



# Good Shepherd Charger News

"Rooted in Christ" Colossians 2:6-7

All School Newsletter  
March 15, 2024

## Charger Headlines...

### Calendar of Events

#### Friday, March 15

- Illinois Lutheran Honor Band @  
Trinity Lutheran, Bloomington, IL

#### Thursday, March 21

- Chapel Service 9:00 a.m.  
- Grandparents & Special Friends Day  
8:15-11:00 a.m.  
- NO Hot or Alternate Lunches  
- 3rd & 4th Gr. Spring Musical in Gym  
7:00 p.m. (Students arrive at 6:45 in  
classrooms)

#### Friday, March 22

- NO SCHOOL - School Improvement  
Day

#### Saturday, March 23

- Regional Science and Engineering Fair  
@ SWIC Belleville Campus TBA

#### Sunday, March 24

- 1st, 2nd, 7th & 8th Gr. sing in 8:00  
a.m. church  
- 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Gr. Sing in 10:30  
a.m. church service

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



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

[Health Forms](#)

[Website](#)

[Charger Bucks-Scrip](#)

[2024-25 School Calendar](#)

#### 2024-2025 School Scholarships

One month to go! Deadline is fast approaching.



April 10 - Deadline to submit application

April 30 – Deadline for application to be marked complete  
by FACTS

May 24 – Award notifications sent to schools and families

Scholarship applications for **LESA's Building Blocks Assistance** and **Good Shepherd's financial assistance** is available using the Family Portal in FACTS or this [link](#). The district code for Good Shepherd is GS-IL. (A flyer with info for LESA's scholarship requirements follow.)

Contact Maureen Gersman at the LESA office, 314-200-0790, or [mgersman@lesastl.org](mailto:mgersman@lesastl.org) for answers to your application questions, required documents, etc.

#### Lutheran Honor Band

Congratulations to Trinity B., Josie W., Marion H., Lauren K., Bradley W., Liam D., Owen T., and Raelei B. for being accepted into the Illinois Lutheran Honor Band-the all state Lutheran school band. They traveled to Trinity Bloomington, IL today to perform a concert with Lutheran school band students from all over the state! Thank you for representing GSLS!



#### GSLS Auction

You are invited to celebrate 40 years of Good Shepherd providing Christ-Centered education for children PK3-8th Grade at the annual Dinner Auction.

This year's auction will raise funds for the school's infrastructure: technology, phones, intercom, and security cameras.

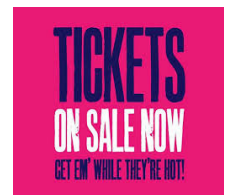
Our "Fund the Need" will go to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to help pay down the mortgage on the Early Childhood Center.

We hope to see you on May 4th for the Dinner and Live Auction. If you are unable to attend, please consider bidding virtually on our silent auction.

Please purchase tickets or register by clicking here, [GS Annual Auction](#).

Also please review the invitation and instructions following this newsletter.

You may reach out to Michelle at [matuszewski.michelle@gmail.com](mailto:matuszewski.michelle@gmail.com) with any questions.



# Charger Headlines Continued...

## Pastor's Corner -

Whenever we pray as Christians we end our prayers with the word "amen." The word amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so." The Bible tells us that Jesus is our Amen. That all of God's promises are yes and amen in Jesus. What does this all mean? It means that every prayer we pray is heard by God because of our faith in Jesus. It means that whenever we pray we are trusting that Jesus is faithful and true. We receive all of God's promises through faith in Jesus - every single one of them. When we pray and conclude with the little word "amen" we are saying that we trust our Lord to hear us just as He hears His beloved Son. Jesus prays on our behalf and all of our prayers are brought to our Heavenly Father through Him. He is our Amen. Be confident as you go to the Heavenly Father through faith in His Son. Know that your prayers are heard because of Jesus. He is your Amen. Amen is our word of faith and trust in Him. This doesn't mean that our Lord will give us everything we want, but it does mean He gives us everything we need in Jesus. - Pastor Packer



## Spelling Bee

We are proud of Elise T. who represented Good Shepherd at the St. Louis Regional Spelling Bee Qualifier at St. Louis University earlier this month. We thank God for the talents he has blessed Elise with, and we thank her for her leadership.

## Summer Fun

The details and registration for our 2024 [Summer Fun](#) program are now available. Click the [Summer Fun](#) link to review the information on our website. Forms are also available in the office.



## Regional Science and Engineering Fair

Please join us in support of Hunter M., Raeli B., Madilyn S., Caleb M., Noah W., Andi H., Lola F., Hayes O., and Chloe B. who will be presenting their projects to judges Saturday, March 23rd at the Regional Fair being held at the SWIC Belleville campus. We are proud of you!



## 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 Clark M., Daisy M., Addi O., Spencer O., Micah P., Gus S., and Noah W. Please join us in prayer.

## Something to Consider...

**You can depend on God!  
Does God Hold Your Future?**

**Jesus said, "I have come that those who believe may have life, and have it to the full."  
John 10:10**

**The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.  
2 Corinthians 3:17**

**Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.  
Romans 6:11**

**Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.  
Romans 8:2**

**Take the opportunity to share God's promises from holy scripture and allow the Holy Spirit to work in them.**

**Blessings on your journey!**

**Robert Mayhew, Principal**

**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...

## A Note from Our Counselor

Hi parents! I hope everyone is enjoying these beautiful days we've had. I personally love the longer days! March kicks off a busy month as kids complete testing and get to enjoy Easter break. Since March is so hectic, my services will pause, but will resume April 4 and will continue as your kids wrap up this school year. Time flies. I hope your kids have a great week and that your families have a wonderful Easter break. -Tiffany

