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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 8, 2024

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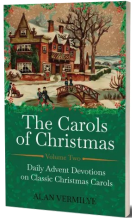


Next Service Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18



Ladies' Bible Study

Join us today, in room 203, we continue our study of *The Carols of Christmas*. You'll enjoy a fresh glimpse of some of the same joyful and nostalgic melodies you sing every year now set to personal reflections and discussions. Join us each Sunday through December 15, at 9:30 a.m. for this study.

Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org).

Baklava Demonstration

On **Tuesday, December 10**, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, join Georgia Thorstenson and friends in **making and taking home this Greek treat!** Baklava is great for holiday entertaining and gift giving, plus it freezes beautifully and is easier to make than you think. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall or contact Georgia Thorstenson (georgia@gslcva.org) for more details.



Adjustments to December Services

During the month of December Good Shepherd will have several changes to the worship schedule. Specifics for each service are as follows: **Sunday, December 22**, only one service at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. | **Tuesday, December 24**, will have special Christmas Eve worship services at 4:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. Stay tuned for details. | **Sunday, December 29**, only one service at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

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



Advent materials available

Advent devotional materials -- including booklets and a calendar of daily Advent activities especially for families -- are available in the church entry area and on the Resource Table in the Fellowship Hall. Please help yourself to these items!



Above & Beyond—fall catalog (NEW)

Good Shepherd is pleased to release the fall edition of the Above & Beyond (A&B) catalog. The fall catalog has 31 items, including funding for the Columbarium garden (deadline to give of December 31), HVAC system - Phase 2, and much more. Please prayerfully consider supporting these items and thank you to all of those who have previously supported these items. Electronic copies of the catalog can be found on our [Giving webpage](#) and hard copies are available in the church entry area and office. Questions? Contact Georgia Thorstenson (georgia@gslcva.org).

Christkindlmarket

We are pleased to announce the return of the Annual GSLC Christmas Shoppe & Pasta lunch! This year we will be hosting the Christkindlmarket on **Sunday, December 15**, from 12:15 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This festive holiday event, hosted by our very own youth, is fun for the whole family! Parents, bring your little ones to the "Kids' Christmas Market" where there will be lots of inexpensive items for your child to pick out and purchase. There will be gifts for every member of the family! Our GSLC Youth Groups will be on hand to help children select their gifts and gift-wrap them as well. While the kids are shopping, catch up with your Good Shepherd friends, meet some new ones, and enjoy a wonderful meal. A goodwill offering will be collected during the meal and the proceeds from this event will benefit the Sr. High Youth and their fundraising efforts for the 2025 Summer Workcamp in Winchester, Kentucky. Invite your friends and come out for some Christmastime fun!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHRISTKINDLMARKET. Donations are needed for the Christmas Market. We are looking for new or "like new" gifts for moms, dads, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles and friends. If you have any of these items and are willing to contribute to our Market, please drop off your **donations at the church office by Sunday, December 8**. Proceeds from the sale of these items will go toward the 2025 Sr. High Youth Summer Workcamp. Questions? Please contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).



Life Groups

Manic Mondays

Monday, December 9: 7:30 p.m. (Cors's Home)

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

Word Workers

Wednesday, December 11: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

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

Women's Morning Bible Study

Thursday, December 12: 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, December 12: 11:30 a.m. at Euro Bistro (Herndon)

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

Men's Friday Bible Study

Friday, December 13: 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*

*When contacting the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) please type the Life Group name in the email Subject line when requesting more information via email.

Events This Week

Worship Service: **Sunday, December 15:** 8:00 a.m. (Traditional) and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional)

Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>) for more information.

Sunday School: **Sunday, December 15:** 9:30 a.m. (kids, youth, and adults)

Choir Practice: **Sunday, December 15:** 9:30 a.m. (Choir loft).

