

WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

May 4th - 8th, 2026

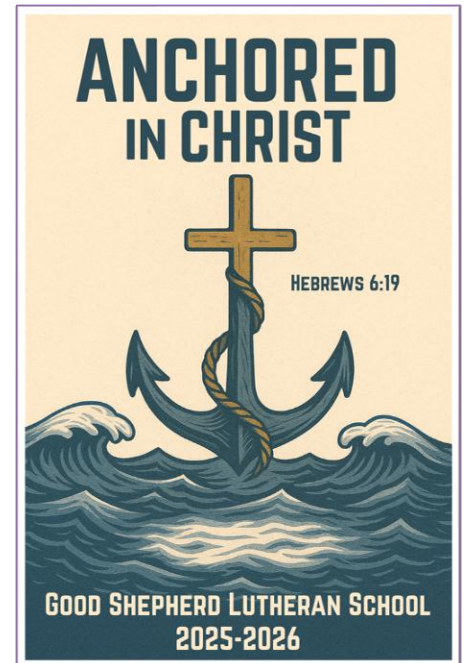


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General News and Notes

- This year's Play and Awards Night will be held in the auditorium at Gross Catholic High School (7700 S 43rd St, Bellevue, NE) on Thursday, May 14th. We'll kick things off with the preschool & kindergarten play at 6 p.m., followed by the 1st-8th-grade musical and awards! We look forward to seeing everyone there for this special night!
- Please note that Aftercare will end at 5 p.m. next Thursday, May 14th, so that everyone has time to get to Gross High School!
- Our second, and final, track meet of the season is the NELHS Track Meet next Saturday, May 9th, in Utica, NE. Please discuss with your child if they are able to attend and what events they'd like to compete in! Go, Bulldogs!
- If you're looking for options for this summer for your older students, [Camp Jefferson](#), [Camp Messiah](#), [Rocky Mountain Christian Camp](#), and the [NELHS Youth Sports Camps](#) may all be great options! Just click the names for more information!
- The 2nd Annual Good Shepherd Lutheran Golf Tournament is coming up on June 26th at Eagle Hills Golf Course! We are looking for silent auction items, live auction items, hole sponsors, and... most importantly... golfers! We also need volunteers for the day of the event. Contact Mr. Lauber for more information on how you can get involved!
- Our last day of school, Friday, May 15th, is only two weeks away! Everyone is invited to our closing service and 8th-grade graduation at 11:00 am, followed by a picnic lunch (hot dog & chips) and epic water fight (weather permitting)! Please note that dismissal is at noon on the 15th, there is no aftercare, and students cannot be left unattended after our closing worship service. In order to plan food for the picnic, [please RSVP here](#) and check any donations that are [still needed here](#). Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4-8

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 9

NELHS Track Meet

May 14

Play & Awards Night

- 6 p.m. @ Gross High School

May 15

Last Day of School

- 11:00 – Graduation/Closing Service/8th-grade song
- 11:45 – School Picnic
- 12:30 – School Water Fight!

June 26

Good Shepherd Golf Tournament

@ Eagle Hills Golf Course

July 10-15

WELS Camp Jefferson

- Youth (3rd-8th) – Fri. – Sun.
- Teen (8th-HS) – Sun. – Wed.

July 19-22

WELS Camp Messiah (5th-HS)

Worship Focus

THIS WEEKEND



Sunday 5/3/26

9:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Mr. Lauber)

10:30 a.m. – Worship (Pastor Jeske)

Theme:

“What Difference Does It Make?
He Lives to Be My Good
Shepherd”

Readings:

- Epistle Lesson – 1 Peter 2:19-25
- Psalm 23C
- Gospel - John 10:1-10

Hymns:

- #552 – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
- #555 – “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”
- #551 - “Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep”
- #804 – “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

MR. LAUBER & MRS. ROBERTS’ CLASSROOM

- A huge THANK YOU to Andrea Miller, Jill & Rich Miller, and Jramayne Soappman for chaperoning our MN trip! Now we turn our full attention to the musical and wrapping up our classwork!



Touring the campus of Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN!

