



Good Shepherd Charger News

"In His Hands" Isaiah 49:16

All School Newsletter
April 4, 2025

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Monday & Tuesday, April 7 & 8
- Achievement Testing

Tuesday, April 8-Friday, April 11
- Spring Book Fair in Library
7:45-8:30 am and 3:15-4:00 pm

Wednesday, April 9
- Free Dress Day

Thursday, April 10
- Free Dress Day
- NO Peer Tutoring
- Deadline to submit scholarship application for LESA & Good Shepherd

Friday, April 11
- Chapel 9:00 a.m.
- Grandparents & Special Friends Day 8:15-11:00 a.m.
- NO HOT LUNCH
- GSLS Theme T-shirt day
- Mid-Quarter
- 3rd & 4th Gr. Spring Musical in Gym - 7:00 p.m. (Students arrive at 6:45)

Saturday, April 12
- Belleville Invitational Track Meet @ Bell. East H.S. 9:00 a.m.

Monday, April 14-Monday, April 21
- NO SCHOOL - Easter Break

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



April 10th Deadline for 2025-26 School Year

Reminder

Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd is available through FACTS. Info for LESA's scholarship requirements follow this newsletter. **Deadline to apply is Thursday, April 10, 2025.** Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd Church and School are available **NOW** through FACTS. (See flyer.)

Spring Musical - Grades 3&4

Friday, April 11th 7:00 PM in the GYM

3rd and 4th grade students present the Spring Musical "The Born Again Identity". Dress for 3rd grade will be the t-shirt they will receive on that day.

Dress for 4th grade is their costumes. Students arrive by 6:45 PM in their classroom. Doors open at 6:35 PM. All families are encouraged to attend, enjoy the show and support our talented students!

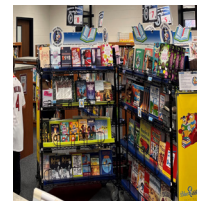


Tardy Students

Parents, if your child arrives to school after 8:15, an adult needs to come in to the office and sign him/her in. Thank you.

Spring Book Fair

Please plan to come to the Book Fair **Tuesday, April 8th-Friday, April 11th** in the school library. Times are: 7:45-8:30 a.m. and 3:15-4:00 p.m. each day. Cash, check and charge will be accepted. Thank you for supporting our school!



GSLS Auction

Thank you to our GOLD LEVEL AUCTION SPONSORS! (Please see the Committee's letter following this newsletter.)

Abstracts & Titles Andrew and Lucinda Wilder Agavero Grill and Cantina
American Cleaners Brinley Orthodontics Bauer Orthodontics
Collinsville Anesthesia Associates – Nancy Ganschietz
Country Financial – Mandy Kitzmiller Edwardsville Plumbing
Forge Electrical Group, LLC Frazier Endodontics jmk Law, LLC
Laura Buick – GMC Signs 'N' Such Wall Street Financial Group, LLC

Peer Tutoring

There will be **NO** Peer Tutoring on **Thursday, April 10th**. Peer tutoring will resume **Thursday, April 24th**.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Packer

A great summary of this coming Sunday: In the temple Jesus said, "If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death" (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment.

Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11–15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1–14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.



FREE DRESS Days

Next week are the last two free dress days - **Wednesday, April 9th, and Thursday, April 10th**. Thank you for your support!

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

We look forward to seeing you next **Friday, April 11th** from 8:15-11:00 a.m. A form was sent home with the schedule of the morning events. **PARENTS**, please answer the permission questions and return the form to the teacher ASAP.



To create ample parking for everyone, we ask the Early Childhood and Kindergarten families park down by the playground and come in through the ECC Front Doors. All other families may park in the main upper parking lot. We appreciate your understanding and help.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **No Hot Lunch** served. All students who are staying in school over the lunch hour will need to bring a lunch.

Save the Date

The Awards Banquet is **May 20th**. More information will be coming.



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 Thomas G., Vivian S., Stella B., Jay P., Zion S., Emilee H., Evelyn Y., and Sloane B.

Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

Hanging In

We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it.)

- Romans 8:24

Who but God controls the future? Who but God has a home for you that is eternal? Who but God forgives your sins? Who but God gives you a life that lasts forever? The reality is that God is always acting, you just may not always be aware of it. He is always aware, always there, always caring. Keep hoping God will act at the time and in the way that is best for you.

Blessings!

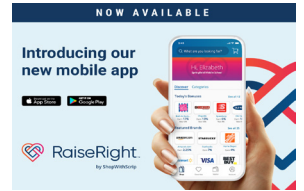
Robert Mayhew, Principal

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...

SCRIP - Charger Bucks

Who doesn't like to receive a gift card as a gift? Shop with SCRIP or the RaiseRight App and find gifts for every special occasion. Celebrate Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation, weddings and more while you earn money for your school and tuition credit for your family.



