



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 11, 2024

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Next Service Readings (Ash Wednesday)

Psalm 25:1-5 | Joel 2:12-19 | 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 | Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Lent 2024

Worship services during Lent this year will follow the theme "Return to the Lord" – a tender invitation from God, taken from the book of Joel: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster" (Joel 2:13). Join us on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and at midday services each subsequent Wednesday in Lent as we examine how we have turned away from the Lord, and how we should rejoice in God's call for us to return to Him with all our heart.

Worship Services during Lent

Ash Wednesday, February 14, noon and 7:30 p.m.

These services will have Holy Communion and imposition of ashes
The 7:30 service will be livestreamed and recorded

Midweek (Wednesday) services, noon, February 21- March 20

These services will be recorded and posted on Wednesday evenings

Palm Sunday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Traditional service (sanctuary)
9:00-10:45 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m. Praise service (Fellowship Hall)
This service will be livestreamed and recorded

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.

Traditional service, with Holy Communion
First Communion for students who have received instruction
This service will be livestreamed and recorded

Good Friday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.

This service will be livestreamed and recorded

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:15 a.m. Traditional service with Holy Communion (sanctuary)
Preservice music begins at 8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. Family-friendly service (Fellowship Hall)
This service will be livestreamed and recorded
11:15 a.m. Traditional service with Holy Communion (sanctuary)
Preservice music begins at 11:00 a.m.
This service will be livestreamed and recorded

Chili Bingo—Thank you!

Chili Bingo was last Sunday, February 4, and was full of fun, chili and fellowship. Thank you to all who helped make Chili Bingo a huge success! Thanks to the set up and cleanup crews, the chili chefs, the judges, the senior youth and to all who participated. We could not have done it without you! The Fire Station team appreciated our hospitality, and it didn't hurt that one of their own was the winner [First Place "Fire Station 39 Smokehouse Chili" (Medium Spicy); Second Place "Beans, Beef, Bacon, and a Little Freedom" (Medium); Third Place "Hoosier Sweet Chili" (Sweet)]. Mark your calendars for our next luncheon on Sunday, March 17 where we will honor our many volunteers that help make Good Shepherd so special.

Life Groups - Calendar

Young Adults

Sunday, February 11: 12:30 p.m. (GSLC Room 203)

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

Women's Morning Bible Study

Thursday, February 15: 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, February 16: 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*

- Please type the Life Group name in the email Subject line when requesting more information via email.



Board of Servant Leaders election information

The elections for the Board of Servant Leaders are coming up! Board members serve two-year terms. Those elected this year will join Robert Fekete, Drew Lipman, Deanine Thrash and Laura Blackburn, who are continuing their terms. Here is this year's election timeline:

- ~~January 10 to 17:~~ Nominating committee submits possible candidates to Pastor Johann for review
- ~~January 18 to February 2:~~ Potential candidates contacted
- **February 9:** Proposed slate (with candidate profiles) published
- **February 11 to 23:** Two-week open nomination period.
- **February 25:** Final candidate slate published
- **February 26 to March 10:** Quiet Period for voter reflection on election (two-weeks)
- **March 11 to 18:** Elections held online

Stay tuned for additional information on the nomination process, board member qualifications, and responsibilities, or check out our website under [About and Forms & Documents](#). Questions? Contact Board Vice Chair, Robert Fekete, through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) and type "elections" in the email Subject line.

Events this week

Worship Service

Wednesday, February 14: 12:00 p.m. (Holy Communion, imposition of ashes) and 7:30 p.m. (Holy Communion, imposition of ashes) |

Sunday, February 18: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional) | Questions? Contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org)

Sunday School and Bible study

Sunday, February 18: 9:30 a.m. | Contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information

Community Service

Monday, February 12: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, February 14:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, February 14:** 5:30 p.m. Hypothermia Shelter Meals (North County Human Services Building, Reston) | **Thursday, February 15:** 3:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at SLHS (lower parking lot) |

Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org)

Online Giving via Vanco

Interested in Giving Online? General offerings or special/dedicated funds (e.g., flower sponsorships, Vacation Bible School, and Above & Beyond specific items) can all be found by clicking on the QR Code to the right, or by checking out our website (<https://secure.myvanco.com/YN8R/home>). Once on the giving page, scroll through the listed items 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).



Community Service

Hypothermia Shelter Meals – THANK YOU! A special thank you to everyone for supporting this year's Hypothermia Shelter! At this time all of the remaining dates for service are filled. What a wonderful way to love your neighbor.

Weekend Grocery Packs for Dranesville Elementary! Weekend grocery packs are bags of food that children can prepare themselves over the weekend. Good Shepherd puts together 100 bags, once a month, for Dranesville Elementary students that are experiencing food insecurity. Want to help? Consider donating money, any amount, to the above and beyond request for Dranesville Elementary Weekend Grocery packs. For more information on packing dates contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

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. 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. until 4:00 p.m.)

Wednesdays (10:00 a.m. until 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: oatmeal, diced tomatoes, jelly

Volunteers needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon. Good Shepherd's next volunteer day is **Saturday, February 19**. The Closet **needs volunteers** to maintain day-to-day operations. Please consider donating some time to this valuable resource in our community. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Women Giving Back. Women Giving Back supports women and children in crisis on a first step to stability by providing quality clothing at no cost, assisted by a caring and committed community. From grassroots humble beginnings, Women Giving Back has grown into an organization that serves more than 24,000 women and children in need every year. To learn more about Women Giving Back and how to volunteer visit: <https://womengivingback.org>.

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).



If you love children – the Preschool needs you

The Preschool is in need of a person to join the staff who enjoys working with children and would like to assist our teachers. The position is for mornings, Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you are interested, know of someone who might be interested, or if you have any questions, please contact Interim Director Kathy Otterbacher (preschool@gslcva.org).

Online Church Directory – registration ongoing

Good Shepherd's online church directory is up and running – and your participation is essential. If you have registered, please ensure that you update your family information and include a photo of your family. If you have not registered for the directory, it is not too late. Join by sending a request to our Directory Point of Contact, Brian Cors, through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) and type "directory" in the email Subject line. Members and non-members who regularly attend GSLC are invited to join our online directory. Please let us know if you'd like to join our directory community!



First Communion for 5th and 6th Graders

Children in grades 5 and 6 who are interested in First Communion are invited to attend a five-week class, taught by Pastor James, that begins on **Sunday, February 18**. The curriculum, *Fed and Forgiven* (from Augsburg Fortress press), is designed to prepare students to receive Holy Communion. Classes will be conducted during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., starting with an orientation on **Sunday, February 18**. Subsequent classes will be conducted during Sunday School on February 25, March 3, March 10, and March 17. The class will culminate with First Communion during the Maundy Thursday worship service on March 28. Parent(s) will be asked to attend classes with their child. If you have a 5th or 6th grader and are interested in having them participate in the instruction, please notify Michele in the church office (Michele@gslcva.org) or Pastor James (PastorGary@gslcva.org). If you have questions on the program please email Pastor James.