



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Be Brave" Deuteronomy 31:6

All School Newsletter
February 13, 2026

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, February 13-Saturday, February

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- Boys & Girls Basketball C Team Staunton Tournament TBA
- Girls Basketball A Team St. Charles Tournament TBA

Monday, February 16

- NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 18

- Chapel Service Gr. 3-8, 8:25 a.m.
- Chapel Service PK-Gr 2 8:55 a.m.
- Ash Wednesday, Worship Services @ 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 22

- Open House for Prospective Students 1:00-3:00 pm

Monday, February 23

- Papa John's

Tuesday, February 24

- Boys PeeWee Basketball Game 6:30 p.m. Grades 2-4

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Annual Benefit Auction - Red, White & Bid

The 2026 Annual Benefit Auction for Good Shepherd Lutheran School will be on **Saturday, March 21st**. A list of themes for each of the classrooms follows this newsletter.

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

GSLS Open House for Prospective Students

Good Shepherd will host an open house on **Sunday, February 22nd**, from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** All are invited to visit our dynamic school, tour our campus, meet our faculty, and get answers to questions about everything from academics and extracurriculars to tuition and financial aid. For more information, call the school office at 618-344-3153.

No School - Presidents' Day - February 16

There will be no school on Monday, February 16, in honor of Presidents Lincoln and Washington.

Spring Resale Shop

Thank you to our 5th Grade parents—and especially Tori Feichtinger—for spearheading the Resale Shop on Saturday. The sale raised \$527 to help provide scholarships for qualifying families. Parents are welcome to bring gently used standardized clothes and Chargerwear to the office during regular school hours. Our next sale will be held in August and will be sponsored by our current 4th Grade parents.

PeeWee Boys Basketball Game

Our PeeWee boys team (grades 2-4) has been working hard learning the basics of basketball. You are invited to attend their game on **Tuesday, February 24th at 6:30 p.m.** Please support their efforts and come cheer our future Charger athletes!

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.) Call the school office with any questions.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner

As we draw near to Lent and Ash Wednesday, we hear in Luke 18, Jesus telling His disciples what is about to happen concerning His suffering, death, and resurrection. Yet the disciples did not understand, for these things were hidden from them. Jesus was going to Jerusalem to suffer and die for the sins of the whole world, to save His people through His death, and to reveal His victory in His glorious resurrection.

We also hear that Jesus opened the eyes of the blind beggar, while he was traveling to Jerusalem. Now that Jesus has risen from the dead, our eyes also are opened to see His mercy toward us. We can be confident that His saving work is complete and that in Him we have life and salvation. Come celebrate with us this weekend as our eyes are opened to Jesus, the Light and Savior of the world.- Pastor Gray

Mark Your Calendars!

On **April 17th and 18th** the 7th & 8th graders of Good Shepherd are proud to present "Happily Ever After: Tales Told by the Brothers Grimm" a stage production by Sylvia Ashby.

We hope you'll come to join in hearing a few of the lesser known, but still meaningful, Grimm fairy tales.

We're looking forward to sharing our storytelling talents with you soon!

Reminder -

Lane Closures on Beltline Road through March, 2026

Please adjust your plans accordingly so your student(s) can arrive and depart from school on time.

SCRIP/RaiseRight/ChargerBucks

It's never too late to start earning tuition credits by using the school's SCRIP program! There are a variety of simple ways to get gift cards. Check out The Participant Resource Center at www.raiseright.com and the flyer following this newsletter for details of this easy-to-use program.



Something to Consider...

A Valentine Message: Love That Lasts

Valentine's Day reminds us of love, but Scripture points us to a love far deeper than cards or chocolates. God's love for us is steadfast, faithful, and eternal. "God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

In Jesus, we see love that gives without condition and forgives without limit. This love comforts us when we struggle and calls us to care for others with patience, kindness, and grace.

As we celebrate Valentine's Day, may we remember that true love is found in Christ—love that never fails and is meant to be shared with the world.

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 Lucy P., Kingston R., Amelia R., Sydney S., Richard V., Holden W., and Grant W.

Please join us in prayer.

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.

Classroom Baskets for School Benefit Auction

PK3 – American Girl / Lego Basket

- o Ideas: American Girl Doll, Doll accessories (furniture, clothes, styling kit), American Doll books, Lego sets, Lego table, Lego organizer
- o Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a larger/more unique Lego set or go in together for a larger dollar amount for American Girl Store Gift Card.

PK4 – Local Staycation Basket

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

K – Family Fun Basket

- o Ideas: gift cards to local attractions: Edisons, Trampoline Park, Children's Museums, Magic House, City Museum, Top Golf,
- o Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for larger quantity gift cards.

1 – Disney Themed Basket

- o Ideas: All things you need for a day at a Disney Park. Disney theme: bag, backpack, water bottles, lanyards, Mickey Ears, autograph book
- o Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a Disney Store Gift Card.

2 – Postcard Cabin Getaway

- o Ideas: Items needed for a quiet cozy getaway: snacks, books, games.
- o Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a gift card for a 3-night stay

3 – 4th of July/Patriotic Basket

- o Ideas: Red, White, and Blue Items, Grill accessories, Butcher Gift Card,
- o Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a color themed Yeti Cooler

4 – Tech Bundle Basket

- o Ideas: headphones, Bluetooth speaker, Fortnite/Roblox Gift card
- o Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for Beats products

5 – Water Fun Basket

- o Ideas: Water park passes; Beach Bag, Cooler

6 – Wine & Dine Basket

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

7 – Golf Basket

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

8 – Good Shepherd Fan Basket

- o Chairs, Wagon, Cooler, Tumblers, Blanket
- o 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
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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

THANK YOU FOR SALUTING EDUCATION AND INVESTING IN TOMORROW'S LEADERS!

YOUR SPONSORSHIP IS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW. TAX ID: #37-0841452



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
 - **Deadline: April 10**
 - <https://tinyurl.com/LESA-App>
2. Submit required documents
 - 2025 - 1040 tax return (entire packet)
 - 2025 - W2
 - 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

Welcome to the Charger Bucks

Good Shepherd Lutheran School's Scrip Program

What is Scrip?

Scrip is a tuition reduction program for school families and friends.

You simply order gift cards to pay for things you would normally be purchasing. Good Shepherd families share an extra benefit by participating in the program because they earn credits which reduce the cost of their tuition payment based on their individual spending. Participating families will receive credits posted to their family tuition account in February and August. The credits are split 50/50 for reduction of your tuition and the school's general fund.

Orders may be placed by turning in a weekly order (green) sheet with a check or exact cash. Please have your child turn the order in to the school office or give it to their teacher. These orders will be filled on weeks when school is in session a full five days. They will be given to your child's teacher on Friday to be sent home.

Orders may be placed online. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com

Check out the newest mobile app RaiseRight. See more information on the next page.

If you would like to purchase Walk-Up scrip cards, please contact Gail Mayhew and we will make arrangements. www.scrip@gslcs.org (618)444-6131

Check out the Family User Guide to help you navigate the order process at www.ShopWithScrip.com

Good Shepherd's enrollment code: F8CLL9AF2577

Shop With Scrip Customer Service: 1-800-727-4715