



# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 12, 2025

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### Next Service Readings

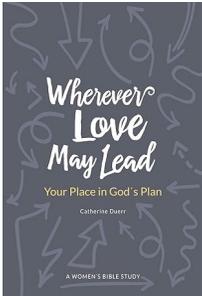
Isaiah 62:1-5

| 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

| John 2:1-11

### Above & Beyond—fall catalog

Good Shepherd's fall edition of the Above & Beyond (A&B) catalog has 31 items for giving opportunities. One such item is the **HVAC system - Phase 2**, which replaces a portion of our extensive system nearing end of life and encountering service issues due to changes in federally mandated components and refrigerant type. 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](mailto:georgia@gslcva.org)).



### Ladies' Bible Study

Join us today, **Sunday, January 12**, at 9:30 a.m. as the Ladies' Bible Study continue with the second week of an 8-week study, *Wherever Love May Lead: Your Place in God's Plan*, by Catherine Duerr. We meet in room 203. *Wherever Love May Lead: Your Place in God's Plan* delves into why some Christians are called to go. Some Christians are called to stay. All Christians are called to live for Him and share God's love with others. But for those who are called to stay, what does working in the mission field look like when the field is in your own backyard? Through modern-day vignettes, questions, and journal prompts, participants will come to understand God's call for them to be missionaries right where they are. Purchase your book [here](https://www.amazon.com/Wherever-Love-May-Lead-Place/dp/0758660537) (<https://www.amazon.com/Wherever-Love-May-Lead-Place/dp/0758660537>). Please read the material for week 2. Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper ([heidi@gslcva.org](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org)).

### Congregational Care & Nurture Ministry

**NEW - Weekly Indoor Walks** - Weather keeping you indoors? Pressed for time? Not feeling up to a hike? Starting **Sunday, January 19**, gather in the church entry area after the 11:00 a.m. service and we'll walk in the Good Shepherd hallways. Walk a little, walk a lot. Walk with friends, whatever the weather! For more information contact June McGurn through the online church directory or contact the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)).

**NEW - Medical Equipment Lending Bank** - Good Shepherd has a new lending bank of medical equipment such as walkers, canes, and a wheelchair, to name just a few. You can also donate your used equipment in good condition! For information contact June McGurn through the online church directory or contact the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)).

**Our Next Hikes** are in the planning stages - stay tuned.



### Ministry Fair

Come to the Ministry Fair on **Sunday, January 26**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., to find out more about Good Shepherd's Core and Support Ministries -- Worship, Discipleship, Parish Life, Mission, and Congregational Care and Nurture. Informational displays will be set up in the Fellowship Hall throughout the morning, and folks associated with the ministries will be on hand to answer your questions and tell you more about their ministry areas. Food will be served as well. See you there! Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper ([heidi@gslcva.org](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org)).

### Events This Week

**Worship Services: Sunday, January 19:** 8:00 a.m. (Traditional service) | 11:00 a.m. (Traditional service)

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

**Sunday School: Sunday, January 19:** 9:30 a.m. (kids, youth, and adults)

**Choir Practice: Sunday, January 19:** 9:30 a.m. (Choir loft)

**Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, January 15:** 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

**Community Service: Monday, January 13:** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, January 15:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, January 16:** 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](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).

### Praise Band—Spotify playlist



Are you a fan of our Praise service music? Do you enjoy the songs, wishing you could hear more of them? Check out our Spotify playlist of 25 current and classic praise-style songs. Scan the QR code on the left or click on the banner at the top of our [webpage](#).

Questions? Interested in more songs? Contact Praise Band Director Matt Hardy ([matt@gslcva.org](mailto:matt@gslcva.org)) for more information.



### GSLC Board of Servant Leaders (BoSL)

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities at Good Shepherd? Are you interested in serving on the Board of Servant Leaders (BoSL)? Please consider being a candidate for the Board of Servant Leaders. We're looking for individuals to serve a 2 year term on the BoSL. Additional information on the nomination process and on board member qualifications and responsibilities can be found on the GSLC website under [Forms & Documents](#). If you're interested or have questions contact Rob Fekete, BoSL Vice-Chair, through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)), referencing "BoSL" in the subject line, for more information.

### Life Groups

**Manic Mondays: Monday, January 13:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Cors's House)

For more information check out the [calendar on our website](#), or contact Brian Cors through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org))\*

**Women's Morning Bible Study: Thursday, January 16:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (GSLC Room 203)

For more information check out the [calendar on our website](#), or contact Vicki Peter through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org))\*

**Men's Friday Bible Study: Friday, January 17:** 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street)

For more information check out the [calendar on our website](#), or contact Jeff Kroese, Jeff Peterson, and Jim Smith through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org))\*

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

## Southeastern District Middle School Gathering

Middle Schoolers: Come be a part of the Middle School Youth Gathering, **Friday, March 21, to Sunday, March 23**, at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Williamsburg, Virginia for the middle school gathering. This year's theme is **MAKE IT MATTER**. Make It Matter shows how much difference a life empowered by the Word can make; how Jesus is the power source for a life that matters; how God designed us to impact the world together; and how trusting in God's plan is the key to real impact. We are so excited to experience Make it Matter; we believe that over the course of the weekend, kids will truly see the radical difference God makes in the lives of His people. **Registration is due by Friday, January 31, for early bird pricing. Cost: \$135** (includes registration, t-shirt, all meals, 2 nights lodging). For more information contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@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 are scheduled with The Closet! Good Shepherd's next volunteer day are 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>.



**Hypothermia Shelter Meals - 4 Weeks still available— JANUARY 15, FEBRUARY 12, MARCH 12, AND MARCH 26.** . An opportunity to serve through supporting the hypothermia shelter meals program is fast approaching! Every Wednesday 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 **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 shelve donations on Saturday, February 1 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 ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** bar soap, **diced tomatoes, canned beans, snacks (granola bars and microwave popcorn), jelly**

**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

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. Questions? Contact Brian Cors through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) for more information.