



# Good Shepherd Charger News

"Forgiven" 1 John 1:9

All School Newsletter  
September 4, 2026

## Charger Headlines...

### Calendar of Events

#### Monday, September 7

- No School - Labor Day

#### Wednesday, September 9

- Chapel Service Gr 3-8 @ 8:25am  
- Chapel Service PK-Gr 2 @ 8:55am  
- Baseball @ 7:00 pm @ St. Boniface

#### Thursday, September 10

- Cross Country @ 4pm in Maryville

#### Friday, September 11

- Baseball @ 4:30 (Small Schools)  
- Volleyball A in Belleville Tournament

#### Saturday, September 12

- Girls Pee Wee Basketball @ 9am  
- Volleyball A in Belleville Tournament

#### Coming Soon...

#### Friday, September 18

- Mid-quarter  
- 8th Grade booth at Italian Fest

### Have a Blessed and Safe Weekend

School is closed Monday for Labor Day. We wish you a blessed and safe weekend!

### Athletics

If your student is participating in athletics, please remember to sign up for at least 7 volunteer work times at our sporting events. It is only with the help of our parent volunteers that we can provide athletic opportunities. Sign up here: [GS Athletics Page](#). Also remember to turn in your student(s)' sports physical and concussion awareness form.

### State Required Health Forms

**If you have a student in Kindergarten, 2nd Grade, or 6th Grade, this paragraph is for you.**

Kindergarteners need: a physical, dental and eye exam

2nd graders need: a physical and dental exam

6th graders need: a physical and dental exam

Please get your forms in to the office ASAP. Call the office for questions. Thank you!

### Italian Fest

**September 18 and 19:** The 8th grade class is asking for your support! Purchase our Famous 6 ounce Italian Chicken Sandwich at the Good Shepherd booth for \$7 per sandwich. Chips will also be available for \$1 per bag. THANKS for your support as we raise money for our 8th grade class trip!



**Good Shepherd's 5th-8th Grade Band** students will be marching in the **Italian Fest Parade** on **Saturday, September 19th at 4:00 p.m.** Come and enjoy great food and music and support our kids!

### After-School Care Staff Needed

We are looking for dependable, enthusiastic individuals to join our after-school program! The schedule would be 4-5 days per week, approximately 1.5 - 2 hours per day, afternoon and after school hours. Responsibilities may include supervising students, helping with activities and homework, and creating a fun, safe, and positive environment. If you enjoy working with children and are interested in being part of our after-school program, please reach out to Mrs. Nobbe ([rnobbe@gslds.org](mailto:rnobbe@gslds.org)) for more information or to express your interest.

### Good Shepherd Harvest Fest

**Sunday October 4, 2026**

Food, games, bounce houses, chili cook-off and family fun! We are looking for volunteers to help with Harvest Fest on **October 4th**. Please consider helping at your child's class booth. All supplies and directions are provided. This is a great outreach to the community as well as an opportunity to meet other GS parents! Watch for a signup link coming soon.



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



# Charger Headlines Continued...

## Pastor's Corner - Pastor Packer

This Sunday we hear about the 10 Lepers who are healed by Jesus. The ten lepers cried out from a distance, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" (Luke 17:11-19). Their condition cut them off from God and others. So also do the works of the flesh cut us off from God and others. "Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:16-24). Thus we cry out with the lepers, "Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy," eagerly seeking His good gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. So too, we walk by faith and not by sight, being confident of Jesus' help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus' cleansing words of forgiveness will restore us to wholeness in the resurrection. Let us be as the one leper who returned to the true High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. For Jesus bore our infirmities in His sacrifice at Calvary. His words are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh (Prov. 4:10-23).



## MELHS Open Position

Metro East Lutheran High School is taking applications for the position of School Secretary at the Edwardsville campus. The position is full-time (August - May) and reports to the Principal of the school. The start date would be January 4, 2027 following the retirement of our current school secretary. Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to Dr. Jay Krause, Principal, at [jay.krause@melhs.org](mailto:jay.krause@melhs.org) or contact him at 618-656-0043 if you have questions.

## Mums are Back!

Our Youth Group will once again be selling beautiful mums this fall! Stop by the Youth Group's mum sale at Harvest Fest and pick up a beautiful mum—or two! All proceeds will go toward helping our youth with the upcoming Mission Trip.

## Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will be **Sunday, October 4th from 2:00-6:00pm** during the Harvest Fest! This will not be in the mobile unit, but will be in the **Early Childhood Center Lobby** so that people can stop in to donate while they are at the Harvest Fest and save themselves a trip. If we have 20 viable units of blood donated, the school will receive a grant for Physical Education equipment. It is a **WIN, WIN, WIN** opportunity...Harvest Fest, Blood Drive, and possible school grant in one afternoon! Scan the QR code on the next page to schedule your appointment today.

## Something to Consider...

When people say things that hurt us, our natural response may be anger, defensiveness, or a desire to hurt them in return. However, God calls us to respond differently. James 1:19 reminds us to be "quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." He also reminds us of not gossiping about the incident to others. He states go to the person who hurt you first, to work through the behavior.

This does not mean we must ignore hurtful behavior. We can calmly and honestly tell the person how their words affected us while still showing kindness and respect. We should pray for wisdom, guard our own words, and forgive as Christ has forgiven us. Forgiveness does not excuse what happened; it releases the hurt into God's hands. Before responding, pause and pray: "Lord, help me speak with grace, respond in love, and trust You with my hurt." As Ephesians 4:32 teaches, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

**Blessings!**

**Robert Mayhew, Principal**



## In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty will be praying for the students and their families. Next week we will be praying for Jemma A., Aiden B., Livi B., Tilly E., Hayden F. Savannah G., and Camy H. 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.**



## BLOOD DRIVE

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 4

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Earlychildhood Center - Main Lobby  
(around back of church)

1300 Belt Line Rd

To schedule an appt, scan QR code,  
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401,  
or online at [bloodcenter.org/group; grp #9887](http://bloodcenter.org/group;grp #9887)

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