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# REPORT February 2025

## Free Tuition Assistance Program

**Act NOW before the February 18<sup>th</sup> Deadline**

**Funds are Limited; First Come, First Served**

### A Christ-Centered Education Is Now More Accessible Than Ever Before!

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is excited to share with you an opportunity for your children to get a quality education with us by accessing **FREE TUITION ASSISTANCE** through the Oklahoma Parental Choice Program.

### What Is the Oklahoma Parental Choice Program?

The Oklahoma Parental Choice Program is a free tuition assistance program that allows you to send your children to Good Shepherd and have **100%** of their tuition paid in most cases. This means your children can experience the faith-filled, high-quality education offered at Good Shepherd Lutheran School at no cost to you.

### Who Can Apply?

Great news! The program is open to all Oklahoma families, regardless of income. If you are already receiving SNAP, TANF, or SoonerCare, you are automatically approved for the full tuition amount for each child.

### How to Apply

Applying is simple and takes just a few steps:

1. Visit Good Shepherd Lutheran School and enroll your children.
2. After enrolling, you will receive a confirmation number to complete the online application through the Oklahoma Tax Commission. If you are already receiving SNAP, TANF, or SoonerCare, you **MUST APPLY** for the funding, but you are not required to provide income verification.
3. Once approved, Good Shepherd will receive the funds to cover all tuition costs in most cases.

Need assistance? We're here to help every step of the way! For guidance, contact us at (405) 732-0070 or [schoolsecretary@gslok.org](mailto:schoolsecretary@gslok.org). Three (3) days will be available to receive assistance on applying for the program at Good Shepherd: Thursday, February 6th, and Friday, February 7th, from 2 pm to 7 pm and Saturday, February 8th, from 9 am to 2 pm.

### Why Choose Good Shepherd Lutheran School?

At Good Shepherd, we partner with families to:

- Nurture students' faith and character.
- Provide a Christ-centered, academically excellent education.
- Equip students for success in school and life.

### Take the First Step Today!

**Don't Miss out on the Limited Funds. Enroll before the February 18<sup>th</sup> Deadline**

Don't miss this opportunity to provide your child with the best education and spiritual growth. To learn more about the Oklahoma Parental Choice Program or to schedule a tour of our school, contact us at:

#### Good Shepherd Lutheran School

700 N Air Depot Blvd  
Midwest City, OK 73110  
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[www.MyLutheran.School](http://www.MyLutheran.School)



Scan the QR Code to go directly to our website for more information.



**Psalm 136:1 “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.”**

**The Great Commandment, Matthew 22:34-40**

22:<sup>34</sup> But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup> And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

**For God So Loved the World, John 3:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**The Way of Love, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8,13**

13: <sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends.

<sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.





## Classroom News

### Pre-School

Preschool is off to a great new start this year. We are already getting ready for Valentine's Day. We have made some fun decorations for our classroom. The children are also very excited about exchanging Valentine's Day cards with each other. We are learning about the new season of winter since we have come back from break. We made some winter trees during craft time. They enjoyed sharing their stories of the adventures they had with our couple of snow days when school was closed. We also have continued to work on the alphabet. We just finished up M, N, and O. Preschool continues to go to chapel on Wednesdays. We are looking forward to a new month of learning!

Ms. Samantha Johnson

### PreK

Our class is back on track after Christmas break. They were all excited to be back in our classroom and were eager to jump back into our routine. They enjoyed going to chapel and seeing Pastor after a long break. Our class has grown as we welcomed two new students to our class and are happy to have them with us! They continue to learn new things each day and are guided by the love of Jesus.