Summer Fun



Spring is right around the corner and so is Summer Fun. Summer fun will run from May 28th-Aug. 1st. Please fill out the form for the days your child will be attending. (Forms are available on our website - <https://www.gslcs.org/k-8th/summer-camp/> and in the school office.) **Forms are due back by Friday, April 25th.** If your child is coming half day, mark with an H, full day with an F and extended day with an E. You can make changes as long as the changes happen by the Wednesday before the week starts. Currently, Summer Fun is only offered for students enrolled for the 2025-2026 School year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nobbe.

Position Openings at Good Shepherd for 2025-26

Teachers

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is accepting applications for Christian teacher positions in grades K-8. We are planning for the 2025-26 school year and will be looking for teachers. Good Shepherd is a special, unique Christian school having strong commitment to the quality education and Christian training of the lambs of our Good Shepherd. Teachers shall have, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in education with a teaching license. Applicants should have good communication, organizational skills, leadership qualities, and a love for children. A more complete job description is available in the school office. Please contact Mr. Mayhew at 618-344-3153 or gsls1@hotmail.com, if you are interested or know of anyone who may be an excellent candidate.

Physical Education Teacher

We're excited to announce an opening for a PE Teacher (Grades K-8) at our school! We're seeking an energetic leader who thrives on teamwork and is passionate about inspiring students to embrace physical activity. If you have a knack for fostering a love of movement and are interested in coaching volleyball or other sports, we want to hear from you! Teachers shall have, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in education with a teaching license. Please contact Mr. Mayhew at gsls1@hotmail.com or 618-344-3153 to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

Teacher Aides

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is receiving resumes for teacher aide positions. The part-time positions will work with the Early Childhood and Day School teachers for the 2025-26 school year. Seeking a dedicated person who loves children, who can follow instructions, work cooperatively with others and be a self-starter. Please contact Mrs. Nobbe or Mr. Mayhew at 344-3153 or rnobbe@gslcs.org or gsls1@hotmail.com

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A Heartfelt Thank You for Your Support at our 2025 “Shake, Rattle & Bid” Benefit Dinner

Dear Attendees, Supporters & Sponsors,

On behalf of Good Shepherd Lutheran School Auction Committee, we want to extend our deepest thanks to each and every one of you for making our 1950s-themed “Shake, Rattle & Bid” benefit dinner an incredible success!

We are excited to announce that, thanks to your generous support, we were able to raise a net total of **\$41,784**! Amazing! These are much-needed funds for the overall success of our school, with the “Fund the Need” donations going toward important security initiatives such as updating and strengthening our security systems to ensure a safe environment for all who walk through our doors. This is a vital step in protecting the staff of GSLS and the children entrusted to GSLS care, and we are truly blessed by your partnership in this effort.

We are grateful for the way you embraced the fun and vibrant theme of the evening, bringing the spirit of the 1950s to life as we came together as a community. But beyond the joyful atmosphere, your presence and contributions reflect something far greater—a shared commitment to nurturing our students not just in knowledge, but in faith. We are reminded of how Christ calls us to come together in service, to support one another, and to build a strong, united community.

We also want to express our special thanks to our sponsors & donors, whose generosity played a key role in making this event possible. Thank you to those who gave of your time, talents and treasures to donate auction items, event supplies and volunteered to transport items and set-up at the venue! Your faithful support helps us continue to provide an education rooted in Christian values, where every student has the opportunity to grow in faith, wisdom, and grace.

As we reflect on the success of this evening, we are filled with gratitude for each one of you. Your prayers, time, and resources are truly a blessing, and we are excited for the future of our school, knowing that together we are helping to lay a strong foundation for the next generation of Lutheran education.

Thank you again for your unwavering support. May God bless you abundantly, and we look forward to seeing you at future events as we continue to serve Him and support the growth of our students and our school.

In Christ’s love,

2025 Auction Committee

P.S. We would love for you to join us on the Auction Committee as we look to the planning of the 2026 Benefit Dinner! Please email gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com if you are interested in sharing your ideas and talents as we plan for our next event!

K-8 Tuition Assistance

Step 1: Complete application online through FACTS

- <https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/4FG82/landing-page>

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

Step 3: Submit **ALL 2024** tax documents by April 10

- Applicant & co-applicant must submit tax docs
- Taxes do not have to be filed, but must be prepared and uploaded to application

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

Required Documentation

- 2024—1040 Tax Form (page 1 & 2)
- 2024 W2
- 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 2024** 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

Website: lesastl.org

Deadline: April 10, 2025

Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA)

LESA equips Lutheran schools, families, and communities with resources to expand God's Kingdom.