



Good Shepherd Bastrop

Little Sheep Learning Center

Good Shepherd Lutheran School

February 2023 Newsletter

Dear Valued Families,

Thank you for a wonderful start to our new year. We appreciate you sharing your family with us everyday, and strive to continue to provide the best care and education for your child. Lutheran Schools are needed now more than ever in our world, and I'm honored and beyond grateful for your trust and support.

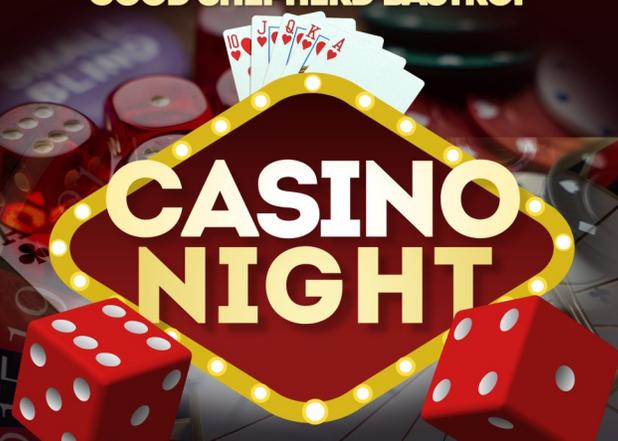
Our Spring Fundraising event is Saturday April 15! Please be on the look out for information regarding this spring fundraising event for Good Shepherd Bastrop. We will need parent leaders to help make this a successful fundraiser. Past fundraisers have allowed us to install the shade structures, video surveillance system, and many curriculum enhancements.

March 5-11 is National Lutheran Schools Week- and we will be celebrating. I have attached some information.

Blessings,

Alysa K Johnson, GSB Head of School

GOOD SHEPHERD BASTROP



CASINO NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 15
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

COMMUNITY GARDENS
1067 HWY 71 W BASTROP, TX

21+ Semi Formal Event

ENJOY VEGAS STYLE TABLES, FOOD, CASH BAR, PRIZES AND LIVE AUCTION

Update from the Parent Teacher League

Our PTL meeting is rescheduled for 2/9/23 @ 6pm please see invite below.

Kelsey Abreo is inviting you to a scheduled PTL Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6144859297>

Meeting ID: 614 485 9297, Passcode: GSLS

Early Bird Sponsor Opportunities:

Venue: \$1,000

Charcuterie \$450

Poker \$4,250

Alcohol: TBD

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Good Shepherd Lutheran School Enrollment 2023-2024 School Year

Open Enrollment for Good Shepherd Lutheran School is here. Currently enrolled families please return your intention forms/deposits to secure. General Public enrollment opened February 1st. Please visit www.goodshepherdbastrop.org for more info or click [here](#) for the application of interest. Enrollment sessions held monthly and enrollment will continue until classes are full.

ASH

WEDNESDAY

Deacon Mary Black will be offering "walk-by ashes" from 4-5:30 PM in the playground area.

Ash Wednesday, 2/22, 4-5:30 PM: walk-by ashes.

Receive ashes as you come to pick up your child(ren).

Ashes remind us of the humble fact that we come from God's earth and return to God's earth. When we are humble, we remember God's care for us just as we are, just as we have been made. Start Lent this year in an attitude of humility.



Jamie Bryant 1st
Audrey Johnson 7th
Isabella Miller 9th
Gracelyn Owen 10th
Onyx Gould 11th
Audrey Robinson 11th
River Rueling 12th
Lillian Damron 14th
Pete Thomas 15th
Huxley Stewart 22nd

