

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 18, 2026

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Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 | Psalm 46 | Romans 3:19-28 | John 8:31-36



Adult Bible Studies

The Adult Bible study continues its study of the Gospel of John using William Barclay's commentary on The Gospel of John. Join us today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 111.

The Women's Bible study, led by Heidi Cooper, continues its session on Chad Bird's book "Limping with God." The group will meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 203.

Fall Fun Festival (Please Register)

Celebrate the season with your church family at the Good Shepherd Fall Fun Festival on **Sunday, October 25**, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Reformation Sunday service, which is a Festive Sunday with brass and special music! Gather with friends old and new in the lower parking lot for a joyful afternoon filled with delicious food, warm fellowship, and trunk-or-treat fun.

Bring your family, invite your neighbors, and come enjoy a festive afternoon of laughter, community, and fall fun. Click the link below to register. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc63ndy7>

Women's Retreat (final confirmation)

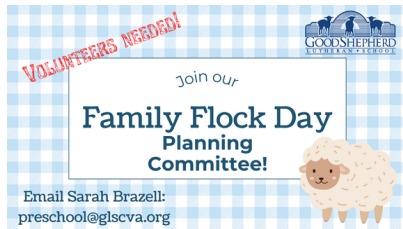
All women registered for the retreat: If you have not received your confirmation, contact Heidi (heidi@gslcva.org) by Sunday evening to ensure your registration is complete.



Preschool Substitute Teachers Needed

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is looking for caring, dependable substitute teachers to help support our preschool classrooms as needed.

If you are interested in serving our students and would like to be added to our substitute list, please contact Sarah Brazell (preschool@gslcva.org). A background check is required.



Preschool Flock Family - Planning Committee

Help us plan fun, welcoming events for children and families at Good Shepherd Lutheran School! Committee members can help with event planning, activities, outreach, or simply volunteer at our Family Flock Days. All are welcome to join, no experience necessary! Interested? Contact Sarah Brazell (preschool@gslcva.org).

Youth Items

Great Pumpkin Hunt | October 18 (today)

MSM & HSM students, get ready for the ultimate fall adventure! Join us today, **Sunday, October 18**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for the Great Pumpkin Hunt featuring a bonfire, costume contest, games, fellowship, candy, prizes, and the hunt for the Golden Pumpkin. Costume theme: your favorite movie or TV character!



Fall SED High School Youth Gathering | November 20-21

High school students, don't miss an unforgettable weekend at Watermarks Camp! Experience powerful worship and teaching, plus ziplining, paintball, escape rooms, high ropes, and more as we explore the theme Made in His Image.



Register by October 20 for \$160. Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org) for details.

HSM Mission Trip Registration Now Open | July 17-24, 2027

Reserve your spot today for next summer's High School Ministry Mission Trip to Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania! Open to high school students and college-age young adults, this life-changing week combines service, worship, friendship, and fun while making a lasting impact in local communities.

A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due by October 28.

Click here for the deposit:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YN8R/campaign/C-13J7C>.

For more information, contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org). Please note that dates are subject to change.

Upcoming Events

Full listing of events and service opportunities at gslcva.org

Service opportunities on the other side of this page

Worship Service

Sunday, October 25: 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. (Reformation Sunday. Special music at both services)

Choir Practice

Sunday, October 18: 9:30 a.m. (choir room)

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, October 21: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Life Groups

Millennials: Sunday, October 18, 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study: Thursday, October 22, 10:00-11:30 a.m. GSLC (Room 203)

Men's Bible Study: Friday, October 23, 7:00-8:00 a.m. at Panera (Elden Street)

Community Service: SLHS Food Pantry

Monday, October 19: 2:00-4:00 p.m. (pantry rooms)

Wednesday, October 21: 9:00-12:00 p.m. (pantry rooms)

Thursday, October 22: 2:30-3:30 p.m. (lower level)

