

# WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

April 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

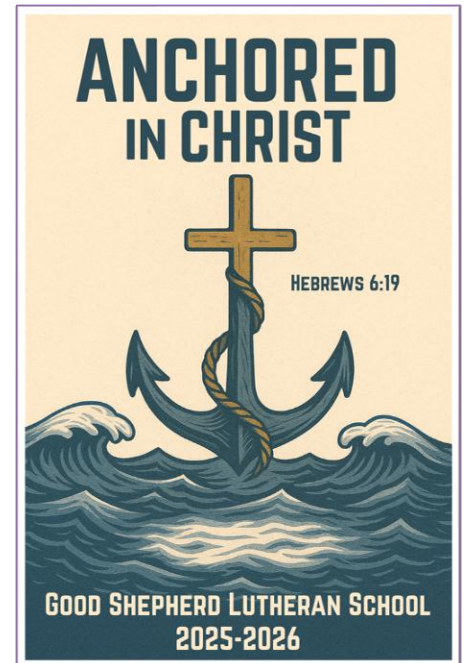


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## General News and Notes

- MAP Testing is this week (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>), so make sure your student is getting good sleep and a good breakfast to be at their best!
- Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is open! Enroll today at <https://mytads.com/a/goodshepherdomaha> and by April 30<sup>th</sup> to receive \$25 off the activity fee! \*Please note that if you plan to apply for tuition assistance, you must apply through [Children's Scholarship Fund](#) (due May 1<sup>st</sup>). **This is a required first step.** Even if you do not receive a CSF scholarship, you may still qualify for a Good Shepherd scholarship!
- Our first track meet of the year for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade – the Plymouth Track Meet – is next Saturday! The coaches will be submitting events no later than Tuesday afternoon, so please discuss with your child if they are able to attend and what events they'd like to compete in.
- **WE ARE IN NEED OF DRIVERS** to see “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” at NELHS next Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. We hope to take everyone in K-8, but we currently only have enough drivers signed up to accommodate about half of those students. The plan is to leave here at 8 a.m., eat a sack lunch after the performance, and then return to Good Shepherd. The driver sign-up sheet is posted on the school bulletin board in the hallway. We appreciate any assistance you can provide!
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Good Shepherd Lutheran Golf Tournament is coming up on June 26<sup>th</sup> at Eagle Hills Golf Course! Keep an eye on all the ways you can contribute to this event!
- I apologize for the lack of new photos in this week's note. I'll try to get some new shots this coming week!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 13-16

MAP Testing (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)

### April 16

“Charlie & the Chocolate Factory”  
@ NELHS (K-8<sup>th</sup>)

### April 18

Plymouth Track Meet

### April 21

Lincoln trip - State Capitol tour &  
Nebraska History Museum (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)

### April 29-May 1

6-8 trip to Minnesota

### May 9

NELHS Track Meet

### May 14

Play & Awards Night (location TBA)

### May 15

Last Day of School

# Worship Focus

**THIS WEEKEND**



**Sunday 4/12/26**

**9:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Mr. Lauber)**

**10:30 a.m. – Worship w/ Lord's Supper (Pastor Jeske)**

## Theme:

“What Difference Does It Make:  
He Lives to Give Me Eager  
Expectation of Glory”

## Readings:

- Epistle Lesson – 1 Peter 4:12-17, 5:6-11
- Psalm 124A
- Gospel - John 17:1-11a

## Hymns:

- #465 – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”
- #446 – “Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”
- #670 - “I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”
- #417 - “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

## MR. LAUBER & MRS. ROBERTS' CLASSROOM

- Parts have been assigned, and we'll be hard at work on our 2026 school musical – “Jonah's Druthers.” Keep any eye out for opportunities to help with costumes and/or set design!



Stretching out before track practice #1!

## TESTS THIS WEEK

**M** – Language MAP Test  
**Tu** – Reading MAP Test  
**W** – Math MAP Test  
**Th** – NELHS Musical  
**F** – None



## MISS CROWL'S CLASSROOM

**Memory Work:** Ephesians 4:32 for **Wednesday**. Matthew 22:39b **AND** 1 John 4:8 for **Friday**.

### Spelling:

**3rd** - jelly, bottom, pillow, happen, butter, lesson, cherry, sudden, arrow, dollar, hello, rabbit, letter, button, carpet, problem, until, mistake

**4th** - half, comb, honor, fasten, kneel, wreath, calm, answer, handsome, wrinkle, listen, fetch, yolk, climb, honest, knuckle, plumber, limb, folktale, gnarled