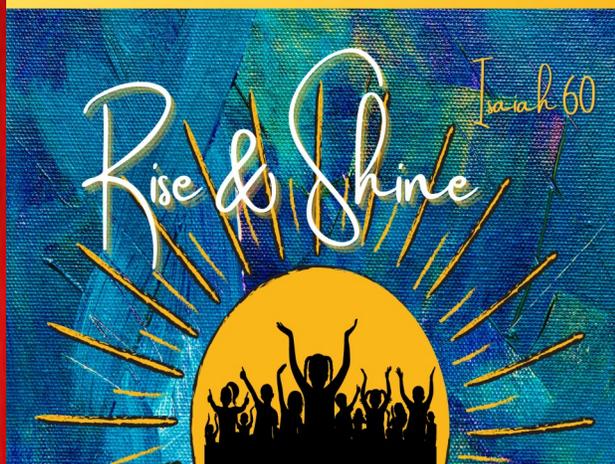
Valentines Day Parties

Class Party sign-up sheets will be placed on your child's classroom door/take home folder. Please sign-up to bring a food item or beverage to your child's class party. Parties will take place Tuesday, Feb. 14th.



Lutheran Schools Week

March 5-11, 2023



Pre-School Tuition Increase

Please Remember **Feb 1st**, new tuition prices go into effect. They are as follows:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
Infant 0-17 mths	\$886	\$205
Toddler 18-35 mths	\$800	\$185
Preschool 3-5 years	\$756	\$175

Childcare Tax Statements

2022 year-end statements

are available via hard copy or email. Please see either Stephanie for your copy.

GSLs Music

Hello Good Shepherd families!

It's great to be back in full swing after the holidays. Our focus this month has been on the families of instruments, particularly those that make up the orchestra. We've been learning about what defines the four families of instruments--strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion--and listening to a variety of instruments to become familiar with the sound and technique of each.

In February we will continue to review these instrument families, and I'm looking forward to playing a fun instrument identification game based on tic-tac-toe to practice our critical listening and aural skills. We will also begin introducing music terminology that defines more subtle elements of musical performance--things such as "accelerando" and "ritardando" (to speed up and to slow down), and "crescendo" and "diminuendo" (to get louder or to get softer).

In our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes we will also continue to practice our sightreading skills! I'm very proud of the kids' progress in this area - last week we sight-sang various patterns with quarter and half-notes, using all the notes of the C-major scale!

I'm very proud of all our students, and I'm looking forward to another great month!

Blessings,

-Steve Carlton



GSLs Art

Hey everyone, I hope you're all doing well. I'm stoked for this month and the months ahead as we continue to do some amazing things together. Students are currently working on their Salinas Art Contest project, I work one on one with three students at a time so please know if I haven't worked with your child yet, it's coming soon. 3rd, 4th & 5th grade is entering in the "I Voted Contest." Students are designing the new I Voted sticker and we couldn't be more excited about this opportunity. More details to follow. We also have our art work that were working on for the Austin Airport coming up very soon, everyone will be participating in this. Last but not least all of our student's are participating in the Calendar Art Contest, students are encouraged to create artwork that contains a safety message about a specific hazard such as severe weather, flash flooding or excessive heat or cold conditions. Please note that with all these contests and project you don't need to anything at all, I will be submitting everything. Alright, if that wasn't enough, we have Art Club Applications out now!! You must fill out an application to join Art Club, the deadline is February 17th. Applications are on the white podium in the FLC. Please note, if you fill out an application it does not guarantee that your child has a spot. The student must be excelling academically, shown interest in Art Class and has attended art events, such as Artwalks. If your child loves art and understands that this is a class and work is expected, this is the club for you. Thank you!



GSLs P.E.



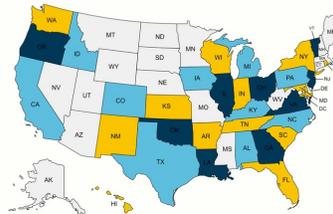
Dear Lion Families,

As we move into February, the

SCHOOL JUMP ROPE COMPETITION

is moving full speed ahead!! We are now competing against 175 schools. 32 states and 7 countries!

THE UNITED STATES



CANADA



CHINA



ITALY



GERMANY



PAKISTAN



CHEZ REPUBLIC



PANAMA

Be a cheerleader for your kids by helping them put their **HEART** and soul into practicing for our **Jump rope Competition**.

Thank you for all the stickers that have been donated!

