



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Be Brave” Deuteronomy 31:6

All School Newsletter
March 6, 2026

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, March 6

- End of 3rd Quarter
- Boys A Team Basketball vs. Immanuel, Crystal Lake @ Roselle, LSA State Tournament

Saturday, March 7 - Sunday, March 8

- Boys Bball A Team @ State LSA Tourney

Sunday, March 8

- 5th and 6th Grades sing in 10:30 a.m. church service

Tuesday, March 10

- Madison County Junior Olympiad

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



Report Cards

TODAY ends the Third Quarter of our school year. Report cards will be emailed after school on **Tuesday, March 10th**. Please contact the teacher if you have any questions.

Achievement Testing

Achievement tests will be given **March 17-25** to all students in Kindergarten through Grade Eight. As always, please help your child do their best by having enough rest and breakfast before coming to school.



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. 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 both silent and live auction items.

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.

Tickets are available now! Use the link provided to purchase your dinner tickets and secure your spot for this special night. Please don't delay. Now is a great time to click this link and get your tickets!

<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.

GSLS Track Season Begins Soon

Track information was emailed to parents and packets given to those students interested in Track. Please contact Mrs. Maske with questions. Signed forms need to be returned by **Wednesday, March 11th**.

Madison County Band Festivals

Congratulations to the following students on their acceptance and participation in the Madison County Band Festivals in February! Aiden B., Gavin G., Ellie F. We are proud of you!

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Packer This weekend we hear about two kingdoms - the kingdom of Satan and the Kingdom of God. The kingdom of Satan rules through deception, accusation, sin, and death in rebellion against God, while the kingdom of God rules through truth, grace, righteousness, and life in the person and saving work of Christ, and will ultimately swallow up every rival dominion. There is no middle ground. Come and hear what this means for us!



2026-2027 School Calendar

The Board of Education approved the school calendar for next year. It follows this newsletter and can also be found on the school website: <https://www.gslcs.org/calendars/>

Madison County Junior Olympiad

On **Tuesday, March 10th**, Good Shepherd will send two teams to SIUE for a day of academic and STEM challenges alongside students from other area schools. We are proud of these students for representing Good Shepherd and wish them the best as they take on these exciting challenges!

Team 1: Aiden B., Lucy P., Isla J., and Jed S.

Team 2: Allison B., Addelyn M., Riley Y., and Natalie S.

Good luck to both teams—we are cheering you on!

VBS - Save the Date

Get ready for an island adventure on Tropical Trek at this year's Good Shepherd Church's Vacation Bible School! Join us **June 22-June 26** for a week of fun, faith, and discovery as we learn how Jesus came to seek and save the lost. More information on early registration will be coming soon.



Something to Consider...

What Is Lent?

Lent is a season in the Church Year that prepares our hearts for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days (not including Sundays), reminding us of Jesus' 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness.

During Lent, Christians reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross and His great love for us. It is a time of repentance—honestly acknowledging our sin—and remembering that we are saved not by our own efforts, but by God's grace alone through faith in Christ.

In Lutheran teaching, Lent is not about earning God's favor. Instead, it is a time to slow down, listen to God's Word, pray, and grow in faith. Some Christians choose to give something up or take on a new habit during Lent as a way to focus more clearly on Jesus.

As we walk through the season of Lent, we look forward with hope to Easter, when we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death and rejoice in the promise of new life we have in Him.

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 Clark M., Caleb M., Parker O., Spencer O., Micah P., Alison P., and Gus S.

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.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Young Authors

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to attend the 35th Annual Madison County Young Authors Conference on **Saturday, April 18, 2026**, at Granite City High School. These students have demonstrated exceptional creativity and strong writing skills. At the conference, they will share their writing, participate in a special writing workshop, meet a published author/storyteller, and be recognized on stage for their efforts.

The Young Authors Committee would like to thank all students who participated. Selecting this year's representatives was a difficult task, as we were truly impressed by the quality of submissions.

This year's honorees:

Penelope R. (Grade 1)

Tauriel C. (Grade 2)

Annabelle R. (Grade 3)

Camryn B. (Grade 4)

Jed S. (Grade 6)

ILMEA All State Chorus

Congratulations to Lena G. for earning her way through audition to the Illinois All State Junior High Chorus! Lena joined public and parochial students from all over Illinois to perform in the All State Junior Chorus in Peoria, IL at the Illinois Music Education Conference. Congratulations to Lucy P., Amelia R., Hazel F., and Isla J. for being accepted into the 6th Grade All State Elementary Chorus and also performing a concert at the Illinois Music Education Conference!

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. (Flyer follows newsletter)

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

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. Forms are available on our website

<https://www.gslcs.org/k-8th/summer-camp/> and in the school office. All forms are due by **April 11**.

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

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- Aug 13 Welcome Back Night at 6-8 pm- Grades K-8
- Aug 18 Athletic Parent Meeting at 6:30 pm - Gr. 5-8
- Aug 18 School Begins - Preschool - Grade 8
- Sep 04 No School - LESA Improvement Day
- Sep 07 No School - Labor Day
- Oct 09 No School - CID/SID Teacher's Conference
- Oct 12 No School - Columbus Day
- Oct 16 End of 1st Quarter - 40 days
- Oct 29 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct 30 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov 25 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 26 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 27 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 19 End of 2nd Quarter - 40 days
- Dec 21 No School - Christmas Break
- Dec 22 No School - Christmas Break
- Dec 23 No School - Christmas Break
- Dec 24 No School - Christmas Break
- Dec 25 No School - Christmas Break
- Dec 28 No School - Christmas Break
- Dec 29 No School - Christmas Break
- Dec 30 No School - Christmas Break
- Dec 31 No School - Christmas Break
- Jan 01 No School - Christmas Break
- Jan 04 School Resumes
- Jan 18 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Feb 15 No School - President's Day
- March 5 End of 3rd Quarter - 43 days
- Mar 08 No School - Spring Break
- Mar 09 No School - Spring Break
- Mar 10 No School - Spring Break
- Mar 11 No School - Spring Break
- Mar 12 No School - Spring Break
- Mar 26 No School - Good Friday
- Apr 16 No School - School Improvement Day
- May 20 Last Day School - End of 4th Qt. - 47 days
- May 20 8th Grade Graduation - at 6:30 pm
- May 27 Summer Fun Begins
- Jul 05 Summer Fun Closed - Observance of July 4



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