



## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### March 17, 2024

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### Next Service Readings (Lenten Wednesday)

Exodus 19:1-6 | Romans 14:13-17 | John 18:28-38



### Appreciation Sunday—today!

Join us today, **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

#### Women's Morning Bible Study

Thursday, March 21: 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 22: 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

## 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.

### Refreshed Website



**Launching on April 1**

### 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.

### Events this week

**Worship Service: Wednesday, March 20:** 12:00 p.m. | **Sunday, March 24:** 8:00 a.m. (Traditional) and 11:00 a.m. (Praise) | Questions? Contact the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org))

**Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, March 24:** 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall) | Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org))

**Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, March 20:** 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

**Community Service: Monday, March 18:** 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, March 20:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, March 20:** 5:30 p.m. Hypothermia Shelter Meals (North County Human Services Building, Reston) | **Thursday, March 21:** 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)).



## 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. Please bring your own gloves.***



## Community Service

**A Simple Gesture Food Collection.** Every other month, A Simple Gesture delivers collected food to the South Lakes High School Food Pantry along with other local food pantries. Help us intake, sort and shelf donations on **Saturday, April 6** from 8:50 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. This effort involves 50-70 volunteers from the area and is a great way to help serve the food pantry and love your neighbor in the process. If interested in volunteering, please contact Holly Vanderhoof at [holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org).

**Volunteers needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon.** Good Shepherd's next volunteer days are **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)).

**Big Serve Sunday—Meal Packing Event.** Join us on **Sunday, April 21** between services for this very special all congregation service event. We will be packing 10,000 meals through Meals of Hope! Packaged meals will go to local food pantries, including the South Lakes High School Food Pantry. This event will require 50-70 volunteers serving from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., or until 10,000 meals are packed. Registration will be out soon!

**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:** canned beans, bar soap, oatmeal, granola bars, popcorn, boxed mac & cheese

**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)).

## Men's Retreat – Save the Date

You are invited to the Good Shepherd 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](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) and type "Men's Retreat" in the email Subject line.