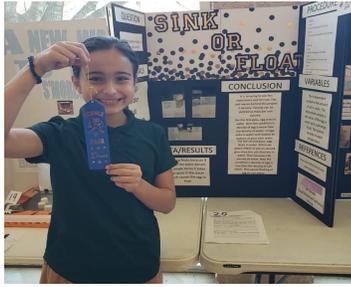
Go Lions,
Coach Turner



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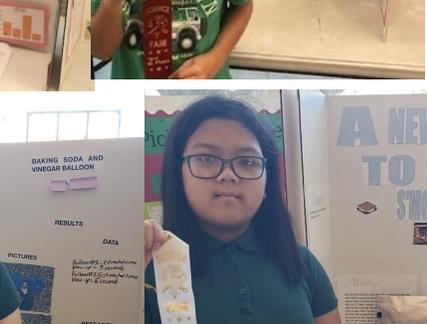
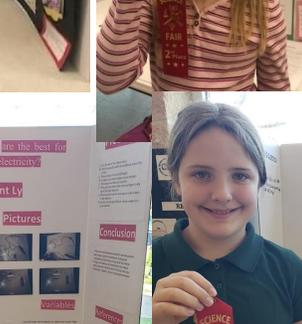
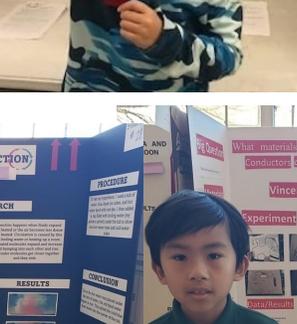
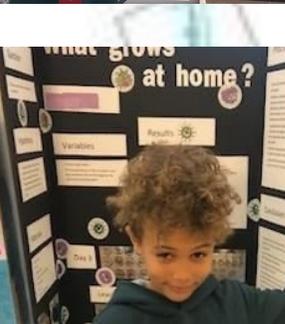
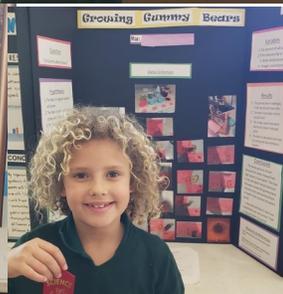
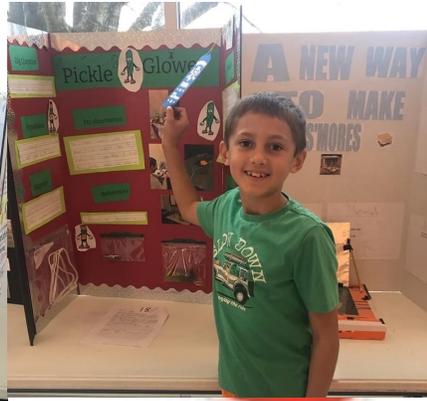
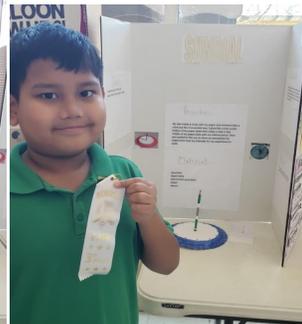
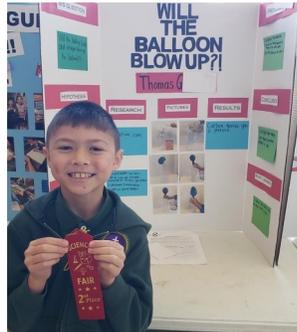
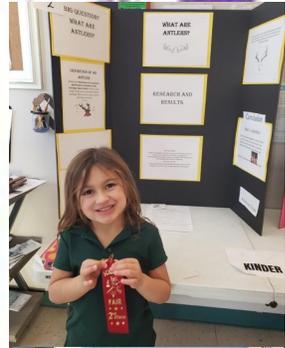
Kindergarten: Audrey Johnson 2nd Place
Eva VanNoy Participant

2nd Grade:
Charlie Fritsch—1st place
Beau Hudspeth—1st place
Cole Hellmann—2nd place
Vivienne Damron—2nd place
Pete Thomas—2nd place
Thomas Gaylor—2nd place
Kenneth Tlung—3rd place