## Charger Shoutout

A new sponsorship opportunity of the Auction is to purchase a "Shoutout" in the Auction Program. This is a fun way for grandparents, extended family and friends to support students and our school. An examples is: "Student's Name" we're proud of you! - Aunt Kathy and Uncle Joe  
Each one-line shoutout is \$20.00. Your payment may be sent to the school office. Please send your preferred wording or questions in an email to Michelle at [matuszewski.michelle@gmail.com](mailto:matuszewski.michelle@gmail.com)

## 3rd & 4th Grade Musical

Plan to join this year's 3rd & 4th Grade Musical Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. Hear Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Mary Magdalene, the Samaritan Woman, Mary, and Martha testify in court providing evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and the prophesied Savior!  
Sometimes people aren't happy to receive a jury summons, but fun music and plenty of humor will more than compensate your time. You may also catch the **dress rehearsal with the school body at 1:30 PM** on Thursday.

## Class Theme Baskets



Don't forget, you can help make this year's auction successful by donating to a class theme basket. Each class has a box to place items in. Thanks for helping our school shine! (See flyer following newsletter for donation ideas.)

## 2024-2025 Yearly Calendar

The yearly calendar for next year has been approved at our last Board of Day School Meeting. The link for this information is : <https://www.gslcs.org/calendars/>

## Teachers for 2024-25

We are looking for classroom teachers and a PE Teacher for the upcoming school year. If you know of someone who might be interested, please ask them to contact Mr. Mayhew at [gsls1@hotmail.com](mailto:gsls1@hotmail.com) or by calling the school at 618-344-3153 x 231. We are also looking for classroom aides to assist our teachers.

## Grandparents and Special Friends Day

We hope you are able to attend our special day, next Thursday, March 21st from 8:15 - 11:00 a.m. The Early Childhood and Kindergarten families may park down by the playground and come in through the ECC Front Doors. All other families may park in the main parking lot to create ample parking for everyone. Thank you for your understanding!

# K-8 Tuition Assistance

**Step 1:** Complete application online through FACTS

- <https://online.factsmgt.com/ga/inst-application/inst/4FG82>

**Step 2:** Submit payment for application (\$40)

**Step 3:** Submit **ALL 2023** tax documents

- Applicant & co-applicant must submit tax docs
- Taxes do not have to be filed, but must be prepared and uploaded to application
- Call LESA office with any questions

**Step 4: CHECK EMAIL**

- FACTS representatives will email if documentation is missing. Please respond as soon as possible and **check your junk folder** for FACTS emails.
- Tips on uploading a document can be found at [www.lesastl.org](http://www.lesastl.org)

## Required Documentation

- 2023—1040 Tax Form (page 1 & 2)
- 2023 W2(s)
- Business Income docs
  - ⇒ Schedule 1—5, C, E, K, etc.
- Non-taxable docs
  - ⇒ Child support, SNAP, TANF, Social Security

## Do You Qualify?

1. If at least **10%** of income from **2023** is used to cover the cost of a child/ children's Lutheran K-8 **net tuition**
2. Child/children must be enrolled at the school by April 30 to be eligible for a scholarship during the May awards

## Questions???

FACTS Parent Line: 1.866.315.9262

LESA Office: 314.200.0790

Email: [mgersman@lesastl.org](mailto:mgersman@lesastl.org)

Website: [lesastl.org](http://lesastl.org)

# Deadline: April 10, 2024

Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA)

*LESA provides financial resources for children in need to obtain Lutheran Christian education in the St. Louis area. We promote and advocate for efforts to improve the sustainability and quality of Lutheran Christian schools.*

# Auction Class Baskets

## *A Night to Shine*

"You are the light of the world" Matthew 5:14

- **PK3 – Baby Theme Basket**
  - Ideas: Onesies, 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



GOOD SHEPHERD  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION

***A Night to Shine***

"You are the light of the world" Matthew 5:14

You're invited to celebrate 40 years of Good  
Shepherd Lutheran School.



***Details about the event.***

Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the Firemen's Hall, Collinsville, IL.  
Doors open at 5:00pm for happy/social hour, with dinner at 6:30pm.  
Live Auction begins at 8:00pm.

Dinner and Live Auction tickets must be purchased prior to the event by scanning the Handbid QR code or clicking this link: [GS Annual Auction](#).

Individual Tickets: \$45

Table of 10 Tickets: \$450

If unable to attend the Dinner and Live Auction, support our school by participating in the Silent Auction. For Silent Auction only, register by scanning the Handbid QR code or clicking this link: [GS Annual Auction](#).

*Silent Auction begins Monday, April 29 and will end Saturday, May 4 at 7:30pm.*

Funds raised for this year's auction will go towards the school's infrastructure: technology, phones, intercom, and security cameras.

Fund the Need proceeds will go to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to help pay down the mortgage on the Early Childhood Center.

***Wear your Ruby (maroon/red) attire or jewelry in honor of 40 years of Good Shepherd Lutheran School providing a Christ-Centered education for children.***



## ***How do you register for the Dinner & Auction?***

1. Log into Handbid by scanning the QR Code or clicking this link [GS Annual Auction](#).



2. On the homepage you will see the option to Buy Tickets or Register. If you are attending the dinner, click Buy Tickets. When you buy your dinner ticket you are already registered for the silent auction and will receive a paddle number. If you wish to support Good Shepherd in the silent auction only, you will click, Register.

3. There are two ticket options. You as the purchaser will add the names of your guests. Adding an email address for each guest will allow you to send an invite to your guest so they can complete their registration and receive a paddle number.

- a. Individual Ticket – you can purchase yours and a guest.
- b. Table Ticket – This option allows you to buy a table of 10 tickets.



4. You are all set! See you May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Firemen's Hall! Please use the West Side door to enter the hall.