everyone on your list while earning for your cause at the same time—fundraising doesn't get easier than that! Whether you buy gift cards for presents or use them to buy gifts, you immediately earn on every order.

## Find Giftspiration With the 2023 Holiday Gift Guide

Find great gifting brands, use the holiday shopping list, and much more.

### Get the guide at

[RaiseRight.com/Resources/HolidayGuide](https://RaiseRight.com/Resources/HolidayGuide)



OR SCAN THE CODE

## Shop Limited-Time \$5 & \$10 Cards

The perfect small gift or stocking stuffer for that special someone. Shop the \$10 & Under Gift Cards category.

## eGift Cards Make Great Gifts Too

Running out of time or no physical gift card option available? Print an eGift card or send via email with a personalized message for convenient delivery.

## Get started with a RaiseRight account



Follow the easy steps to get started at [RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning](https://RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning). Check with your program coordinator to get your organization's unique enrollment code.

Shop 750+ brands on the RaiseRight mobile app or at [RaiseRight.com](https://RaiseRight.com).



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# Young Authors

Good Shepherd students will have the opportunity to participate in the district and state Young Authors Conference this spring. The purpose of these conferences is to support the classroom teachers in their efforts to improve students' writing and reading abilities. The conferences are different from the science and history fairs because the manuscripts are not judged at either level. The children get to enjoy the writings of others and get to meet "real" authors. The number of students allowed to attend the conferences is limited. A committee will select five representatives to attend the district conference and up to two students to attend the state conference. We would like to involve as many students as possible with the writing of their own creative stories. All submitted manuscripts will be displayed and student recognition will be given during chapel.

In order for the children to have successful experiences, it is important to have parent cooperation. As parents, you can encourage your children to write. How do you do that? You help them brainstorm ideas from their experiential background. You can help them (especially the younger children) to express their ideas in writing. Helping them think of ideas for illustrations, story content, and book jackets is another way for you to be involved. You can especially help them by being enthusiastic!

What can be written by children? They can write creative short stories or a collection of original poetry. They can rewrite stories or "polish" stories they've written earlier in school, either as assignments or for their journals.

Some teachers will use a period of in-class time to introduce the students to this idea and get them started. Some grades may be required to do more independent work than others.

**The manuscript is due February 9, 2024, to your child's teacher unless otherwise stated by the teacher.**

*In order to maintain some uniformity, books should have the following:*

- 1. A jacket of substantial quality with the pages securely attached. The jacket should have an illustration, a title, and the author's name.*
- 2. A title page including the title of the book, the author, a fictitious publishing company, and a copyright date.*
- 3. A dedication page, dedicating the book to someone special.*
- 4. Three or more illustrations done by the child. Students cannot use clip art or copyrighted characters. (optional for grades 5-8)*
- 5. Dictated books may be typed or hand written by an adult, but must be in the student's own language*
- 6. OPTIONAL—the child can write an author's page, telling about him/herself.*





# INTRODUCE A GIRL TO ENGINEERING DAY

PRESENTED BY:

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS  
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON  
SATURDAY, FEB. 24, 2024



## SCHEDULE

### ARRIVAL/REGISTRATION

8:30 - 9:00

### OPENING REMARKS/KEYNOTE SPEAKER

9:00 - 10:00

### ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES

10:00 - 1:30

\*Boxed lunch will be provided

### PANELIST DISCUSSION / Q&A

1:30 - 2:15

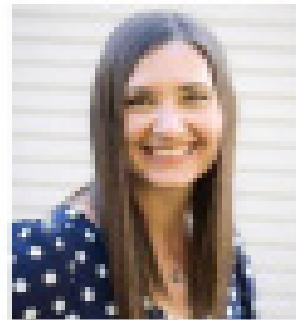
### CLOSING REMARKS

2:15 - 2:30

### AMEREN INTERN/CO-OP INFO SESSION

2:30 - 3:00 (OPTIONAL)

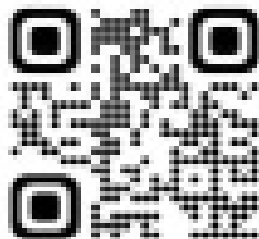
## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**JACKIE A. BECKER**

Jackie has been with Ameren since 2009 and is currently the Vice President of Transmission Engineering and Construction for Ameren Services Company. Here, Jackie leads the engineering design, project management, and construction organizations for all transmission substation and line projects.

## REGISTER HERE



## EVENT INFORMATION

### WHERE

SUE Engineering Building

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

January 31, 2024

### REGISTRATION FEE

\$10 (Qualifying Scholarships Available)

CONTACT US WITH ANY  
QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE

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