



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Be Brave” Deuteronomy 31:6

All School Newsletter
February 27, 2026

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 1

- Preschool & Kdg. students sing in church - choose 8:00 or 10:30 am service

Wednesday, March 4

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

Friday, March 6

- End of 3rd Quarter

Friday, March 6 - Sunday, March 8

- Boys Bball A Team @ State LSA Tourney

Sunday, March 8

- 5th & 6th Gr. sing in 10:30 church

Wednesday, March 11

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

Friday, March 13

- NO SCHOOL - Prof. Dev. Day

Monday, March 16- Wed., March 25

- Achievement Testing

Wednesday, March 18

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

Saturday, March 21

- GSLs Auction @ Collinsville American Legion 5:00 p.m.

For more information:

gslcs.org/calendars



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Hunter M., our all-school Spelling Bee Champion! This **Saturday, February 28**, he will compete in the Regional Qualifier at Saint Louis University, joining approximately 250 students for a written assessment. Students who advance from this round will move on to the oral St. Louis Regional Spelling Bee on March 7, 2025, also held at Saint Louis University. We thank God for blessing Hunter with this wonderful gift, and we pray that he would use his talents to glorify Him as he competes.

Report Cards

The end of the 3rd quarter is **Friday, March 6th**. Please contact the teacher if you have any questions. Report cards will be sent via email on Tuesday, March 10th.

Save the Date:

Track will be starting **Monday, March 16th**. Signup information will be coming from Mrs. Maske next week. Track is open to students in grades 5-8.

Red, White, and Bid

You are warmly invited to join us for an American-themed Dinner and Benefit Auction on **Saturday, March 21**, at the American Legion. It's an evening dedicated to community, celebration, and supporting the mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran School.

Doors open at 5:00 PM for socializing, browsing the silent auction, and enjoying the patriotic atmosphere. Dinner will be served around 6:15 PM, followed by an exciting lineup of both silent and live auction items you won't want to miss. Guests are encouraged to join in the spirit of the evening by wearing American-themed attire—patriotic colors, classic Americana, or anything festive that celebrates the theme.

We're also thrilled to introduce something new this year:

The Golden Ticket Raffle!

One lucky winner will get to choose an eligible live auction item before bidding begins—a fun and exclusive opportunity to take home a top-tier prize. Tickets are available now! Use the link provided to purchase your dinner tickets and secure your spot for this special night. We encourage early registration so you don't miss out on the fun.

<https://events.handbid.com/auctions/good-shepherd-lutheran-school-auction-2026>

If you have any questions or special seating requests, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact the committee anytime at gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Gray

When you first hear the story of the Canaanite woman and her faith, it can be a little jarring. It almost sounds like Jesus doesn't care at all. And then He even seems to insult her. But Jesus knows the faith He has given to this woman, and He tests that faith in full view of everyone gathered there.

The woman, undeterred by His responses, reveals the great faith God has given her through her persistence. She knows that Jesus has exactly what she needs and that even receiving a tiny amount from Him would be more than enough to bring the healing she desires for her daughter.

What an example of faith. Even when it seems as though God is against her, she trusts His promises and holds fast to them alone. May it be the same for us that we would hold fast to the good and gracious promises of the Lord. We invite you to come and receive not just the crumbs, but the fullness of God's grace for us in Christ Jesus.



Summer Fun

Spring is almost here, and so is Summer Fun! Summer Fun will run from **May 27–July 31**.

Please complete the form to let us know which days your child will attend. **All forms are due by April 11.** Forms are available on the school website

<https://www.gslcs.org/k-8th/summer-camp/> and in the school office. If your child will attend half day, mark "H"; full day, mark "F"; extended day, mark "E." Changes may be made as long as they are submitted by the Wednesday before the week begins. Summer Fun is currently available only to students enrolled for the 2026–2027 school year. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Nobbe.

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.



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 Zaydn L-P., Sebastian M., Brooklyn M., Alice M., Kaelyn P., Ellie S., Fred S., and Colton W.

Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

February:

Living in God's Love and Light

February is a month often associated with love, leadership, and reflection. As Christians, these themes point us back to God, who is the source of all love and the ruler over all things.