Mrs. Alesha Bauman

### Kindergarten

Kindergarten immediately dove into a new year! We started off with reviewing our sight words and adding several more. They are doing a great job reading. They also are learning to write sentences with correct punctuation. I think math is their favorite subject. They are learning how to measure things and about place value. We are reviewing ordinal numbers and graphing. We still enjoy traveling the world with Milo and Anya (our cricket and sandpiper friends). We are currently studying about Germany. We have learned a few German words and learned about Beethoven. We have even learned how to make some pretzels. We enjoyed the homemade pretzels for a snack. We are excited to celebrate Valentine's Day in our classroom. We will be having our party on the afternoon of the 14<sup>th</sup>. We have already started making some decorations for our classroom. Pastor continues to visit our classroom on Monday mornings to read our weekly Bible story and we attend chapel on Wednesdays. We love singing the songs Mrs. Rohwer teaches us. We are excited to welcome 3 new students who have joined us in our classroom. We look forward to updating you next month on our adventures in Kindergarten!

Mrs. Dana Johnson





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### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

First Graders are learning what it means to have JESUS AS OUR FOCAL POINT in life! Every day, at Good Shepherd Lutheran School, we are reminded of Christ's love toward us, and every day in school, we are reminded of His forgiveness to us! This week is Lutheran Schools' Week and we are talking about how special it is to be part of a Christ-centered school. Because of this, the children are learning to become courageous for the name of Jesus! It is our prayer that He will fill our homes with His love and peace and that those who don't have a personal relationship with Him will listen to His still small voice whispering, "Come to Me."

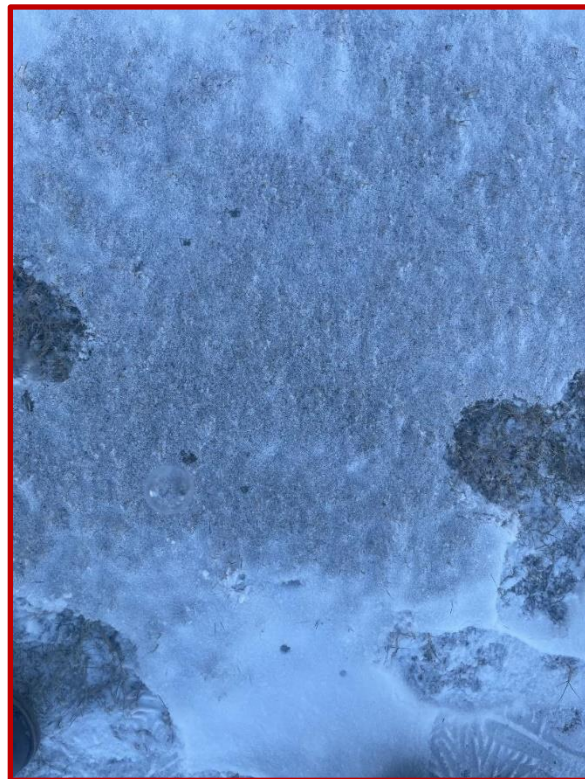
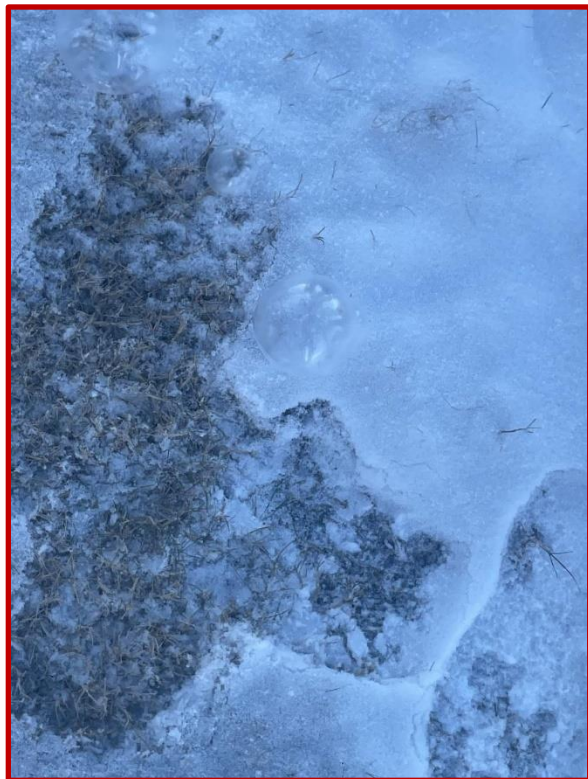
Mrs. Grace Rohwer

### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

This month we are learning to carry and borrow when adding and subtracting in math class. Mrs. Cunningham is working with many students to improve their reading skills. We are seeing big improvements. Some of the older students are working their way through chapter books and learning to answer comprehension questions with complete sentences.