3rd Grade:
Jack Thomas— 1st place - Austin Regional Science Fair
Kayden Gattis—1st place - Austin Regional Science Fair
Lauren Jaehne— 1st place - Austin Regional Science Fair
Layla Tovar - 1st place— Austin Regional Science Fair
JJ Gilbert— 2nd place
Remi Faris— 2nd place
Malachi Meraz— 2nd place
Cassius VanNoy Participant

4th/5th Grade:
Ashelyn Vargas—1st place - Austin Regional Science Fair
Vincent Ly— 2nd place
Tyler Hargis - 2nd place
Lola McCan - 2nd place
Lyly Hnem— 3rd place





Rise & Shine
Lutheran Schools Week
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Adult Devotions for Individuals or Groups

Monday

Read Isaiah 60:1-7

- How does this passage make you feel? What about it makes you feel that way?
- What is your favorite line in this passage? Why?
- What are some promises God gives us that this passage helps you remember.

Use this song and video for meditation on Isaiah 60 [Praises Of Israel - Kumi Ori\(Arise Shine\)\[Live\] - YouTube](#)

Pray: Gracious God, help us to rise and shine each day this week for you, for our friends and family, for our students and co-workers. Amen.

Tuesday

Read Isaiah 9:2-7

- Think about times God has brought people in the Bible out of darkness.
- What is a time in your life God met you in darkness?
- Where have you experienced holy darkness?

Reflect on darkness and light by reading or listening to [God's Holy Darkness](#):

- Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sqF3ZnUMz0>
- Book listing: [God's Holy Darkness | Beaming Books](#)

Pray: Mighty Lord, you have been with us for all of creation. Help us remember you are with us in the dark and the light. Amen.

Wednesday

Malachai 4 - focus v. 2

- Meditate on the image of the “sun of righteousness.” How does this “look” and feel to you?
- How do you experience God’s healing? Do you need healing now?
- “Righteousness” in this passage refers to those who serve God (notes Lutheran Study Bible p. 1593).
How do you express righteousness in your faith?

Use this song for quiet reflection on Malachai [Sun of Righteousness \(ft. Jules Burt\) // Official Lyric Video - YouTube](#)

Pray: Holy Creator, you have the power to hold and heal us. Help us live out your gift of healing and be righteous with you each day. Amen.

Thursday

Matthew 5:1-16 - focus v. 16

- What beatitude hits your heart most today? Why?
- How do the beatitudes help your “light shine before others”?
- How have you experienced God this week? How have others shown/shone God’s light on you?

Reflect on the Beatitudes by reading or listening to [The Beatitudes From Slavery to Civil Rights:](#)

- Video: [The Beatitudes From Slavery to Civil Rights by Carole Boston Weatherford, Illustrated by Tim Ladwig - YouTube](#)
- Book listing: [The Beatitudes: From Slavery to Civil Rights: Weatherford, Carole Boston, Ladwig, Tim: 9780802853523: Amazon.com: Books](#)

Pray: Friend Jesus, thank you for your example of God’s love and how to live. Let us remember the lessons of the beatitudes and live them out so we may also be God’s light to others. Amen.

Friday

Ephesians 5: 1-20 - focus v. 14

- How does Christ shine on you today?
- From what have you awakened in your life?
- What about Jesus would you like to imitate more of (v. 1)?
- How can the things that have become visible help you shine for God? (v. 13)

Use these songs for reflection on Ephesians 5 and our *Rise & Shine* week:

- [Awake, O Sleeper - YouTube](#)
- [Shine - YouTube](#)

Pray: Christ, shine on me and help me awake so I can see the needs of the world and live out your love. Amen.



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Chapel Service for Schools

The following service is designed to provide a 20-25 minute chapel service for Lutheran Schools and Centers. This service is designed to incorporate Bible, prayer, and music, which can be led by a teacher, director, pastor, or lay leader. This service gives thanks to God for the gift of education, highlights the work of Lutheran Schools, and asks for God's blessing and protection within the schools.

