



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Be Brave" Deuteronomy 31:6

All School Newsletter
October 24, 2025

Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 25

- A Team Girls Volleyball Conf. Tourney vs Holy Cross, Collinsville @ MELHS 2:00 p.m.
- Girls PeeWee Basketball 9:00-10:00

Sunday, October 26

- 1st & 2nd Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church
- 3rd and 4th Gr. Sing in 10:30 a.m. church

Monday, October 27

- Papa John's

Tuesday, October 28

- Girls PeeWee Basketball Game 6:30 p.m.
- Gr. 2-4

Wednesday, October 29

- Chapel Service Gr. 3-8, 8:25 a.m.
- Chapel Service PK-Gr 2 8:55 a.m.

Thursday and Friday, October 30 & 31

- NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Preschool-Grade 8

Sunday, November 9

- 5th and 6th Grades sing in 10:30 a.m. church service
- 7th and 8th Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church

Tuesday, November 11

- Veterans Day Assembly in Gym 2:00 p.m.
- band plays

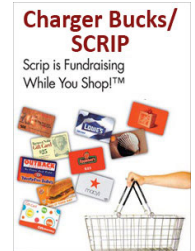
For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Charger Headlines...

Charger Bucks - Scrip Program

Now is the time to purchase gift cards through the Scrip/Charger Bucks program! Earn rewards for your family and for GSLS. Whether you buy gift cards as presents or use them to buy gifts, you immediately earn on every order! There is no additional cost to you for using the Charger Bucks/Scrip program! For more information see our [website](https://gslcs.org), gslcs.org, and click the Parents tab, Charger Bucks/Scrip or use this [link](#).



Papa John's - Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Day/Night at Papa John's on the Beltline in Collinsville is **Monday, October 27th**. All day you may order online, on the app, or by phone and Good Shepherd will receive **30%** of your purchase price. Mention our code: SSG005 when ordering. See flyer following newsletter.

Honoring Our Veterans

VETERANS: Good Shepherd Lutheran School invite all veterans to a special thank you tribute to our men and women who have served our country or are currently serving. Please join us on **Tuesday, November 11th**, at 2:00 p.m. in the school gym for the students to show you their thanks for your service. Please RSVP to the school office (618-344-3153) or email lsengele@gslcs.org so that we will have enough seating. The students always look forward to this special opportunity so please come and be a part of it!!



Lost and Found

Now that it's getting cooler, parents please put your child's name or initials in jackets, sweatshirts, etc. Also, please check the Lost and Found in the school office, TRACKS and the gym office. There are many items looking for their owners.

Good Shepherd Variety Show Cancelled

Due to lack of participation, this year's Variety Show is cancelled.

Girls Pee-Wee Basketball Game

Our GSLS girls in grades 2-4 have been learning basketball skills and will be playing in the Annual Girls' Pee-Wee game on **Tuesday, October 28th** at 6:30 p.m. Come cheer our future Chargers!

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner

This weekend we celebrate the Reformation in our worship services. At its heart, the Reformation has always been about the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Martin Luther wanted everyone to know—as we do—that the truth, Jesus Himself, sets us free from the bondage of sin, death, and the devil. We invite you to join us in celebrating that freedom and hope this weekend!



Pie Sale

It's pie season, and Good Shepherd is partnering with Kruta's Bakery for our Pie Sale! From **October 27 through November 17**, you can order delicious, fresh-baked pies just in time for Thanksgiving. Choose from fruit pies: Apple, Apple Cinnamon Crumb, Peach, or Cherry \$14.50 each, and of course... Pumpkin Pie! Only \$10.00 All pies will be picked up at Good Shepherd on **Tuesday, November 25th anytime between 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**. Stock up for your holiday table or surprise a neighbor with a sweet treat — every pie sold helps support Good Shepherd Lutheran School. An order form is attached for you to easily share with family, friends, and coworkers. Thank you for supporting Good Shepherd!



FRIENDZY

In November we will begin our next unit in FRIENDZY titled **Stress Less-Breathe Easy**. The Bible tells us in 1 Peter 5:7 "Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you." In this unit students will learn techniques that help relieve stress and calm their brain and body. Please review the letter from Mr. Mayhew following this newsletter for more information.

Volleyball Conference Tournament

Please join us in cheering for our Volleyball A-Team tomorrow, **Saturday, October 25th** as they compete in their last conference tournament at MELHS. First game is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Fire Up Chargers!



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 John A., Charlotte F., Harrison G., Micah G., Maria H., Paityn K., Caleb K., Jamie M., Dakota M., and Briar P.

Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

Living as a Christian in Today's World

Living as a Christian today means standing firm in faith, even when the world encourages us to follow other paths. We are called to love others, forgive freely, and show kindness in all we do. By trusting in God's Word and reflecting Christ's love, we shine His light in our homes, schools, and communities. Though times may change, God's truth never does—and He gives us strength to live faithfully each day.

Scripture:

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind." — Romans 12:2

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...

GSLS Newsletter

You will not be receiving a newsletter next week because of the shortened school week to allow for our Parent-Teacher Conferences. The next newsletter will be sent Friday, November 7th.

