



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Be Brave” Deuteronomy 31:6

All School Newsletter
March 12, 2026

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, March 13

- NO SCHOOL - Prof. Dev. Day

Tuesday, March 17- 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.

Thursday, March 19

- NO PEER TUTORING

Saturday, March 21

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

Wednesday, March 25

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

Friday, March 27

- ILMEA Band/Choir/ Gr 5-6

Sunday, March 29

- 1st, 2nd, 7th & 8th Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church service
- 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Gr. Sing in 10:30 a.m. church service
- Preschool & Kdg. students sing in church - choose 8:00 or 10:30 am service

Monday, March 30- Tues., April 6

- NO SCHOOL - Easter Break

For more information:
[gslcs.org/calendars](https://www.gslcs.org/calendars)



Annual Benefit Auction

The 2026 Annual Benefit Auction for Good Shepherd Lutheran School will be on **Saturday, March 21st**. Time is getting short to buy your tickets! Use this link to get yours TODAY: <https://events.handbid.com/auctions/good-shepherd-lutheran-school-auction-2026> Any questions, email the committee for a quick response: gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com

Achievement Testing

Achievement tests will be given starting next week, **Tuesday, March 17th** to all students in Kindergarten through Grade Eight. Please help your child do their best by having enough rest and breakfast before coming to school.

2026-2027 School Calendar

The 2026-2027 school calendar for next year follows this newsletter and can also be found on the school website: <https://www.gslcs.org/calendars/>

Middle School Dance

This year’s dance, “One Night, All Together,” will be held on **Saturday, April 18, 2026**, from 6:00–9:00 p.m. at Metro East Lutheran High School. This event is open to Lutheran middle school students in grades 6–8 and will be a fun evening of music, dancing, games, prizes, snacks, and time with friends from multiple schools. Dance attire is casual to semi-formal.

Tickets will be \$5 per student and will be sold in advance at your school to help reduce lines at the door. More ticket information will be coming soon.

We are hopeful many parents will take advantage of the opportunities to volunteer and donate items or monetary contributions to help make this event special for our students. We will need volunteers to chaperone, assist with setup and cleanup, work the front table, and help with snacks and games. Donations will help cover the cost of the DJ, snacks, decorations, and prizes. We are also looking for a photographer to help capture these special moments. Please use this link to volunteer -

**SignupGenius: https://www.signupgenius.com/o/60B0A45A5AE2AAAFB6-62099175-melhs#

Thank you in advance for your support. Questions - contact Dana McQuade, irie4unme13@yahoo.com, 740-438-6000

Report Cards

Report cards were emailed after school on **Tuesday, March 10th**. Please contact the teacher if you have any questions.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Gray

The Lord sustained the people of Israel during their years of wandering in the wilderness. He cared not only for their spiritual needs but also provided their daily bread. In the same way, Jesus provided for the five thousand. Our Lord cares not only for the soul, but also for the body.

When Jesus told His disciples to give the people something to eat, they could not see how it would be possible. Yet Jesus already knew what He was going to do. In that place He provided for the people abundantly, caring for both body and soul out of His great mercy. God created us as creatures of both body and soul, this is what it means to be human. The Lord continues to sustain and nourish us even now, and His care carries us all the way to the life to come. Join us as we hear about the Lord who cares for His people, body and soul—now and forever.



Something to Consider...

St. Patrick's Day:
Sharing the Good News of Jesus

St. Patrick's Day is often associated with green clothing and shamrocks, but its true meaning is rooted in the Christian faith. St. Patrick was a missionary who shared the message of Jesus Christ with the people of Ireland in the fifth century.

After being taken captive as a young man, Patrick later returned to Ireland—not in anger, but in faith—to tell others about God's love and forgiveness through Jesus. His life is a powerful example of trusting God and sharing the Gospel, even in difficult circumstances.

St. Patrick is often remembered for using the three-leaf shamrock to help explain the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—three persons in one God. Through simple teaching and faithful witness, Patrick helped many people come to know Christ.

As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, we remember that God calls each of us to live out our faith boldly and joyfully. May we, like St. Patrick, share Christ's love with others through our words and actions, giving thanks for the saving work of Jesus, our true hope and Savior.

Blessings!

Robert Mayhew, Principal

Junior Olympiad

On **Tuesday, March 10th**, Good Shepherd had two teams participate in the 45th annual Madison County Junior Olympiad. The teams participated in several creative, higher-level thinking tasks. Out of 41 teams we placed 20th & 26th. Congratulations! Team members include the following students from 6th and 7th grade: Allison B., Adelynn M., Riley Y., Natalie S., Lucy P., Aiden B., Jed S., and Isla J.



No Peer Tutoring - Thursday, March 19

Due to achievement testing, there will be no Peer Tutoring.

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to all our 5th-8th grade students whose efforts during the 3rd Quarter earned them a place on Good Shepherd's Honor Roll! The complete list follows the newsletter.

2026-2027 Tuition Scholarships

Applications for scholarships that will be applied to students' 2026-27 tuition is available through LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd Church and School **NOW** using FACTS. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH. (See flyer following this newsletter for more details.)

Share Your
Faith in Christ



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 Easton G., Jasnoor K., Addi O., Ethan P., Gavin S., Alexa T., Noah W., and Elliot Y.

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.

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Good Shepherd Lutheran School
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Collinsville, IL 62234
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Q3 Honor Roll 2025-2026

High Honor Roll with Distinction (Gr. 7&8 - GPA 4.00+)

8th Grade: Will B., Isabella B., Agnes H., Sydney H., Jacob K., Piper M., Livy P., Caroline S.

7th Grade: Alison B., Vivian C., Molly F., Lola F., Lena G., Connor J., Adelynn M., Bhavneet S., Lily W.

High Honor Roll (Gr. 5&6 - GPA 3.51 to 4.0; Gr. 7&8 - GPA 3.51 to 3.99)

8th Grade: Ella F., Alexis K., Elise L., Violet M., Lorelai N., Charlotte P., Nate P., Kaelyn S., Levi T., Adalie T.

7th Grade: Tinley F., Paisley H., Hunter M., Madilyn S., Natalie S., Hailey S., Rylen T., Riley Y.

6th Grade: Brad B., Aiden B., Livi B., Alayna E., Tilayna E., Hazel F., Gavin G., Savannah G., Camy H., Isla J., James K., Lucy P., Amelia R., Jed S., Sydney S., Ceana S., Richard V., Grant W.

5th Grade: Henry B., Cooper B., Marlie C., Annalynne C., Emily F., Josie F., Eden G., Hosea G., Gavin H., Frederick H., Micah H., Josiah J., Teddy K., Emily L., Lauren L., Callie L., Brooklyn M., Alice M., Kaelyn P., Kannon R., Ellie S., Fred S., Jaxson T., Beckham W., Colton W.

Honor Roll (Gr. 5-8 – GPA 3.00 to 3.50)

8th Grade: Daphne F., Myla G., Taylor P., Rylin R., Marco S.

7th Grade: Owen C., Andi H., Brennan I., Emma J., Kailee K., Aria M., Alexis M., Mia W.

6th Grade: Jemma A., Lexi D., Ellie F., Violet G., Francesca H., Frison R., Holden W.

5th Grade: Sebastian M., Dylan M.



He is
Risen

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday, April 5th

8:00AM & 10:30AM
BREAKFAST & EASTER EGG HUNT 9:15AM

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

1300 BELTLINE RD
COLLINSVILLE, IL 62234

www.goodshepherdcollinsville.org



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?



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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