

GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

I hope this letter finds you having an enjoyable and relaxing summer. Preparations have started for the 2015-2016 school year. There are several exciting things happening at Good Shepherd.

- Mrs. Kathy Bohlmann has been called to teach 3 yr. old Preschool. Mrs. Lori Ernest will be our full-time preschool aid. Mrs. Kathryn Blumer will serve as our 1st and 2nd grade part-time teacher. Ms. Marian Masa will serve as our 7th and 8th grade part-time math teacher.
- Science Studies Weekly -- More information available about Science Studies Weekly at our September Curriculum Night. Mark your calendar!
- ***NEW*** Back-to-School Information Meeting & Classroom Orientation. Please plan on attending.
- Implementing a Food Management Plan. Requiring Health Action Plan(s), where necessary.
- Where you are directed to visit our website, please visit www.gsds.org, select Find Us, and then choose the school name.
- The teaching staff is rejuvenated following a summer of workshops, college summer school courses, and relaxation.
- We begin our 37th year of Christian education!

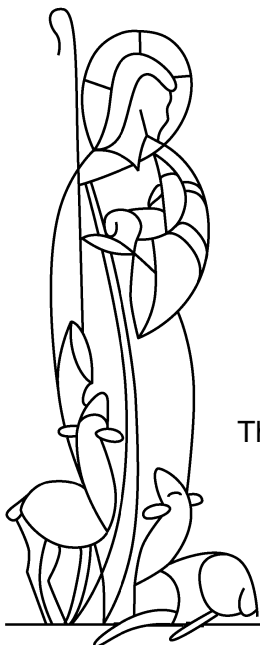
2015-2016 School Faculty

Miss Sarah Rautenberg	Preschool Director/Teacher
Mrs. Kathy Bohlmann	3-Year Old Preschool Teacher (Part-Time)
Mrs. Lori Ernest	Preschool Aide
Mrs. Kathryn Schwartz	Kindergarten
Miss Ellen Zank	Grades 1-2
Mrs. Kathryn Blumer	Grades 1-2 (Part-Time)
Mrs. Barbara Koch	Grades 3-4
Mrs. Vicki Smith	Grades 5-6
Mr. Bryan Scriver	Grades 7-8
Ms. Marian Masa	Grades 7-8 Math (Part-Time)
Pastor Matthew Schwartz	Grades 7-8 Confirmation Inst.
Pastor David Rutschow	Grades 7-8 Church History

The information that follows will help you prepare for the beginning of school.

A member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27



*****IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION***** As we continue to strive to provide the safest environment for our students, the following has been adopted:

- **NEW Food Management Plan** policy has been created and added to our Handbook.
- **Required Health Action Management Plans** for those students with allergies, asthma, and diabetes. If you have a student that has been diagnosed with one of these conditions, you are required to complete the appropriate Health Action Plan. The plan must be completed by you and the doctor **and** signed by you and the doctor. The forms are found on our website at www.gsdg.org. If you have questions, please contact the office at office@gsdg.org.

Online Enrollment via TADS: The week of July 20th you will be receiving an e-mail(s) from Good Shepherd referencing our school name and the 2015-16 school year. This e-mail instructs you to complete enrollment of your child(ren) through the online TADS system where you will be required to complete some online forms, pay your registration fees, and select your tuition payment plan. **This online enrollment process and the payment of your registration fees must be completed by August 4th.** Your first tuition payment is due in August on the date you select.

Fees Worksheet – A ***Tuition & Fee Summary*** has been included in this mailing to help calculate registration fees that will be due at Enrollment via TADS. Note: some items may not need to be purchased if item(s) can be used again (e.g., Luther's Catechism, Christian Worship Hymnal, Faith Alive Bible or other NIV Bible, music recorders). The opportunity to purchase replacement copies will be available during Enrollment via TADS.

If you have any questions about enrollment on the TADS site, please contact Carlene Derickson at office@gsdg.org.

Calendar

8/5 (Wednesday) Registration hours are from 9:00am to 12:00pm and 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Registration is required and you may come at your convenience during the designated time to pick-up books/materials, receive important information, and pay program fees (Milk, Before/After Care, and Sports, if applicable). Approximately 30 minutes should accomplish this. Children may, but need not, attend registration.

We are no longer able to offer completing registration on the first day of school. If needed, a Make-up Registration day has been scheduled (see information below).

8/11 (Tuesday) Make-Up Registration - Mr. Scriver will be available by appointment only from 8:00am – 12:00pm.

