



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Be Brave” Deuteronomy 31:6

All School Newsletter
March 20, 2026

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

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

Friday, April 10

- Mid-Quarter
- Chapel Service Gr. 3-8, 8:25 a.m.
- Chapel Service PK-Gr 2 8:55 a.m.
- Grandparents & Special Friends Day
- Musical Dress Rehearsal 1:45 p.m.
- Gr 3 & 4 Spring Musical 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 13-Friday, April 24

- APEX Fun Run

For more information:

gslcs.org/calendars



RED, WHITE, and BID!

There’s still time to **browse the auction items** and get your bids in before **silent bidding closes tomorrow evening, March 21**. There are so many great packages to explore - take a moment today to scroll through and snag your favorites before they’re gone.

Every bid helps support **Good Shepherd Lutheran School**, and we’re grateful for your participation and generosity.

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

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

We look forward to seeing you on **Friday, April 10th** from 8:15-11:00 a.m.

A form was sent home with all students this week with the schedule of the morning events. **PARENTS, please answer the permission questions and return the form to the teacher ASAP.**

To create ample parking for everyone, we ask the Early Childhood and Kindergarten families to park down by the playground and come in through the ECC Front Doors. All other families may park in the main upper parking lot. We appreciate your understanding and help.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be No Hot Lunch served. All students who are staying in school over the lunch hour will need to bring a lunch.

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. Forms are available on our website <https://www.gslcs.org/k-8th/summer-camp/> and in the school office. All forms are due by **Friday, April 24th**.

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.

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. Contact the school office with any questions. (Flyer follows newsletter)

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Packer

This Sunday we will be looking at Genesis 22 and what is usually called *The Sacrifice of Isaac*. However, my sermon title is *The Sacrifice of Abraham* because I want to focus on Abraham's faith and faithfulness, and what it means for us.



Martin Luther gives us a great summary of what faith looks like: "See, here you have the meaning of the true honor and worship of God, which pleases God, and which He commands under penalty of eternal wrath. The heart knows no other comfort or confidence than in Him. It must not allow itself to be torn from Him. But, for Him, it must risk and disregard everything upon earth."

Tax Forms

Families needing to print statements for tax purposes, please follow the steps below. If you need assistance please contact Mrs. Osborn in the school office. Log into your FACTS account > Payment Plan & Billing > View Details > Select Correct Term > View Payment Summary > Print

Something to Consider...

*Achievement Testing:
Doing Our Best with
Confidence and Rest*

Achievement testing is one way schools measure student growth and learning. These tests help teachers understand students' strengths and identify areas where additional support may be helpful. While testing is important, it is only one snapshot of a student's learning and does not define a child's worth or potential.

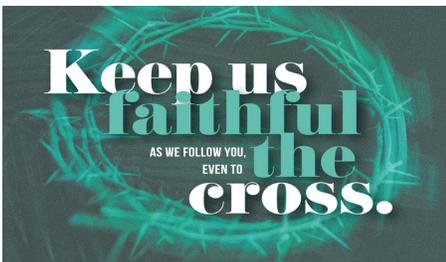
Doing well on achievement tests begins long before test day. Consistent effort in the classroom, asking questions, and practicing skills all play a role. Just as important, however, is proper rest. A good night's sleep helps students think clearly, focus better, and approach testing with confidence and calm.

Families can support students by encouraging healthy routines—balanced meals, limited screen time before bed, and positive words of reassurance. Students are reminded to try their best, take their time, and remember that they are more than a test score.

As a Christian school community, we trust that each child is created by God with unique gifts and abilities. We place our confidence not in test results, but in the Lord, who walks with us in every challenge. With preparation, rest, and faith, students can approach achievement testing ready to do their best.

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 Chandler R., Annabelle R., Landon S., Elliana S., Damian S., Cassidy S., Selah Grace T., and Hailey T.

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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2026 Benefit Auction ★★★

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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

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EQUIPPING FAMILIES, LUTHERAN SCHOOLS,
AND FAITH COMMUNITIES FOR DYNAMIC,
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EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday, April 5th

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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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