All Saints Day Observance

As part of Good Shepherd's All Saints Day observance on **Sunday, November 1**, we will use the rite known as "Commemoration of the Faithful Departed," an opportunity to name before God and one another those friends and family members whom God has called to himself in the last year. We invite you to provide names of those whom you would like to include in this rite. Please submit names by using our online form at <https://gslcva.org/worship/services>, under the section "All Saints Day names." **Submission deadline: Monday, October 26.** Questions? Email the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) or call 703-437-5020.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Do you know someone who needs help finding resources in our area? For a list of comprehensive services, please call or visit 2-1-1 Virginia, 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. Visit <https://211virginia.org>

Volunteers Needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon: Good Shepherd’s next volunteer days are **October 30, November 21, and December 18**. The Closet needs volunteers to maintain day-to-day operations. Please consider donating some time to this valuable resource in our community. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/5n7kbmb2>

Hypothermia Shelter Meals (Registration open!). As winter approaches, so does a meaningful opportunity to make a difference. Signups are now open for our Hypothermia Shelter Meals Ministry, where volunteers **help provide hot, nourishing meals each Wednesday from December through March**. This year, the need is greater than ever, with the shelter serving approximately 70 guests nightly, and our congregation committed to providing at least **40 meals each week**. Whether you prepare a meal, donate supplies, or serve in person, your kindness can bring comfort, dignity, and hope to those experiencing homelessness during the coldest months of the year. Meal preparation is simple. Think of it like packing a meal for a family picnic, using disposable containers and easy-to-eat foods such as shredded meats and soft fruits. In-person serving opportunities have also returned for volunteers aged 18 and older. Join us in sharing Christ’s love through this vital ministry and help ensure our neighbors receive a warm meal and a welcoming smile this winter.
Sign up today: <https://tinyurl.com/4n5m8b9u> for more information.

South Lakes Food Pantry continues to serve the community! What a significant difference you’ve made in the community with your support of this incredible ministry. We average well over 7,000 pounds (3½ tons) of food and toiletries to families and students in need each week. Please consider shopping from our urgent needs list or donating money to the pantry for food purchase. Contact: Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

- **No-contact donation curbside drop offs:** Mondays 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Grocery intake is also on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Donations may also be shipped to the church: SLHS Food Pantry, c/o GSLC, 1133 Reston Ave., Herndon, VA 20170.
- **LOADERS & DRIVERS NEEDED** on Thursdays. Bags will be loaded and unloaded at the school for you. Thursday 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Interested? Contact Holly (holly@gslcva.org).
- **Urgent needs:** pasta sauce, pasta, canned meat, jelly, cereal, bar soap

Women Giving Back: 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 multiple ways to serve, including Farmers Market Gleaning, Career Mentors, Financial Literacy Mentors, Interpreters, Front Desk | Assistants, Pathways to Sustainable Employment Program, and so much more. Interested? Visit <https://www.cornerstonesva.org/volunteerops/> to sign up for a volunteer hub and learn more about these opportunities as well as their virtual volunteer orientation sessions.

Adopt-a-Highway

Family opportunity for ages 10 & up! Join us for the next Adopt-a-Highway service event on **Saturday, October 31**, at 8:30 a.m. for a light breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Pickup begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. It takes approximately 1.5 to 2 hours of your time, and service hours can be earned. It’s a beautiful stroll along Reston Parkway because of helpers like you! Help us keep God’s creation beautiful! (Rain date November 22). 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.



Offering Envelopes

Many Good Shepherd members receive a set of printed offering envelopes in the mail on a regular basis but don’t use these when giving their offerings. If you receive these in the mail but don’t use them, please contact Michele (michele@gslcva.org) to stop that service. (Good Shepherd pays for every set of envelopes mailed to members.) The number on your envelope will still be associated with your giving records. Questions? Contact Michele (michele@gslcva.org) or Georgia (georgia@gslcva.org).

Sunday Transportation Assistance

Help provide Sunday transportation for a choir member. If you're willing to assist, please contact Anne Lee (anne@gslcva.org). Thank you for supporting our church family!

Schedule:
1st & 3rd Sundays: Pickup (9:20 a.m.) and drop off (after the 11:00 a.m. service)
2nd & 4th Sundays: Pickup (7:20 a.m.) and drop off (after 10:30 a.m.)