8/16 (Sunday) *NEW* 6:00pm – 8:00 pm Back-to-School Information Meeting & Classroom Orientation. The Back-to-School Information Meeting will take place beginning at 6:00pm in the church. Following the School Information Meeting, each teacher will host two classroom orientation sessions. The teachers will go through the classroom orientation folders and answer any questions.

8/19 (Wednesday) Grades K-8 begin with a **half-day of classes, 8:10am to 11:30am**. Parents are invited to worship with us in the opening chapel service at 8:10am. As always, this service will set the overall theme or tone for the entire school year. After chapel, please join us for the FrOGS Meet & Greet for coffee, juice, and breakfast treats. Come introduce yourself and use this time to find out more about what FrOGS is and the many functions this group hosts.

8/31 – 9/4 AimsWeb Testing K-8 (Fall Testing Period)

9/7 (Monday) Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

Examinations

The Illinois School Code requires dental and physical examinations, with the required immunizations, for all new or transfer students.

Following is the required examinations schedule for all other students:

- **Physical Examination with required immunizations - entering Kindergarten and 6th Grade.** The physical examination form should be completed by you and your physician and returned to school on registration day or no later than August 31st of the school year. Please speak to your licensed physician regarding what immunizations are required. **Remember to complete the Health History section on the backside and sign your name.**
- **Dental Examination – students entering Kindergarten, 2nd Grade, and 6th Grade.** The dental examination form is required to be returned to school no later than April 15th of the school year.
- **Eye Examination – students entering Kindergarten.** The eye examination form is required to be returned to school no later than October 15th of the school year.

All health forms can be found at www.gsdg.org on the school site under the side menu option “Enrollment Information”.

Classroom Supply Lists – now posted on the school’s website at www.gsdg.org.

Religion Materials / Supplies Checklist 2015-16

K - 2

Christ-Light® Lessons Hymnal (1-2 only)
NIV Bible (1-2 only)*

***Note: All 1st graders will receive an NIV Bible as a gift from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; therefore, you will not be required to purchase one.**

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Christ-Light® Lessons Hymnal
NIV Bible

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Christ-Light® Lessons Hymnal
Faith Foundations NIV Bible

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Luther's Catechism Hymnal
NIV Bible 1 folder/binder

Writing Paper In order to help each student develop clear handwriting, the use of wide-ruled paper is required. When you purchase any paper for your child's use, be certain it is labeled "wide ruled."

Piano Lessons There are openings for piano lessons beginning this Fall offered to children in Grades 3-8! These lessons take place during the school day. Openings are limited and will be filled on a first come basis. For more information, please contact Kathy Bohlmann (rev2v10@earthlink.net) or Marlena Spurbeck (marlenaspurbeck@gmail.com).

Hot Lunch Students generally carry a bag lunch to school. On Fridays, however, a hot lunch will be available at school. You will be notified in advance of the cost and date.

Kindergarten Mrs. Schwartz will call to schedule the readiness assessment of kindergartners. The readiness assessment will help us get your kindergartner off to a happy and successful start in school. **Please bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate on registration day!**

*****NEW*** Family Information Sheet** Please complete the enclosed family information sheet in pencil and **bring it with you to registration**. This information tells our staff a little bit about your family and makes it easier for us to contact you for conferences, emergencies, etc.

Finally You may have additional questions regarding registration and the new school year. Do not hesitate to contact the school secretary.

Registration Checklist: To expedite your registration, please bring the following items with you to registration.

- ✓ **Birth Certificate** (certified copy) for Kindergarten students
- ✓ **Completed Health Examination Forms**, if applicable
 - Medical – please complete and sign the parent portion on the back side
 - Dental
 - Eye
- ✓ **Health Action Plan(s)**, if required, completed and signed by you and your child's doctor
- ✓ **Separate Check(s)** for:
 - Optional Milk Program (white or chocolate)
 - ⇒ \$80 recess **OR** lunch
 - ⇒ \$160 recess **AND** lunch
 - Before/ After School Care Program Registration, if applicable (for program details and cost, refer to the Parent Handbook at www.gsdg.org and/or when enrolling via TADS.)
 - Sports Program(s), if applicable
 - ⇒ Soccer **and/or** Softball only - \$5 jersey rental due at registration
 - ⇒ Soccer **and/or** Softball **and** Basketball - \$5 jersey rental due at registration; \$95 due in October during basketball registration
 - ⇒ Basketball **only** - \$100, includes jersey rental, due in October during basketball registration
- ✓ Completed **Family Information Sheet**