We enjoyed playing in the first snow of the year. Later we had a cold day where we experimented to see if bubbles would freeze. We knew it needed to be below 20 degrees. Fortunately, we reached 14 degrees and ran out to blow bubbles. We found they would not freeze in the air but would freeze once they touched the snow on the ground. It's fun to pop frozen bubbles and see them crumble.

Mrs. Gail Marlatt





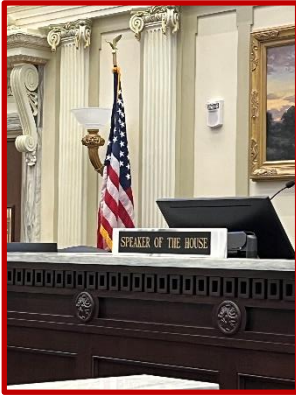


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#### 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade; 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Our students enjoyed the field trip to tour the Oklahoma State Capital and to hear about some of the history of the capital and of Oklahoma.

Ms. Kerriona Carson; Ms. Belinda Harke



#### Individual Instruction and Tutor

Good progress is being made in the individual instruction classroom. We keep on improving by working and trying our best. I love all the handshakes, hugs and high fives I get! 😊 February is a great time to focus on Love. May God help us to always share His love with everyone around us.

God's blessings!

Mrs. Cunningham

## School Receives a Grant Award of \$7,500 from LWML

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) awarded the Good Shepherd Lutheran School a grant in the amount of \$7,500.00 for the Ready Improvement Initiative. These funds will assist in purchasing new reading curriculum, library management software, library computer and Advanced Reading subscription for all grades to use. Additionally, this grant will enable Good Shepherd Lutheran School to assist students as they work toward raising their reading skills to grade level. Pictured from left to right: Royce Junghanns, Parochial Education Chairperson; Van Guillotte, Campus Administrator; Marguerite Christman, LWML Representative; and Pastor Simpson.



**Our heartfelt thanks are extended to the LWML!**



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Good Shepherd Lutheran School  
Community Fund Raising Event

Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

# Pizza Hut

2839 S. Douglas Blvd.

Midwest City, OK 73130

Store Hours: 11:00AM – 11:00PM

Flyer leaflet good from  
opening to closing.

Additional information on the leaflet.  
Share a leaflet with family and friends!



**Eat Pizza. Raise 20%.**  
**It's just that cheesy.**

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**Good Shepherd Lutheran School**  
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Two easy ways for your fundraiser order to count!

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If placing your order in-store, show your printed or digital flyer to the Pizza Hut Team Member serving you. Valid from open to close on the date of your scheduled fundraiser. \$15 min sub-total purchase required. Distribution of flyers at Pizza Hut is prohibited.



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## ***“Come and see!”***

# There are some awesome things happening East of the cross! **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, School and ECC**

### **Church:**

700 N. Air Depot Blvd.  
Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110  
Phone (405) 732-2585  
Website: [www.MyLutheran.church](http://www.MyLutheran.church)

### **Church Services:**

Sunday Worship: 8:00AM & 10:30AM  
Bible Study & Sunday School: 9:15AM

### **Wednesday Midweek:**

Confirmation, 5:00pm  
Fellowship Meal, 5:30pm  
Adult Bible Study 6:00pm – 7:00pm  
& Children's Class

