



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Be Brave" Deuteronomy 31:6

All School Newsletter
January 16, 2026

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, January 16

- Boys Basketball A Team Zion Harvester Tourney @ Messiah St. Chas. vs. Bethlehem 7:45 p.m.

Sat., Jan 17 & Sun., Jan 18

- Boys Basketball A Team Zion Harvester Tournament 8:00 a.m.

Monday, January 19

- NO SCHOOL in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tuesday, January 20

- Boys Basketball BD Home vs Zion Litchfield 6:00 p.m.
- Girls Basketball D Team Home vs Zion Litchfield 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21

- Chapel Service Gr. 3-8, 8:25 a.m.
- Chapel Service PK-Gr 2 8:55 a.m.
- Girls Basketball A Home vs Unity Lutheran 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 22

- A Team Boys Red Bud Basketball Tourn. vs Nashville/Okawville 6:30 p.m.
- Girls Basketball AC Home vs Zion Belleville 6:00 p.m. (Band Plays)

Friday, January 23

- A Boys and Girls Basketball @ Grace Chapel, MO

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Spring Resale Shop Open - February 7

Mark your calendar to stop by our **Resale Shop** on **Saturday, February 7th** from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the school cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to purchase gently used standardized dress clothes and Good Shepherd Chargerwear at bargain prices. Polos, shorts, pants, skirts, and more will be available in lots of sizes for both boys and girls. (4T-18+). Parents, you are encouraged to bring clean, gently worn standardized clothes or Chargerwear items to the school office any time to be included in the sale.



Re-enrollment for 2026-2027 School Year

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE: Should you choose not to re-enroll your student(s) you must notify the school **by the end of the day, TODAY, Friday, January 16th**, to avoid the Non-Refundable fee being withdrawn from your account on January 20th.

Spring Pictures & Winter Sports Pictures

Lifetouch will be taking spring pictures on **Thursday, February 5th** for **Preschool and Kindergarten students**. **Grades 1-8 pictures will be taken on Friday, February 6th**. Standardized dress is **NOT** required for these pictures. Order forms are being sent home or you can order online using our school ID: EVTMM4JQ

Winter Sports Pictures (grades 5-8, Boys and Girls Basketball and Cheerleading Squad) will be taken on **Friday, February 6th beginning at 7:00 a.m.** Athletes will receive a picture form from their coaches or you can order online using the ID: EVTRSB7KK

TRACKS - Afterschool Care

For the safety of all children, the playground is reserved for **TRACKS** After-School Care students **only** beginning at 3:30 p.m. During this time, supervision is provided specifically for students enrolled in the **TRACKS** program.

We have had instances where children not enrolled in **TRACKS** were injured, and we want to ensure proper supervision and a safe environment for everyone. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep all students safe. Questions, contact Mr. Mayhew in the school office.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner

His Glory Made Known to Us

At the wedding in Cana, Jesus manifested his glory when he changed the water into wine. Seeing his glory, his disciples believed in him. The season of Epiphany teaches and makes known to us the glory of the Lord. As we ponder the miracle at Cana, we also rejoice that Jesus' glory is made known to us in Word and Sacrament. As always, we gather this weekend around these gifts, which reveal his glory to us, and by the Holy Spirit we, like the disciples, believe in him - Pastor Gray



Tuition Scholarships

Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd Church and School are now available through FACTS. (See flyer following for all the details.) Parents please use this link to sign up for the LESA Tuition Assistance Application Zoom Meeting – February 24, 2026. This is a 30 minute Zoom meeting and will be very helpful, especially for first time applicants.

<https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/qyyfe>

There will be a virtual event on March 24, but this will be 15 minute time slots. Families can sign up for more than one time slot if they feel they need more time. Here is the link for the March 24 sign up: <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/tuxoj>

Prospective Students Open House

Good Shepherd Lutheran School will hold an Open House on **Sunday, January 25th** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for Preschool through Grade 8. Invite your friends and neighbors to tour the school and find out more about the opportunities at Good Shepherd!

Peer Tutoring

There will be NO Peer Tutoring on Thursday, January 29th due to National Lutheran Schools Week. Peer Tutoring will resume on **February 5th**.



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.

Something to Consider...

As we begin a new year, many people speak of fresh starts, new goals, and hopeful resolutions. As Christians, we are reminded that our greatest blessing is not found in our plans for the year ahead, but in the promise that Jesus walks with us each day.

To walk with Jesus is to walk in His Word. Through Scripture, God guides, corrects, comforts, and strengthens us. In a world filled with uncertainty, His Word remains our sure foundation. As Psalm 119:105 reminds us, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Walking with Jesus also means trusting Him in every season—both joyful and challenging. Our Lord does not promise a life free from struggle, but He does promise His presence. Jesus says in Matthew 28:20, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." What comfort it is to know that we never walk alone.

