



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 29, 2023

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NEXT SERVICE READINGS Revelation 7:9-17 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

Reformation Sunday services

Today's Reformation Sunday services will be filled with musical offerings from a brass ensemble, bell choir, and sanctuary choir.

Women's Sunday morning study

Join the women of Good Shepherd's Sunday morning study on **Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** The study will be reading and discussing Donna Snow's latest book, *Meant for Good*. The cost of the book will be \$14.50. If you are interested in participating, either in person or via video conference, please email the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) or Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org).

All Saints Day Observance

As part of Good Shepherd's All Saints Day observance on Sunday, November 5, we will use the rite known as "Commemoration of the Faithful Departed," an opportunity to name before God and one another those friends and family members whom God has called to himself in the last year. We invite you to provide names of those whom you would like to include in this rite. Please submit names by using our online form at gslcva.org/ministries/worship-services, under the section "All Saints Day names." Questions? Email gslc@gslcva.org or call 703-437-5020.

Submission deadline: Tuesday, October 31.

Life Groups

Young Adults

Sunday, October 29: 12:00 p.m. (GSLC Room 203)

Contact John Purtilo through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information

Women's Morning Bible Study

Thursday, November 2: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (GSLC Room 203)

Contact Vicki Peter through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information

Men's Friday Bible Study

Friday, November 3: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street)

Contact Jeff Kroese, Jeff Peterson, and Jim Smith through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information

Word Workers

Wednesday, November 8: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Contact Melinda DeWan through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information

Workcamp 2024 registration deadline Monday

High-schoolers! We are so excited to announce next year's workcamp! We will be going to Elizabeth City, North Carolina, **July 13 to 20**.

Registrations are due with a **non-refundable deposit of \$50 by Monday, October 30**.

Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org) for more information.

Annual Report

With the closing of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 the "2023 Status Report and Annual Review" has been revised and finalized. This final document, "2022-2023 Annual Report," includes attachments that capture final FY 2023 financial numbers, attendance, and much more! Please check out our webpage, [Forms and Documents](#), in order to see an electronic version of this document. Hard Copies will be available on Sunday, November 5, in the Narthex and the church office.

Questions, please contact Georgia Thorstenson (georgia@gslcva.org) or Jeff Donahue (jeff@gslcva.org).



A new way to donate via Vanco

Several of you have asked if we could provide a QR code for giving. Here is it!

This QR Code will take you directly to the giving page on our website for all giving opportunities which include General Offerings along with other special/dedicated funds. Once on the giving page, scroll through the listed opportunities until you see the one you have been looking for. You are welcome to make one-time gifts or recurring gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Thorstenson (georgia@gslcva.org).



Helping Hands

Love to sew, crochet or knit? Come join us at our next meeting on **Saturday, November 4**. Interested but can't commit to a monthly meeting for Helping Hands? No problem! Cutting/sewing the patchwork tops can be done at home. We make large (60"x80") quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We make smaller lap quilts for Capital Hospice. Those lap quilts can also be crocheted or knitted. Helping Hands meets the first Saturday of every month, unless otherwise scheduled, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in GSLC room 124. Questions? Contact Chris Miller through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org).

Women's Potluck Advent Lunch

Save the Date! The Women's Potluck Advent Lunch (formerly known as Advent Tea) will be on **Saturday, December 9**, from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Stay tuned for more information regarding signups.

Events this week

Worship Service

Sunday, November 5: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional) | Contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information

Sunday School and Bible study

Sunday, November 5: 9:30 a.m. (kids, youth, and adults) | Contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information

Sunday, November 5: 9:30 a.m. women's Bible study | Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org)

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, November 8: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference) | Contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information

Community Service

Monday, October 30: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, November 1:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, November 2:** 3:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry Food transport for distribution at SLHS (lower parking lot) | Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org) for more information

Community Service

Thanksgiving Meals. Help us support Cornerstones clients with a nice Thanksgiving meal this year. We have shoppers lined up and ready to go! You can provide a full meal with a \$50 donation which includes non-perishable food and a \$25 grocery gift card. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/4dznm2> or scan the QR code to donate by Wednesday, November 11. Checks can be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with the subject "Thanksgiving Meals."