Good Shepherd Concerts and Musical

Please take note of our **concert and musical dates and times** for this year which involve ALL of Preschool-8th grade:

Sunday, December 7th, 2025 (note new times this year)

- 1:00 PM 3's (Hill, Junge, Klaas)
- 1:45 PM 4's (Nobbe, North)
- 2:30 PM Kindergarten (Krause, Sengele')
- 3:15 PM 1st-2nd (Cook, Nehrt, Cross, Strocher)
- 4:00 PM 3rd-4th (Clayton, Meador, Batty, Felten)
- 5:30 PM 5th-8th (Hamari, Rebbe, Lingel, Maske, Hasamear, Hulse, Krueger, Langendorf)

Thursday, March 12th, 2026

- Grandparents and Special Friends Day
- 1:45 PM 3rd-4th Grade Spring Musical Dress Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM 3rd-4th Grade Spring Musical Public Performance

Tuesday, May 5th 2026

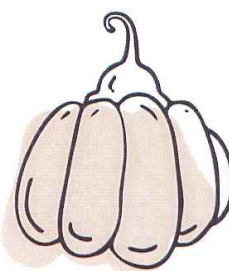
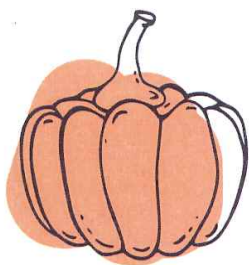
- 6:30 PM Spring Concert
- 5th-8th Grade Band, 5th-8th grade choirs, 4th grade band

Sunday, May 17th, 2026 Spring Programs

- 1:00 PM 3 year olds (Hill, Junge, Klaas)
- 1:45 PM 4 year olds (Nobbe, North)
- 2:30 PM 1st-2nd grade (Cook, Nehrt, Cross, Strocher)
- 3:30 PM Kindergarten (Krause, Sengele')



	Apple	Apple Cinnamon Crumb	Peach	Cherry	Pumpkin	Amount Due
	\$14.50	\$14.50	\$14.50	\$14.50	\$10.00	
Student Name						
Phone Number						
Name of Organization						
Teacher Name						
Name & Phone Number						
Totals in this Line						
Total Amount Due						



FALL PIE SALE



KRUTA'S BAKERY - 8 IN PIES

Celebrate the Holidays with Pies from Kruta's Bakery

Fruit Pies - \$14.50/each

Apple, Apple Cinnamon Crumb, Peach, Cherry

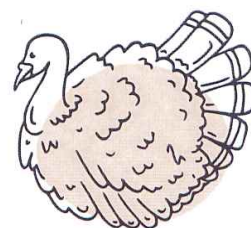
Pumpkin Pies - \$10.00/each

OCTOBER 27TH - NOVEMBER 17TH 2025

PICKUP WILL BE FROM 8:00AM - 5:00PM

ON TUESDAY, NOV. 25TH IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

All Sales Benefit Good Shepherd Lutheran School



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**Monday,
October 27, 2025**

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Good Shepherd Lutheran School

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FRIENDZY

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UNIT TWO >>> LISTEN UP!

Good Shepherd Families!

THIS MONTH ///

We are in the second unit of Friendzy. Time flies when you are having fun! This month we are teaching the students the Catchphrase **LISTEN UP!** In this unit we will learn about **Whole Body Listening**; learning to listen with our whole selves so that others feel seen, heard, and valued.

Catchphrase (main point for students to catch on to):

"Listen Up!"

Key Verses (Biblical anchor points):

Deuteronomy 6:4-5: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

Proverbs 2:2: "Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding."

Here's what Whole Body Listening entails. Whole Body Listening is a concept we will learn in this lesson to help focus and actively listen with more than just our ears. It involves **ALL** of these parts of our body: ears, eyes, brain, mouth, heart, hands, and feet. We can learn to be whole body listeners through Friendzy!

We encourage you to **Continue the Friendzy Conversation** with your student!! Here are the main points your student will learn in Unit 2:

1. **Listening is a whole-body activity.** Turn your body toward the person speaking and use your eyes to **SEE** the person's expressions and posture, your ears to **TAKE IN** what they are saying, your heart to **RELATE** to whatever emotions they are communicating so that you can **RESPOND** with wisdom and love, in words if necessary.

2. **Listening can keep peace.** When we are quick to listen and slow to speak, we can be sure we are understanding others more clearly before we jump to conclusions or have misunderstandings that lead to hurt feelings and anger. Wait to speak until you are sure you understand.
3. **Listening demands good questions.** Some people need to be drawn out. Some people need help making their point. Questions like, "tell me more" and "how does that make you feel?" can be powerful to help people feel loved and safe in friendship. Be curious about your friends.
4. **Wise words heal hearts.** Affirming words that follow active listening can heal hearts and build friendships. When we "concentrate on understanding", we will respond to our friends with wisdom and encouragement that builds friendships and changes the culture of our schools.

G.E.A.R. Up to Listen Up! ///

G—Get Quiet: Turning off the external noise of media creates space to focus on quieting down the internal conversations happening in our own minds.

E—Engage: Be present in conversations by actively listening with your whole body. When appropriate, engage, and ask questions. Practice patience, wait for your turn to talk, and be careful not to interrupt.

A—Accept: Actively listening is a way we accept the gift of what others are sharing. Let's be friends who accept the gift of other's stories, receiving them with kindness and respect.

R—Respond: Responding with whole-body listening communicates we are engaged, we care, and we're listening.

ASK THOUGHTFUL QUESTIONS ///

Next time you have your eyes glued to a screen and begin to tune out the world around you, consider pausing and asking yourself these helpful questions to practice the skills of self-awareness and social awareness in your home:

- > What is happening around me?
- > Who is present in the room that I need to be aware of?
- > Do I need to pay attention to them?

We are better and stronger together!

Blessings,
Mr. Mayhew