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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 2, 2025

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Next Service Readings:

Job 19:23-27a | 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 | Luke 20:27-38

Ladies' Sunday Bible Study

The Ladies' Bible Study will meet today in **room 203**, following today's 8:00 a.m. worship service. Join us as we study Donna Snows' book, *Strong and Courageous: Studying God's Promises in Joshua*. Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org).

Sunday Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible study will meet in **room 111**, following today's 8:00 a.m. worship service. The group will take an in-depth look at John's gospel, using William Barclay's *The Gospel of John, Volumes One and Two*. Questions? Contact Pastor Gary James (pastorgary@gslcva.org).

Sticky Faith Bible Study

The *Sticky Faith* Bible study will meet this **Sunday, November 2**, in **room 112** during the Sunday school hour. This five-session video series, inspired by Dr. Kara Powell's journey with her own children, offers practical strategies to help parents nurture lasting faith in their kids. All parents are invited to attend.

Interested? Contact Pastor Gary James (pastorgary@gslcva.org).

Sunday School (Kids and Youth)

Kids and youth Sunday School classes begin after today's 8:00 a.m. worship service, during the Sunday School hour. Children ages 2-5th grade meet in the lower level Gathering Space and room 108; middle schoolers (6th-8th grade) in room 119; and high schoolers (9th-12th grade) in room 121. Questions? Contact Michelle Tenhaeff (ChildMinistry@gslcva.org).

Life Groups

Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study: Thursday, November 6: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. GSLC (Room 203)

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

Interested in our Life Groups? Check out our [webpage](#) for details or stay tuned for further updates in future emails.

Storytime Saturday

Looking for a fun (and free) activity for your little one? Interested in stories, songs, and crafts? Come join us on **Saturday, November 15**, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran School, in the lower level Gathering Space, for a special Storytime Morning filled with:

- A read-aloud story
- Music and movement
- A simple take-home craft
- Playtime with new friends

This event is free and open to the community. This event is geared toward children ages 2-6, but all are welcome to join. Come enjoy a morning of learning, laughter, and creativity!

Questions? Contact the Preschool Director Sarah Brazell (preschool@gslcva.org)

Young Adults Gathering

Attention young adults and families with young children. Join the young adults of Good Shepherd for our first gathering of the 2025-26 season. We will meet at the church on **Saturday, November 15**, at 12:00 p.m. for lunch (provided) and a devotion. We will also discuss plans for future meetings and activities. Childcare will be provided. The session will run about 90 minutes. We look forward to having you join us. Interested? Go to <https://tinyurl.com/5n7uj3ff> to register.

Big Serve Sunday

Come and join us for a Big Serve Sunday event! The children and youth ministries will be loving our neighbors with a very special service project on **Sunday, November 16**, during the Sunday School hour. This project will consist of putting together Thanksgiving meal boxes for Cornerstones families in the Gathering Space in the lower level. Service hours for youth will be available upon request.

Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org) for more information.



Sign up for the online church directory

We encourage you to join Good Shepherd's online church directory. It's a great way to connect with other members and to help you match names with faces. We use the "Instant Church Directory" app – an OPT-IN only, so if you don't provide us with information on you and your family, you will NOT appear in the directory. To sign up, send the name and email address for ONE PERSON in your family to the church office (gslc@gslcva.org). Members and non-members who regularly attend GSLC are invited to join our online directory. Please let us know if you'd like to join our directory community!

Events This Week

Worship Service: Sunday, November 9: 9:30 a.m. (please note that we will only have one Traditional service) | Questions? Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>)

Sunday School: Sunday, November 9: No Sunday School | Questions? Check out our website under "Education": [kids](#), [youth](#), and [adult](#)

Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, November 5: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Community Service: Monday, November 3: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, November 5:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, November 6:** 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) SEE OTHER SIDE for more opportunities.

Community Service

Do you know of someone who 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.

Thanksgiving Meals. Help us support Cornerstones clients with a nice Thanksgiving meal this year. We have shoppers lined up and ready to go! You can provide a full meal with a \$60 donation which includes non-perishable food and a \$25 grocery gift card. Meals will be assembled on November 16 and delivered to Cornerstones on November 19. **Online donations can be made at: <https://tinyurl.com/4dznm2> or via scanning the QR Code to the right.**



Angel Tree for Cornerstones is back! Good Shepherd is once again supporting Cornerstones' Gift Cards for Kids Drive with our Angel Tree program. Good Shepherd will be providing 150 (\$25) gift cards for 60 children. This year, all cards requested are Walmart gift cards which can be purchased at WalMart or at CVS stores. Please visit the Angel Tree in the Narthex and select a tag from the tree. Then purchase the gift card and return it along with the tag selected from the tree to the box on the table next to the Angel Tree. Children less than 10 years of age receive a total of \$50 in gift cards and those older than 10 years receive \$75 in gift cards. (Gift cards must be physical cards - no e-cards please.) **All gift cards must be returned to the church by Sunday, November 30.**

A special thank you to Children's Ministry for making the angels for the tree!

Volunteers needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon. Congregation scheduled days have returned to The Closet! Good Shepherd's next volunteer days are November 14 and December 9. 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 the right to signup or visit: <http://tinyurl.com/5n7kbmb2>.



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 80 people. **We will be helping with that number by providing a minimum of 40 meals.** Serving in person is also back this year but you still have the option to drop off the meals! Volunteers must be at least 18 years old to serve in the shelter. For more information and to signup visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4n5m8b9u> or scan the QR code to the right.



South Lakes Food Pantry – Continues to Serve the Community!

The Food Pantry has distributed more than **TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS** of food and 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 (3½ tons) of food to families and students in need each week.** Please consider shopping from our urgent needs (see list below) 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 Thursday afternoons, 2:50 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bags will be loaded at GSLC and then unloaded at the school for you. 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, jelly, peanut butter, canned meat, boxed mac & cheese, bar soap, pasta/tomato sauce

Women Giving Back. Come and support 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. Visit: <https://womengivingback.org> for details.

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 to learn more about these opportunities as well as their virtual volunteer orientation sessions.

GSLC Tax-Free Donations

Are you 70½ and taking an IRA distribution? Make your donation to GSLC tax free through Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) directly from your IRA. This is the only method under U.S. tax law to donate Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) amounts tax-free. It's available to IRA owners age 70½ or older. You can transfer up to \$100,000 per year directly from your IRA to one or more IRS-approved charities. The amount of the QCD is excluded from your taxable income and fulfills your RMD. For married couples, each spouse with their own IRA can give \$100,000, effectively \$200,000 combined. Check with your investment advisor for details and applicable regulations.