Valentine's Day reminds us that true love is not defined by feelings or gifts, but by Christ's sacrifice for us. God's love is steadfast and unchanging, shown most clearly in Jesus, who gave His life so that we might live (1 John 4:9–10).

Presidents' Day encourages us to give thanks for those who serve in leadership and to pray for them. Scripture calls us to respect authority and to seek the good of our communities, trusting that God works through imperfect people for His purposes (Romans 13:1).

February also often leads us toward the season of Lent—a time of repentance and renewal. As winter lingers and days remain short, God's Word reminds us that Christ is our light, shining hope into every season of life.

As we journey through this month, may we grow in faith, reflect God's love to others, and rest in the promise that God is always at work for our good.

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...

Concerts & Musical

Please take note of the dates and times of our upcoming spring concerts and musical which involve ALL of Preschool-8th grade students. - Mr. Stegman

Friday, April 10th, 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')

Mark Your Calendars!

On **Friday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday April 19th at 2:00 p.m.**, the 7th & 8th grade students of Good Shepherd are proudly presenting "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!

FRIENDZY

During the month of March, students will be learning conflict resolution skills to help equip them to have healthy and strong relationships now and in the future. The catchphrase to help them remember what to do is "Sort it Out". God cares about our friendships and honoring His word results in honest and healthy relationships. Please take the time to read Mr. Mayhew's letter that follows which offers some practical pointers for you to help your student continue to learn this valuable behavior.

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UNIT SEVEN >>> SORT IT OUT

Good Shepherd Families!

THIS MONTH ///

As the end of the school year approaches, unit seven teaches the students how to **SORT IT OUT**. In this unit, we will learn to build connections in relationships through sorting out our problems and differences. Friendzy teaches **CONFLICT RESOLUTION** skills that equip students to have healthy and strong relationships for the rest of their lives.

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

Sort It Out

Key Verse (Biblical anchor points):

Matthew 5:23-24

“This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God.”

Colossians 3:12

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

Conflict is a normal part of being in a relationship with others. We all have different opinions and things we like and dislike. This makes relationships fun and interesting and also makes it difficult to get along sometimes. Depending on how we respond in conflict, it can hurt a relationship, or it can make a relationship stronger.

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1. **Resolving conflict takes work.** Conflict is a part of life, so learning how to resolve it is time well spent. Sometimes we have to work hard to get the outcome we want. Working hard for something we care about teaches us responsibility. Resolving our conflict leads to healthy relationships in our lives.
2. **God cares about our relationships with others.** God cares about our friendships. In Matthew 5, God instructs us to get the conflicts in our friendships sorted out before we come to worship Him. God desires for us to keep our relationships with others in order. Listening to God and honoring His word results in honest and healthy relationships.
3. **You have what it takes to S-O-R-T through conflict!** You can do hard things! Sorting through conflict isn't easy, but you have what it takes to get the job done. Remember the acrostic S-O-R-T when you are faced with a conflict. Don't avoid it or ignore it, face the problem head-on. You have all the tools you need to sort it out!
4. **Resolving conflict strengthens our relationships.** Remember all that hard work you invested in S-O-R-T-ing through that conflict with your friend? The hard work pays off! Resolving conflict strengthens a relationship to be stronger and more deeply rooted in trust. The strongest relationships in our lives are the ones that are willing to address conflict and work through it.

RESOLVING CONFLICT STRENGTHENS RELATIONSHIPS ///

Although conflict is not fun, it has some benefits. The ways in which our others are different from us can help to grow us as a person and develop our relationship skills. Here are four ways that dealing with conflict can add strength to us and our relationships.

- > It teaches you things and helps you see the world differently.
- > It pushes you to step outside your comfort zone and get creative with problem-solving.
- > It helps you learn to tolerate and handle strong emotions more effectively.
- > It invites you to grow in patience, love, and care for someone else.

Learning to sort out our conflicts equips us to be better friends!

Blessings,
Mr. Mayhew



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,
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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

Founding Father \$3,000 Dinner Sponsor

- ✓ Full two-page Ad spread in the Official Event Program
- ✓ (2) Admission Tickets - Prominent Table placement for Great Viewing
- ✓ Prominent signage throughout the venue & yard sign outside event
- ✓ Multiple verbal recognition from the podium before & after dinner
- ✓ Featured social media shoutouts before & after the event

ONLY 1 AVAILABLE

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

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