### **School:**

Phone (405) 732-0070  
Fax (405) 732-3977  
Website: [www.MyLutheran.school](http://www.MyLutheran.school)  
E-mail: [schoolsecretary@gslok.org](mailto:schoolsecretary@gslok.org)  
School Hours:  
Mon-Fri: 8:15 AM - 3:45 PM

### **Early Childhood Center:**

Phone (405) 732-7667  
Fax (405) 732-3977  
Website: [www.MyLutheran.school](http://www.MyLutheran.school)  
E-mail: [eccdirector@gslok.org](mailto:eccdirector@gslok.org)  
Early Childhood Center Hours:  
Mon-Fri: 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM



## ***“May we pray for you?”***

Do you have any prayer requests that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church may add to our Prayer Request List? We would be honored to be able to lift up prayers on your behalf. There is a box in the Family Life Center lobby with request forms available. Just fill out the form and drop in the box. The forms will be picked up and delivered to the church secretary to be included on the weekly church bulletin list. If there is anything else we may be able to do, please do not hesitate to let us know. God bless!



Are you looking for **a church home?**  
**Are you seeking** a place to go to worship?  
Are you wanting to be in fellowship with  
other Christians?  
You are cordially invited to come join us in  
worship and fellowship.

***Come and see.***  
***We'd love to have you.***

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## “Food for Thought” Poster Gallery

Let your hands be so busy catching blessings, that there's no room to hold on to grudges.



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Lots of kids come to school with invisible backpacks weighted with struggles. Stress, worry, fear, anxiety, trauma, unmet physical needs, loneliness, anger, sadness, and hopelessness can make them so heavy; too heavy for learning to happen.

**Notice and love them instead.**

—BETHANY HILL, Principal

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BE DEVOTED TO ONE  
ANOTHER IN LOVE  
**HONOR**  
ONE ANOTHER ABOVE  
YOURSELVES.  
ROMANS 12:10



“Children cannot be what they cannot see”

MARIAN WRIGHT  
EDELMAN

Follow The Contented Child



**“For very young children, all important learning takes place within the context of play.** Play is exploration. Play is trying things...Play is trying to develop a sense of mastery of the world.”

*Dr. Jack Shonkoff*



GSLs February 2025 Activities						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 8:00a Worship 9:15a Bible Study/SS 10:30a Worship	3	4	5 Chapel	6	7	8
9 8:00a Worship 9:15a Bible Study/SS 10:30a Worship	10	11	12 Chapel	13	14 	15
16 8:00a Worship 9:15a Bible Study/SS 10:30a Worship	17 President's Day NO SCHOOL	18	19 Chapel	20	21 Professional Day NO SCHOOL	22
23 8:00a Worship 9:15a Bible Study/SS 10:30a Worship	24	25	26 Chapel	27	28	





# GSLs February 2025 Lunch Menu

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 Chicken & Cheese Alfredo, green beans, rolls, pineapples, milk	4 Beef & Cheese Nachos, Beans, Spanish rice, milk	5 Corn Dogs, Carrots, Peaches, Milk	6 Frito Chili Pie w/Cheese, com, oranges, milk	7 Hamburger Helper, Green Beans, grapes, milk	8
9	10 Soft tacos, Spanish rice, oranges, milk	11 Pizza, Salad, Fruit, milk	12 Taquitos, Spanish rice, grapes, milk	13 Baked BBQ Chicken, Green Beans, apple sauce, milk	14 Hot Dogs, chips, pickle, pineapple, apple, milk	15
16	17 School & ECC Closed/President's Day	18 Chicken Nugget, mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail, milk	19 Cheeseburger w/fixings, fries, peaches, milk	20 Chicken Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, pears, milk	21 Baked Ham, Mac & cheese, roasted red potatoes, com, milk <b>School Closed/Prof. Day</b>	22
23	24 Spaghetti, com, garlic bread, milk	25 Baked BBQ Chicken, green beans, applesauce, bread & milk	26 Salisbury steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, milk	27 Taco Salad w/lettuce & cheese, Mexican rice, oranges, milk	28 Chili & Cheese, crackers, apple, milk	