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Next Service Readings (Lenten Wednesday)

Isaiah 59:1-3, 12-13 | 1 Peter 5:6-10 | Luke 22:54-62



Appreciation Sunday

Join us on **Sunday, March 17**, for a church wide event following the 11:00 a.m. service. Good Shepherd wants to say, "Thank you" and will be recognizing hundreds of people who volunteer in service to our church body. We are blessed and honored to have so many brothers and sisters serving together. A catered Italian style lunch will be served.

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

Taking the Faith Home

The weekly bulletin insert, Taking the Faith Home, will no longer be provided in each bulletin. For those interested in the insert, please check out the Welcome Center in the church entryway each week in order to obtain a copy.

Life Groups - Calendar

Manic Mondays

Monday, March 11: 7:30 p.m. (Cors's home)

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

Word Workers

Wednesday, March 13: 7:30 p.m. (Video teleconference)

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

Women's Morning Bible Study

Thursday, March 14: 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*

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Thursday, March 14: 11:30 a.m. (Euro Bistro on Elden Street)

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

Men's Friday Bible Study

Friday, March 15: 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.



Good Shepherd Life Groups

**Palm Sunday
pancake breakfast**



HOSTED BY OUR SR. HIGH YOUTH

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 9:00 - 10:45 A.M.
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Goodwill offerings from this breakfast help support the 2024 High School Summer Workcamp in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Ladies' Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Ladies' Sunday Morning Bible Study, *Don't Look Back*, is now underway. The study shares strategies to 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).

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 a preview of the refresh on the church entryway monitors starting next week. Questions? Contact Communication Director Jeff Donahue (jeff@gslcva.org).

Events this week

Worship Service: Wednesday, March 13: 12:00 p.m. | Sunday, March 17: 8:00 a.m. (Traditional) and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional) | Questions? Contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org)

Sunday School and Bible study: Sunday, March 17: 9:30 a.m. | Contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information

Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, March 13: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference) | Questions? Contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org)

Community Service: Monday, March 11: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | Tuesday, March 12: The Closet of Greater Herndon | Wednesday, March 13: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | Wednesday, March 13: 5:30 p.m. Hypothermia Shelter Meals (North County Human Services Building, Reston) | Thursday, March 14: 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 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).



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.***



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 sign up 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/cruhnp78>. 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: jelly, diced tomatoes, bar soap, 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).

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) and type "elections" in the email Subject line.

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. Questions? Please email Anne (anne@gslcva.org).

Men's Retreat – Save the Date

You are invited to the Good Shepard Lutheran Church (GSLC) Men's Retreat from **May 31 through June 2**. Our 2024 Men's Retreat is being planned for the Massanutten Mountain in the Shenandoah Valley area, at the Caroline Furnace Lutheran Church Retreat. Many outdoor events and activities are planned. In addition a motivational Guest speaker will lead attendees on Friday and Saturday with the theme: "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17). Stay tuned for more details! Questions? Contact Randy Terlecki through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) and type "Men's Retreat" in the email Subject line.