Gathering

L: We gather in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son + and Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

L: This chapel service is being held in sanctuaries around the United States. We are a part of the body of Christ in the time and place, and through the Holy Spirit, we are united with other Lutheran schools and centers. Today, we will sing, pray, hear God's Word in the Bible, and ask God to bless and protect us.

Gathering Song: *This Little Light of Mine*

ELW #677

Prayer

L: Let us pray:

Mighty God,

We thank you for making each of us your children. Bless the schools, centers, and congregations that celebrate Lutheran Schools Week 2023. Help us to shine the light of your Son, Jesus, on all the world. Amen.

Word

Isaiah 60:1-3

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Interactive Reflection:

One Idea:

- 1) Start with your worship space with no, or minimal lights on.
 - a. What do you notice right now?
 - b. Why do you think we are starting without lights?
- 2) Turn on a few lights:
 - a. What do you notice now?
 - b. Do we need more lights?
- 3) Turn on a few more lights:
 - a. What sources of light do we depend on each day?
 - b. What is the difference between generating light and reflecting light?
- 4) Use a mirror to reflect light onto a wall that everyone can see.
 - a. The mirror helps reflect light- it doesn't generate its own.
 - b. The moon depends on the reflection of the sun's light.
 - c. You reflect the light of Christ into the world.
- 5) Engage with the idea that the light of Christ is reflected off of us
 - a. The Holy Spirit works in us, around us, and through us, so others may see the light of Christ.
 - b. When our neighbors experience peace, healing, or hope, Christ's light shines

Hymn of Praise: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

ELW #671

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Sending

Closing Prayer:

ELW Page 231

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain all your children with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

ELW #866

Worship Elements for Congregations

Happy Lutheran Schools Week 2023! As the mission and ministry of our Lutheran churches, schools, and learning centers, we give God thanks for the ways we gather to love and service our neighbors, while asking God to bless and protect those who learn and grow at our Lutheran Schools. Here are some worship elements that can be added to weekend worship. This is available for all, whether or not you have a school/center as a part of your ministry.

Blessing of students, teachers, directors, and boards:

Prior to the Gathering Hymn or after the hymn of the Day, all those involved with the school/center are invited to come to the front for a special introduction, prayer, and blessing.

PM: As a part of our worship service today, we highlight and pray for the work of our Lutheran schools and centers. The Evangelical Lutheran Education Association is a professional group that helps connect, develop, and inspire Lutheran education throughout the ELCA.

Assembled in the front of our worship space are the _____, who are entrusted to care for, and teach, children at the _____ school/center. Now, we ask God to bless them in their work.

Modeled after the "Prayer for the Care of Children," Pastoral Care Handbook, page 371

Let us pray: Holy God, with a mother's love and father's care you have blessed us with the joy and responsibility of caring for, and teaching, children. Bless these *teachers/students/administrators/board members* as they continue in the work of education; give them patience, strength, protection, wisdom, and guidance, so the students may learn of your love, and be empowered to work for justice and truth. Help us all, to love others, following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession- Petition:

We pray for all those who are called to teach in a Lutheran school or center. Guide teachers, administrators, boards, students, and their families in the way of Jesus. Bless the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association, to build a network of connecting, developing, and inspiring schools. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Announcement:

This week, we celebrate the mission and ministry of Lutheran Schools and centers, across the ELCA and the world! Lutheran Schools Week 2023 is a week spent highlighting the ministry of Lutheran Schools and Centers, highlighting the work of the professional association for Lutheran Schools and Centers (Evangelical Lutheran Education Association), and providing resources to help schools and centers focus on spiritual growth among students, families, and staff. You will notice that there is a bulletin insert that provides more information, along with connection points with the ELEA.

Here are some ways you can incorporate the school/center into worship leadership.

1. Include information about your school/center in the bulletin and weekly announcements.

2. Add the ELEA bulletin insert into your worship bulletins.
3. Invite the families at your school and center to attend worship this weekend.
4. Have the Director help lead some or all of worship.
5. Invite your teachers to help lead worship.
6. Share the celebrations of the school/center during announcements.
7. Incorporate music that reflects the theme from Isaiah 60:1- "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!"
8. Follow the ELEA on social media and share posts through your social media pages.