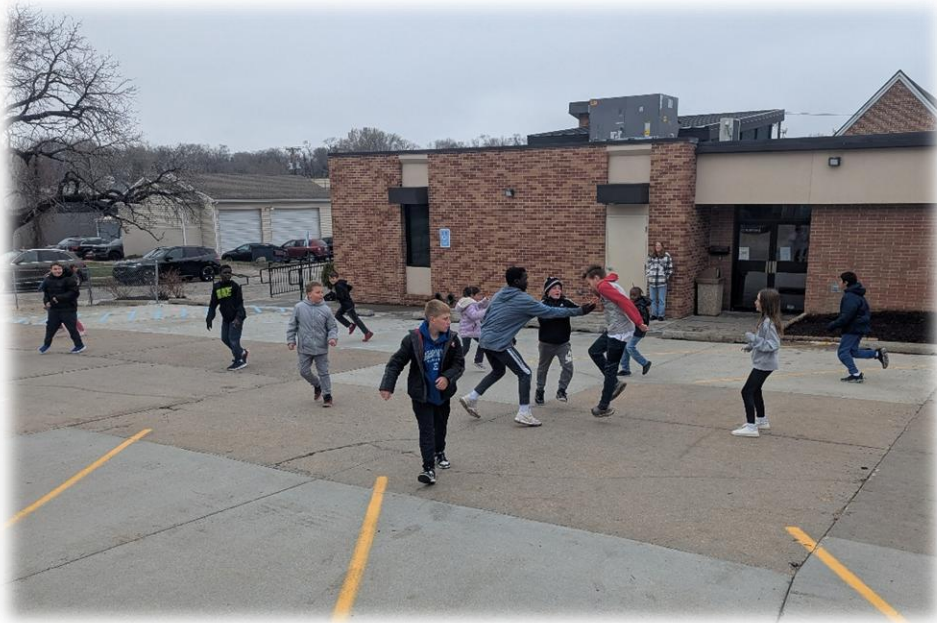
**5th** - correct, correction, explore, exploration, admire, admiration, subtract, subtraction, examine, examination, separate, separation, alter, alteration, preserve, preservation, reflect, reflection, substitute, substitution

### Notes & Reminders:

- We are headed to NELHS for the children's performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We need **more drivers!**
- Our first track meet is this Saturday, April 18th.



Coach Crowl wraps up track practice



Fun playing 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 (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade):**
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: her, fern, girl, sir, stir, bird, fur, hurt, turn, third
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: don't, we'll, it's, I've, didn't, you're, that's, wasn't, you've, who's, they'd, aren't
- **High Frequency Words:**
  - Kindergarten: down, off, so, will
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: boy, door, father, maybe, nearest, says, shouted, until
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: couldn't, don't, however, I'll, live, put, should, that's, very, you're
- **Sound of the Week:**
  - Kindergarten: final ck
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: er, ir, ur, two-syllable words
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: three-letter blends, contractions
- **Focus Skills**
  - Kindergarten: produce rhymes, character, setting, events, isolate final sounds
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: story structure, monitor and clarify, elements of poetry, retell
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: text features, monitor and clarify, text organization, create mental images
- **Power Words**
  - Kindergarten: familiar, free, witness
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: cook, corner, delicate, delicious, discoveries, dreary, expected, gear, pounding, smooth, stretched, sturdy
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: attached, crack, hide, permanent, prepare, pronounced, romped, separate, sheltered, surface, weary, wildlife, wit, wraps

### Upcoming Dates:

April 10<sup>th</sup> – First Grade Show and Tell  
April 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – MAP Testing  
April 16<sup>th</sup> - Field Trip Musical at NELHS  
April 17<sup>th</sup> - Second Grade Show and Tell  
April 19<sup>th</sup> - First Grade Bibles at 10:30 a.m.



Helping spread our new playground mulch

### MEMORY WORK

#### Tuesday

- K – Be kind and compassionate to one another
- 1-2 – Ephesians 4:32

#### Wednesday

- 2 – The Fifth Commandment

#### Thursday

- 1-2 – None

## MRS. WALZ'S CLASSROOM

- In Jesus Time, this week we will learn one story. Our story is "Jesus Helps Thomas Believe." In this story, we will hear how Jesus came to his friends in a locked room to show he was alive.
- For Circle Time, this week we will talk all about the letter W and about butterflies.
- April's Family Fun calendars and Nightly Reading Sheets are due back Thursday, April 30th.
- There is NO Show and Tell this week.
- The end of the school year is fast approaching. Look for notes to come home soon about important events.
- 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!



Impromptu high-five line after lunch



Hanging out on the playground!

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