Prayer Gathering: **Wednesday, December 11:** 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Community Service: **Monday, December 9:** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, December 11:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, December 12:** 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at SLHS (lower parking lot) | Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

Lessons & Carols recording

Please note that today's 8:00 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols will be recorded and then posted next week. We'll send out an email with a link to that recording when it's available.

Sunday School Christmas Program—next Sunday

You're invited! Join the Children's Sunday School on **Sunday, December 15**, at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Place (lower level). Come for fellowship and the Word as we journey to Bethlehem, to share the Nativity story with a Christmas carol sing-along, followed by a birthday party for Jesus! All children are invited to participate. Congregation and friends are welcome to sing and celebrate with us.

Questions? Contact Michelle Tenhaeff (ChildMinistry@gslcva.org) for more information.

Men's Brotherhood event

All men are welcomed to join us for the final Men's Brotherhood event of 2024! Interested? Please plan on attending the following event: **Men's Breakfast: Saturday, December 14**, at 8:30 a.m. (La Madeleine Restaurant in Reston).

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



Community Service

Do you know of someone that needs help finding resources in our area? For a list of comprehensive services in our area please call or visit: 2-1-1 Virginia. 2-1-1 Virginia is a source of information about community and social services available in Fairfax County and statewide. When you dial 2-1-1, a trained professional will listen to your situation and suggest sources to help using one of the largest databases of health and human services in Virginia.

Volunteers needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon. Congregation scheduled days have returned to The Closet! Good Shepherd's next volunteer day is December 9, January 2, January 24, February 18, March 18, and April 2. 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>.



Lake Anne House Angel Tree. With the holidays around the corner, we are supporting Lake Anne House (formerly Lake Anne Fellowship House) in Reston. Please help our elderly neighbors in need, providing items on the Lake Anne House wish list. How can you help? Visit the Angel Tree in the church entry area and take a tag, sign your name, and provide your email address at the table. Please drop off your beautifully wrapped gifts with the tag attached, next to the tree by **Sunday, December 22, please ensure that the tag is securely attached.** Greeting cards and presents will be delivered to Lake Anne House Christmas week.

Hypothermia Shelter Meals – SIGNUP OPEN! An opportunity to serve through supporting the hypothermia shelter meals program is fast approaching! Every Wednesday from the beginning of December through the end of March (17 weeks), we prepare, provide, and serve hot meals for 40 guests. **Would you like to know what it is like to prepare food for the Hypothermia Prevention Program?** The best way to think about preparing the food is to consider what you would bring if this were a picnic. You need to provide food in disposable containers and include any needed (sturdy) plates, bowls, cups, napkins, eating utensils. One consideration is that the clients often don't have a full set of teeth - shredded or ground meat is preferable to chunks of meat. The same is true about the fruit. This year the need is much greater as they are serving about 70 people. **We will be helping with that number by providing a minimum of 40 meals.** Serving in person is also back this year! Volunteers must be at least 18 years old to serve in the shelter. For more information and to signup scan the QR code or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4n5m8b9u>.



South Lakes Food Pantry – continues to serve the community! Since the beginning they have distributed more than **TWO 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.* 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. Looking for additional drivers on Thursdays. Bags will be loaded and unloaded at the school for you. Thursday afternoons, 2:50 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Interested? Please contact Holly (holly@gslcva.org). **LOADING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** We are averaging 200 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, tomato sauce, jelly, spaghetti, bar soap, snacks (granola bars and popcorn)

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).

Online Church Directory

GSLC's online church directory is a great way to connect with other members, and to help you connect names with faces. Our directory – using an application called “Instant Church Directory” – is OPT-IN only. To sign up, send the name and email address for **ONE PERSON** in your family to the church office. Members and non-members who regularly attend GSLC are invited to join our online directory.

Confirmation Guardian Angel

Pastor James is seeking Guardian Angel volunteers to send notes of encouragement, cards and on occasion small items recognizing special occasions in the confirmand's personal and faith journey. Interested? Please contact Pastor Gary (PastorGary@gslcva.org).