



## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### March 3, 2024

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### Next Service Readings (Lenten Wednesday)

Leviticus 24:13-16 | Acts 22:12-16 | Matthew 26:57-68

### 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).

#### Worship Services during Lent

##### Midweek (Wednesday) services, noon, through 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

### Big Serve Sunday School - Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped out with our BIG SERVE Sunday School last weekend. Together we were able to pack 60 lunches (120 sandwiches) and help restock the SLHS Food Pantry! Stay connected for information on future BIG SERVE events. **Love your neighbor.**

### Life Groups - Calendar

**Women's Morning Bible Study: Thursday, March 7: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** (GSLC Room 203)

Contact Vicki Peter through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) for more information\*

**Men's Friday Bible Study: Friday, March 8: 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](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) for more information\*

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



Good Shepherd Life Groups

### Ladies' Sunday Morning Bible Study

A new Ladies' Sunday Morning Bible Study, *Don't Look Back*, will begin on **Sunday, March 3**. With a rallying cry to "remember Lot's wife," Bible teacher Christine Caine motivates us to stop looking back, to let go, and to move forward into what God promises for our lives. With the strategies Christine shares, this study will equip you to: stop looking back and start looking to Jesus, invite Jesus to help you let go of whatever is holding you back, and step into God's plans, purposes, and promises. Questions? please email Heidi Cooper ([heidi@gslcva.org](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org)).



## We are celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week March 3 through March 9



### Calling all singers—come join the choir!

Do you enjoy singing? Do you want to share the beauty and love of Christ through choral music? Anne Lee, our Organist and Director of Choirs, would love to have you join the choir to experience the unity and joy that comes from making music together. A commitment to sing every Sunday is not required! Singers high school age and older are welcome.

The choir sings at the 8:00 a.m. service on 2nd and 4th Sundays and at the 11:00 a.m. service on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. Rehearsals are held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings (between services). Questions? Please email Anne ([anne@gslcva.org](mailto:anne@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

### Events this week

**Worship Service: Wednesday, March 6: 12:00 p.m. | Sunday, March 10: 8:00 a.m.** (Traditional) and 11:00 a.m. (Praise) | Questions? Contact the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org))

**Sunday School and Bible study: Sunday, March 10: 9:30 a.m.** | Contact the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) for more information

**Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, March 6: 7:00 p.m.** (video teleconference)

**Community Service: Monday, March 4: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, March 4: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, March 4: 5:30 p.m.** Hypothermia Shelter Meals (North County Human Services Building, Reston) | **Thursday, March 5: 3:00 p.m.** SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at SLHS (lower parking lot) | Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org))

## Online Giving via Vanco

Interested in Giving Online? General offerings or special/dedicated funds 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 Business Manager Georgia Thorstenson ([georgia@gslcva.org](mailto:georgia@gslcva.org)).



## Community Service

**Volunteers needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon. Congregation scheduled days have returned to The Closet! Good Shepherd's next volunteer days are March 12, April 4, April 24, and May 17.** 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 signup or visit <http://tinyurl.com/5n7kbmb2>.



**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 at <http://tinyurl.com/cruhbp78>. For more information on packing dates contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto: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:** diced tomatoes, bar soap, granola bars/snacks

**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](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).

## Online Church Directory

If you have registered for our Online Church Directory please ensure that you update your family information and include a photo. If you have not registered for the directory, it is not too late. Join by sending a request to Brian Cors through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) and type "directory" in the email Subject line.



## Board of Servant Leaders

The elections for the Board of Servant Leaders are coming up to fill three upcoming vacancies on the Board of Servant Leaders. **The Nominating Committee is currently seeking nominations, once received the election timeline will be updated. Stay tuned for additional details.** Interested? Check out our website under [About and Forms & Documents](#). Questions? Contact Board Vice Chair, Robert Fekete, through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) and type "elections" in the email Subject line.

## Adopt-a-Highway

**Family Opportunity to serve!** Good Shepherd's sponsorship of Adopt a Highway is entering its thirteenth year of keeping God's creation beautiful! Join us on **Saturday, March 23**, at 8:30 a.m. for a light breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Pickup begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. This service event takes approximately 1.5 to 2 hours of your time, and service hours can be earned. **For safety reasons, volunteers must be at least 10 years old and accompanied by an adult if they are under 16.**



## Website Refresh and Update

The GSLC website refresh and update has been completed and is going through final reviews! Changes include easier access to livestream services, greater calendar functionality, updated content layouts, and much more. Stay tuned for additional information and news about the release date. Questions? Contact Communication Director Jeff Donahue ([jeff@gslcva.org](mailto:jeff@gslcva.org)).

## Bibles available

The Worship Team has placed a number of Bibles on the shelves near the main doors to the sanctuary for those who wish to have a Bible on hand during worship services. Please feel free to take one from the shelves and then return it as you leave after the service.