At Good Shepherd, we give thanks that Jesus walks with us through Word and Sacrament, strengthening our faith and renewing us in His grace. As we move into this new year together—students, families, teachers, and staff—may we walk daily in repentance, forgiveness, love, and service, reflecting Christ's light to one another and to the world.

May the Lord bless our steps in the year ahead as we walk faithfully with Jesus.

Blessings!

Robert Mayhew, Principal

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 Violet M., Elise L., Taylor P., Jacob K., Levi T., Rylin R., and Adalie T.

Please join us in prayer.

Charger Headlines Continued...

National Lutheran Schools Week

We look forward to celebrating Good Shepherd Lutheran School during National Lutheran Schools Week

January 26-30. Students will participate in fun dress-up days, daily devotions, and other activities to celebrate Lutheran schools. The theme is “Let’s make a Joyful Noise” from Psalms 98:4 (See flyers that follow for fun dress days and daily themes.)

Annual Benefit Auction

The 2026 Annual Benefit Auction for Good Shepherd Lutheran School will be on **Saturday, March 21st**. Keep reading to find a list of themes for each of the classrooms. Ready to buy tickets? Use this link to get yours today: <https://events.handbid.com/auctions/good-shepherd-lutheran-school-auction-2026> A sponsorship/donation form also follows the newsletter. We appreciate your generosity and involvement! Any questions, email the committee for a quick response: gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com

2026 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of 01/01/26) are invited to participate in the local level of competition of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. This competition is **free of charge** and will be held at SS Peter & Paul’s gym, 207 Vandalia Street in Collinsville on **Saturday, January 31st**. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. with the contest starting at 2:00 p.m. Entry forms will be available the day of the event. Participants are required to provide proof of age and parental consent on the entry form. All contestants will be recognized for their participation in the event. Winners may progress through district and state level competition. Any questions please call the chairman of the event, Paul Proffitt at 618-616-1249.

Spring Musical, Grandparents & Special Friends Day, and Concert & Program Dates

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, Sengeler)

Celebrating **42** *Years of Christian Education*



K-8TH GRADE TUITION ASSISTANCE

ABOUT LESA

Through generous donors and fundraising events, we provide tuition assistance to qualifying K-8th grade Lutheran elementary students.

DO YOU QUALIFY?

Yes, if your student is enrolled and at least 10% of income is used to cover the cost of a family's K-8 net tuition (including other financial aid, such as MO Scholars).

Late applications are reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the summer.

LESA's website: www.lesastl.org

QUESTIONS?



MAUREEN GERSMAN
314-200-0790
MGERSMAN@LESASTL.ORG



FACTS PARENT HELP LINE
1-866-412-4367

REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete application in FACTS
 - o **Deadline: April 10**
 - o <https://tinyurl.com/LESA-App>
2. Submit required documents
 - o 2025 - 1040 tax return (entire packet)
 - o 2025 - W2
 - o nontaxable income (SNAP, etc)
3. Application is complete by **April 30**

AWARD NOTIFICATION

Families will be emailed of award or denial once their application has been reviewed.
1st round of review - Emailed by May 22

APPLY BY: APRIL 10, 2026

LESA'S MISSION
EQUIPPING FAMILIES, LUTHERAN SCHOOLS,
AND FAITH COMMUNITIES FOR DYNAMIC,
CHRIST-CENTERED EDUCATION

NLSW DRESS UP DAYS

Monday

Country Western
or Country Club



Tuesday

Good Shepherd
Spirit wear



Wednesday

Mismatch Day



Thursday

Career Day



Friday

Comfy Cozy



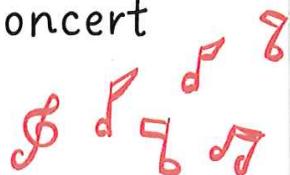
Let's make
a Joyful
Noise

Psalm 98:4

NLSW ACTIVITIES

Monday

Jennie Williamson
Concert



Tuesday

8th grade vs
Teacher Volleyball

game
5th - 8th grade



Wednesday

Spelling Bee



Thursday

Move Up Day



Friday

Movie Day



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PK3 – American Girl / Lego Basket

Ideas: American Girl Doll, Doll accessories (furniture, clothes, styling kit), American Doll books, Lego sets, Lego table, Lego organizer

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a larger/more unique Lego set or go in together for a larger dollar mount for American Girl Store Gift Card.