TESTS THIS WEEK

M – None

Tu – 5th&6th - *My Side of the Mountain*

W – None

Th – None

F – None



MISS CROWL'S CLASSROOM

Memory Work: Isaiah 43:11 for **Wednesday**. 1 Peter 5:8 for **Friday**.

Spelling:

3rd - below, about, belong, around, again, alone, because, above, between, alive, behind, begin, along, before, approach, blotch, allow, pouch

4th - believing, answering, replaced, happened, following, practiced, youngest, explained, breathing, urged, simplest, questioned, strangest, quieter, sharpest, hungrier, angriest, easiest, smoother, cloudier

5th - ballet, echo, bouquet, cassette, coupon, safari, portrait, barrette, depot, courtesy, petite, denim, brunette, buffet, garage, khaki, crochet, chorus, essay, alphabet

Notes & Reminders:

- The last track meet is this Saturday, May 9th.
- Play and Awards Night is next Thursday, May 14th.
- The last day of school is Friday, May 15th. Please join us for the end-of-year celebration beginning at 11 am.



Track practice



Lining up for Color Tag!

Mission Statement

Good Shepherd
Lutheran School exists for
students to be

FED by the Word,

FOLLOW Christ in his love,
and

FIND the lost with his Word.

MRS. HOPFENSPERGER'S CLASSROOM

- **Spelling Words (1st & 2nd Grade):**
 - 1st: book, hook, good, brook, took, foot, wool, shook, wood, boyhood
 - 2nd: liked, using, riding, chased, spilled, making, closed, hoping, baked, hiding, standing, asked
- **High Frequency Words:**
 - Kindergarten: back, let, were, what
 - 1st: been heard, hurry, learn, loved, often, study, world
 - 2nd: area, around, coming, from, goes, going, second, seemed, there, who
- **Sound of the Week:**
 - Kindergarten: sh, ch
 - 1st: oo consonant le
 - 2nd: open and closed syllables
- **Focus Skills**
 - Kindergarten: blend phonemes into words, isolate initial sounds, setting, ask and answer questions
 - 1st: setting, make inferences, theme, create mental images, elements of poetry
 - 2nd: story structure, make and confirm predictions, central idea, make connections
- **Power Words**
 - Kindergarten: close, flow, visit
 - 1st: artist, conducting, gallery, lab, merrily, method, mural, promise, rid, rummaged, specimens, spoiled
 - 2nd: clutched, final, forgot, founded, heave, imaginary, marsh, patient, pucker, races, shallow, steers, tart, trunk

Library is done for the school year. Please bring back any books that were checked out of our library

Show and tell is done for the school year

There will be no memory work for the month of May

Upcoming Dates:

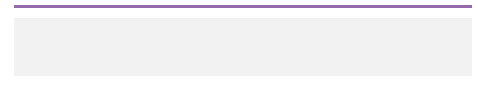
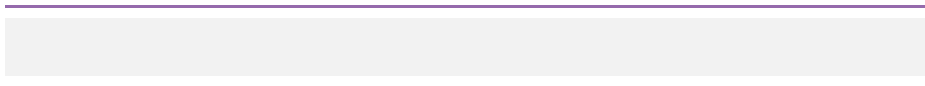
May 14th- Musical/ Awards Night at Gross High School at 6:00 p.m.



Playing Color Tag!

MEMORY WORK

Memory Work is finished for the school year



MRS. WALZ'S CLASSROOM

- In Jesus Time, this week we will learn one story. Our story is "Philip Tells a Man about Jesus." In this story, we will hear how Jesus sent a believing man to a man from another country to tell him the good news of Jesus.
- For Circle Time, this week we will talk all about the letter X and about butterflies.
- It is the Last Show and Tell of the year this week. The theme is a favorite toy.
- A note was sent home about our Play and Awards Night on Thursday, May 14th. Please let me know if you did not receive this note, since it talks about what your child will need for a costume for our play.
- The Last Day of School is Friday, May 15th. The morning will end with our Closing Service and Last Day of School Picnic. An email was sent out from Mrs. Beals with a sign-up sheet to RSVP for the picnic. If you have any questions about the Last Day of School, please let me know.
- If you ever have any questions, please feel free to email me, send me a message in Bloomz, send a note in your child's backpack, or talk to me in person.
- Have a great week!



Artists and their canvas



Great day for blowing bubbles!

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