



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 10, 2023

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NEXT SERVICE READINGS Genesis 50:15-21 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

Updates to worship schedule; Sunday School starts today

Today, Sunday, September 10, we resume our “regular” worship schedule. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first, third, and fifth Sundays at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional services. Our informal worship service, Sunday/PRAISE, features contemporary music and is held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, with communion celebrated on fourth Sundays. All 11:00 services are livestreamed and recorded, barring any technological errors.

Sunday School is back for children and youth, ages 2 through 12th grade. Classes meet on the lower level, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and include Bible study, activities, fellowship, and quarterly service projects. If you have a heart for children and wish to be involved in Children’s Sunday School as a teacher or a substitute or have some other special gifts, please reach out to Michelle at ChildMinistry@gslcva.org.

Adult Bible study continues its study of Luther’s Large Catechism. It meets in Room 203 at 9:30 a.m. The class is also available via our video teleconference platform, and all sessions are recorded.

Women’s Sunday morning study

The women’s Sunday morning study will resume on Sunday, September 24, at 9:30 a.m. The study will be working through 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). See article below for information about the retreat.

Connections Class

Are you interested in learning more about Good Shepherd? Would you like to make a deeper connection with us and our ministries? If so, we would love to engage with you. Our next Connections Class starts on Sunday, October 1, at 9:30 a.m. and runs for 3 weeks. Contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) or Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org) for details.

Dementia class

Join us on Saturday, October 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for a class about understanding dementia and learning about patient-centered care. Jayne Seymour, PAC Certified Dementia Trainer, will present a 3-hour class, limited to 15 participants. The cost of the class is \$20 per attendee. This class has proven hands-on techniques, skills, and approaches for patient-centered care. Interested in attending? This class is being offered for: Caregivers for dementia sufferers; Immediate family of a dementia sufferer; Family living remotely from a dementia sufferer, especially (but not only) if there is no caregiver onsite; Friends/neighbors of dementia sufferers. Note: The class is not appropriate for the dementia sufferer (him/herself). If you have any questions, please contact June McGurn through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) or find her contact information in the online church directory.

Sign up by visiting the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/4hrv62kz>.

Save the Date! Octoberfest and Trunk-or-Treat

Join us on Sunday, October 22, at 12:00 p.m. for our Octoberfest and Trunk-or-Treat. Join us in fellowship for brats, beer, music, and more. Questions? Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org).

Be a flower sponsor

Are you looking for a way to commemorate a birthday or anniversary? give thanks for answered prayers? offer a memorial for a loved one? glorify God for His many blessings? You can do so – by “sponsoring” 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 for those Sundays, and make a note about what you’ll be honoring or celebrating. (This information will be included in the bulletin for that Sunday.) You can also sign up for a sponsorship at gslcva.org/ministries/worship, under “Flower sponsorships.”

Sponsorships are \$50. Please submit your payments when you sign up to be a sponsor. You can submit a check (use one of the envelopes on the bulletin board) or pay through our online payment portal. You may take your flowers home after church services have concluded.

Events this week

Worship Services: Sunday, September 17: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional service)

Questions? Contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org)

Sunday School and Bible Study: Thursday, September 14: 10:00 a.m. women’s Bible study (GSLC Rm. 203)

Questions? Contact Vicki Peter through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org)

Sunday, September 17: 9:30 a.m. (children and youth, ages 2 through 12th grade; Adult Bible study)

Questions? Contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org), Children’s Ministry Coordinator Michelle Tenhaeff (childministry@gslcva.org) for children through grade 6, or Youth Ministry Director Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org) for students in grades 7-12

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal: Sunday, September 10: 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. (choir loft)

Questions? Contact Organist/Director of Choirs Anne Lee (anne@gslcva.org)

Community Service: Monday, September 11: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Wednesday, September 13: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Thursday, September 14: 3:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry Food transport for distribution at SLHS (Lower parking lot)

Questions? Contact Community Service Coordinator Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org), or see more information on the back of this sheet

Life Groups: Thursday, September 14: 11:30 a.m. 2GETHER4LUNCH (Euro Bistro, Herndon)

Questions? Contact Janet Hulme through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org)

Register now for the Women's Retreat

Ladies, mark your calendars for the annual women's retreat, November 10-12, in lovely historic downtown Winchester. Once again we will be staying at the George Washington Hotel in the heart of Winchester, close to shops, historical sites, and restaurants. Our speaker is author Donna Snow, and our topic is **Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph**. Registration is open and filling up fast! Check out our webpage to register:

<https://gslcva.org/womens-retreat/>



Community Service

South Lakes Food Pantry – continues to serve the community throughout the summer! Since the beginning they have distributed more than **1 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 (3½ 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. – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Extra volunteers. With regular volunteers on vacation 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. Interested? Please contact Holly (holly@gslcva.org).

URGENT NEEDS: diced tomatoes, jelly, pasta sauce, pasta, bagged rice (1 lb bags), dried beans (1 lb bags)

Volunteers needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon. Congregation. The Closet is in **great need** of volunteers in order to maintain day to day operations. Please consider donating some time to this valuable resource in our community. *The Closet requires proof of COVID vaccination from all staff and volunteers who work/volunteer at The Closet. This measure is being taken to protect the health and safety of the store's customers, volunteers, and staff.*

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).



Above and Beyond: Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the Above & Beyond program in Fiscal Year 2023, which ended on August 31. All projects, except the Building Contingency Fund and the Environmental Cleanup Project, were fully funded. Watch for a new catalog, with new giving opportunities, in the coming months.

Good Shepherd voters approve FY24 Budget

Good Shepherd's Fiscal Year 2024 budget, of \$1,177,942.10, was approved by unanimous vote at the annual Voters' Assembly on Sunday, August 27. Also at the meeting, the minutes from the August 2022 meeting were approved, with minor changes, as were updates to the Bylaws.