PK4 – Local Staycation Basket

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for gift cards to experiences in Grafton, IL

Kdg – Family Fun Basket

Ideas: gift cards to local attractions: Edisons, Trampoline Park, Children's Museums, Magic House, City Museum, Top Golf

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for larger quantity gift cards.

1st – Disney Themed Basket

Ideas: All things you need for a day at a Disney Park. Disney theme: bag, backpack, water bottles, lanyards, Mickey Ears, autograph book

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a Disney Store Gift Card.

2nd – Postcard Cabin Getaway

Ideas: Items needed for a quiet cozy getaway: snacks, books, games.

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a gift card for a 3-night stay

3rd - 4th of July/Patriotic Basket

Ideas: Red, White, and Blue Items, Grill accessories, Butcher Gift Card,

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a color themed Yeti Cooler

4th – Tech Bundle Basket Ideas: headphones, Bluetooth speaker, Fortnite/Roblox Gift card

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for Beats products

5th – Water Fun Basket

Ideas: Water park passes; Beach Bag, Cooler

6th – Wine & Dine Basket

Ideas: Red and White wine, gourmet snacks, charcuterie board, gift card to local restaurants

7th – Golf Basket

Ideas: Top Golf gift card, Park North gift card, X- Golf, Dicks/Golf Galaxy gift card

8th –Good Shepherd Fan Basket

Chairs, Wagon, Cooler, Tumblers, Blanket

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a Bogg Bag

Good Shepherd Lutheran School
2026 Benefit Auction ★★★

RED, WHITE & BID

March 21, 2026
Collinsville American Legion
★★★

BE A HERO FOR OUR STUDENTS

Become a Sponsor – Stand with Us for Lutheran Education
& Celebrating America's 250th Birthday

Your partnership helps fund critical programs for Good Shepherd Lutheran School students while proudly displaying your commitment to community, education, and country. All proceeds directly benefit necessary improvements to our school security and facility - helping create an enriching & safe learning environment.

WILLING TO DONATE AN
AUCTION ITEM?
ITEM IDEAS INCLUDE:
• BASKET OF GOODS
• GIFT CARDS OR CERTIFICATE
• SPORTING EVENT TICKETS
• ENTERTAINMENT TICKETS
• TRIPS OR EXCURSIONS

MOUNT RUSHMORE \$1,500

Official Event Koozie Sponsor (Only 2 Available)

- ✓ Your logo ON SIDE of every koozie sold (other side has school logo)
- ✓ First to Claim chooses Koozie Size (Slim/Reg.)
- ✓ Guests take your brand home in their hands
- ✓ (2) Admission Tickets with Prominent Table placement
- ✓ Verbal recognition
- ✓ Signage at event & yard sign outside event

LIBERTY BELL \$750

Official Game Prize Sponsor

- ✓ Sponsor Our Prizes for Fundraising Efforts
- ✓ Prominent Signage at Multiple Stations
- ✓ (2) Admission Tickets
- ✓ One Month of Business Logo in Weekly School Newsletter
- ✓ Verbal recognition & yard sign outside event

4-STAR GENERAL \$500

✓ (2) Admission Tickets

✓ Full Page Ad in Event Program

✓ One Month of Business Logo in Weekly School Newsletter

✓ Verbal recognition & Social Media Shoutout

✓ Yard sign outside event

COLONEL \$300

✓ Half Page Ad in Event Program

✓ Social Media Shoutout

✓ Yard sign outside event

MINUTEMAN \$100

✓ Business Card or Business Logo in Event Program

✓ Social Media Shoutout

YES! WE PROUDLY SUPPORT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL STUDENTS! (SELECT DONATION LEVEL)

FOUNDING FATHER SPONSOR – \$3,000 (ONLY 1 AVAILABLE – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED)

MOUNT RUSHMORE KOOZIE SPONSOR – \$1,500 (ONLY 2 AVAILABLE – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED)

CONTINENTAL CONGRESS SPONSOR – \$750

FOUR-STAR GENERAL SPONSOR – \$500 COLONEL SPONSOR – \$300 MINUTEMAN SPONSOR – \$100

[OPTIONAL: PLEASE DESIGN MY AD FOR ME – ADD \$50 TO YOUR DONATION LEVEL]

DONATE PHYSICAL ITEM(S): _____ VALUE OF DONATION: _____

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ TITLE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____ WEBSITE: _____

PAYMENT METHOD: CHECK ENCLOSED (PAYABLE TO GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL BEFORE MARCH 1, 2026)

PLEASE EMAIL HIGH-RESOLUTION LOGO (VECTOR.EPS OR .AI PREFERRED) TO: [GS.AUCTIONCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM]

BY MARCH 1, 2026 TO GUARANTEE INCLUSION.

SPONSOR SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: GS.AUCTIONCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM

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