South Lakes Food Pantry – continues to serve the community! Since the beginning they have distributed more than **1.5 MILLION POUNDS** of food & toiletries to our neighbors in need. What a significant difference you've made in the community with your support of this incredible ministry. *If you are interested in helping, email Holly Vanderhoof, holly@gslcva.org, to get up-to-date volunteer needs. Revised volunteer guidelines: active COVID protocols will be followed.*

Needs are on the rise. We are averaging well over **7,000 pounds (3 ½ tons) of food to families and students in need each week**. Please consider shopping from our urgent needs or donating money to the pantry so that they can purchase food for the pantry.

NO-CONTACT Donation curbside drop offs:

Mondays: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Donations may also be shipped to the church: SLHS Food Pantry, c/o GSLC, 1133 Reston Ave., Herndon, VA 20170

DRIVERS NEEDED. With a 40% increase in weekly family bags we need a few more drivers to help when needed, deliver food to the school on Thursday afternoons. Bags will be loaded and unloaded at the school for you if needed.

LOADING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. We are averaging 190 bags each week, not including the additional donations of fresh produce and meat from Trader Joe's. Volunteers would meet at the church lower parking lot at 2:30 p.m., please allow 45-60 minutes for this volunteer need.

URGENT NEEDS: diced tomatoes, cereal, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, boxed mac & cheese, pasta

The Closet of Greater Herndon – EVERYTHING CHRISTMAS SALE. Come to The Closet's Everything Christmas Sale at the Herndon Moose Lodge (779 Center St.) on Friday, November 10, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. or on Saturday, November 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Not only will you find a selection of seasonal treasures and bargains, but the proceeds go back to the community as grants and scholarships. There are volunteer opportunities during the week of the sale. For dates, and to sign up, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/6cautau5>.

Cornerstones Volunteer Opportunities. Cornerstones offers a multitude of volunteer opportunities to serve members of our community. Opportunities include Farmers Market Gleaning, Career Mentors, Financial Literacy Mentors, Interpreters, Front Desk Assistants, Pathways to Sustainable Employment Program. Volunteers and so much more. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mvzzu4ue> to sign up for a volunteer hub and learn more about these opportunities as well as their virtual volunteer orientation sessions.

Interested? Please contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).



Hypothermia shelter meals—Save the dates!

An opportunity to serve through supporting the hypothermia shelter meals program is fast approaching! GSLC has committed to providing meals at the Hypothermia Shelter for 17 evenings this coming winter, every Wednesday (Serving the meals is optional.).

Questions about the program? Are you wondering what the Hypothermia Prevention Program is? Since 2005, the Fairfax County Hypothermia Prevention Program has prevented death and serious injuries among the County's most vulnerable residents by ensuring that no one must sleep outside during the winter months. Since 2011, Good Shepherd has participated weekly as part of the County's North Fairfax location access provided by Cornerstones. Every Wednesday from the beginning of December through the end of March (17 weeks), we prepare, provide and serve hot meals for 25 guests. **Would you like to know what it is like to prepare food for the Hypothermia Prevention Program?** The best way to think about preparing the food is to consider what you would bring if this were a picnic. You need to provide food in disposable containers and include any needed (sturdy) plates, bowls, cups, napkins, eating utensils. One consideration is that the clients often don't have a full set of teeth - shredded or ground meat is preferable to chunks of meat. The same is true about the fruit. Although there will (usually) be 25 clients, we like to provide enough food to allow second helpings - plan for roughly 40 meals.

Are you interested in volunteering in December? Stay tuned for registration details or contact Chris Miller through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org).

Be a flower sponsor

Are you looking to sponsor floral decorations in the sanctuary or entryway? Pick the Sunday or Sundays on which you'd like to be a flower sponsor. Put your name on the chart in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall or sign up for a sponsorship at gslcva.org/ministries/worship, under "Flower sponsorships." Sponsorships are \$50 and payment is due when you sign up.