

Good Shepherd Lutheran School

2019-2020 Stakeholder Report



From the Principal

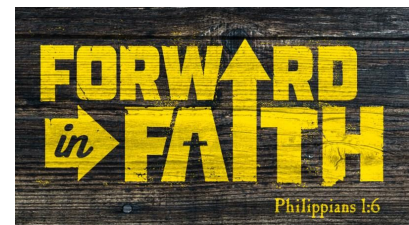
Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:6)

The end of our 2019-2020 school year also brought an end to our theme for the year, but the theme can continue to stay strong in our lives as we face an uncertain future. A key word in the theme's passage is "confident". That's what faith is. It is confident that Christ is in control. He controls our lives of faith. He controls and guides our children's lives. He controls our eternal lives. He controls the ministry at Good Shepherd.

Confidence is helpful when we need to move forward, get things done, or make decisions. But confidence usually struggles if outcomes aren't what we expect or if the hard effort we put forward doesn't seem to accomplish the desired outcome. That's where faith comes in. Our faith in a Savior that can do all things is what gives us strength, comfort, and confidence. It is not faith in our efforts, but it is faith in God's power and guidance.

At the beginning of the school year, we would not have thought of moving forward in faith with the final quarter of the year being accomplished from our homes. We didn't have a fear of ourselves or our children getting a very contagious virus. We didn't fear going out in public. We didn't fear carrying out education in an entirely new way. We didn't fear following a calendar that no longer gave us clear direction. And we didn't fear an upcoming summer of cancellations and uncertainty of when life would ever get back to some sense of normalcy. We didn't fear the uncertainty of what school will look like in the fall.

But we will still move forward with confidence. It is not confidence in our abilities or plans. It is not confidence in controlling our futures. The Lord has reminded us very clearly that these things are not in our total control. But we do remain confident in our Lord. He is in control, and He will guide all things for His good, whether we understand them or not. What will the future bring? We honestly don't know. But we do know that whatever it is, it will be according to the perfect plan of a loving God. Through Him, we continue to move Forward in Faith!



Meet the Faculty

Chery Streckert

Part-time Preschool Teacher
Preschool Director

Joanie Arndt

Part-time Preschool Teacher

Leah Samuelson

Preschool Teacher

Rachel Hansen

Kindergarten Teacher

Jodeen Britton

1st-Grade Teacher

Becky Birr

2nd-Grade Teacher

Jeanine Heller

3rd-4th Grader Teacher
Music Coordinator

Justin Hansen

5th-Grade Teacher

Bill Arndt

6th-Grade Teacher
Athletic Director

David Retzlaff

7th-8th Grade Teacher
Principal

Meet the Board

Nathan Samuelson

Chairman

Larry Hoffman

Grades 1-8 Promotion
Accreditation

Ross Libby

Preschool/Kindergarten Promotion
Accreditation

Matt Lemke

Kidz Club
PTO
Athletics

Matt Speidel

Sunday School / Youth Group
Pioneers

Standardized Testing

Each year the students in grades 4-8 take the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) standardized test. Listed below are the accumulated results over the last three years.

Area / Grade	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Math	66	64	75	83	90
Reading	64	64	63	78	82
Language	68	69	72	77	86

National Percentiles (Average Nation Percentile = 50)
Average of all fall, winter, and spring scores (2018-2020)

Accreditation

Our school is accredited through the Minnesota Non-Public School Accreditation Association (MNSAA). We were scheduled to host an accreditation visiting team this past March to observe the school in action, conduct interviews, review documentation, and validate our self-study and new strategic plan. That visit was canceled with schools forced to carry out distant learning, so we are waiting for further direction. God-willing, we will carry out this next step of the accreditation process sometime in the fall. The [Strategic Plan](#) is available for you to view.

Why do we seek accreditation?

Credibility

It delivers recognized credibility of the quality of the school's program in the eyes of stakeholders and the public.

Validation of Excellence

It offers objective, outside validation that a school has met high standards of excellence and is actively seeking a quality education program

Continuous Improvement

It provides for long-range, strategic planning focused on student achievement and ongoing school improvements.

Accountability

It provides local and ongoing accountability as schools provide reports identifying progress, achieving goals, facing opportunities or obstacles to growth, communicating with stakeholders, and monitoring the progress of its learners.

Tuition Rates

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Good Shepherd	\$2,862	\$3,070	\$3,270	\$3,600
Other	\$5,150	\$5,400	\$5,650	\$6,200

Thank You

As we prepared for this past school year, we were in need of a teacher to fill the open position created when Cindy Lendt resigned. We were thankful that Jeanine Heller accepted that call and arrived here in late summer. To help Jeanine have time to adjust at her new one-year position, Karen Boehlke volunteered to direct our Panther Choir and serve as our music coordinator. Judy Bousley also volunteered and taught the music curriculum for grades 5-8. We greatly appreciated the servant heart that both Karen and Judy displayed as they helped fill this need and shared their talents with the upper-grade students.

Future Opportunities

- Increase and maintain enrollment
- Adjust possible staffing needs
- Create and maintain financial stability
- Address COVID-19 issues related to carrying out Christian education on campus

Enrollment Statistics

<i>(September 2019)</i>	
Kindergarten	15
Grade 1	13
Grade 2	16
Grade 3	6
Grade 4	11
Grade 5	19
Grade 6	14
Grade 7	11
Grade 8	6
Total	111

Church Background	
GOOD SHEPHERD	79
% of Enrollment	71%
WELS/ELS	4
% of Enrollment	4%
OTHER CHRISTIAN	27
% of Enrollment	24%
NO CHURCH HOME	1
% of Enrollment	1%

Start children off in the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

-Proverbs 22:6