NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 8, 2026

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Next Sunday's Readings: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 | Psalm 90:1-12 | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 | Matthew 25:14-30



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.

Together for Lunch (previously 2GETHER4LUNCH)

Are you free for lunch on the second Thursday of this month?

Good Shepherd's Together for Lunch will meet this month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on **Thursday, November 12**, at Silver Diner (11951 Killingsworth Ave., Reston). Join us for conversation with old and new friends and Christian fellowship. Our free-will donation will benefit Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

Separate checks - guests are always welcome - come as you are - come late, leave early - it's OK!

Questions? RSVPs? See Goodwyn Morgan or June McGurn or email the church office: **gslc@gslcva.org**. Please type Together for Lunch in the subject line.

Brunchgiving - Food, Fellowship, Service



All are welcome to join us for Brunchgiving, a special morning of food, fellowship, and gratitude between services on **Sunday, November 22**. Gather with friends old and new as we share a meal and celebrate the blessings of the season.

As part of this special event, please bring non-perishable food items to help restock the South Lakes High School (SLHS) Food Pantry and support those in need in our community. We look forward to sharing this meaningful time together!

Questions? For the food drive contact Holly Vanderhoof: **holly@gslcva.org** and for the event contact Heidi Cooper: **heidi@gslcva.org**.

Christkindlmarket



Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, December 6**, from 12:15 to 2:30 p.m. for the annual Christkindlmarket & Christmas Lunch! Kids can shop for Christmas gifts with assistance from our youth volunteers, while everyone enjoys a festive meal and fellowship.

Donations, dropped off at the church office, of new or like-new gifts for the market are requested by November 29. All proceeds support Senior High Youth mission trip fundraising. Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof: **holly@gslcva.org**.

Ladies' Advent Tea

Advent is a time to remember how the world waited for the Messiah, and how we wait for His Second Coming today. But so often in the weeks before Christmas we are so busy preparing that we fail to take time to experience the beauty of the season ourselves.

Join the women of Good Shepherd and their guests as we restore ourselves during the busy Advent season. Enjoy a potluck lunch, beautiful music, a devotion, and fellowship. Guests are always welcome. Please RSVP by signing up electronically or on paper. Questions? Contact June McGurn through the church office: **gslc@gslcva.org**.

Preschool Family Flock Day 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 Day. All are welcome to join, no experience necessary! Interested? Contact Sarah Brazell: **preschool@gslcva.org**.

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.

Upcoming Events

Full listing of events and service opportunities at gslcva.org
Service opportunities on the other side of this page

Worship Service
Sunday, November 15: 9:30 a.m. (Traditional service)
Choir Practice
Sunday, November 8: 9:30 a.m. (choir room)
Handbell Choir Practice
Monday, November 9: 7:00 p.m. (sanctuary)
Prayer Gathering
Wednesday, November 11: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)
Life Groups
Millennials: Sunday, November 8, 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Manic Mondays: Monday, November 9, 7:30 p.m. (Cors's home)
Together for Lunch: Thursday, November 12, 11:30 a.m. (Silver Diner in Reston)
Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study: Thursday, November 12, 10:00–11:30 a.m. GSLC (Room 203)
Men's Bible Study: Friday, November 13, 7:00–8:00 a.m. at Panera (Elden Street)
Men's Brotherhood Breakfast: Saturday, November 14, 8:30 a.m. at La Madeleine Restaurant (Reston)
Women's Retreat
November 13-15 (George Washington Hotel in Winchester)
Community Service: SLHS Food Pantry
Monday, November 9: 2:00–4:00 p.m. (pantry rooms)
Wednesday, November 11: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (pantry rooms)
Thursday, November 12: 2:30–3:30 p.m. (lower level)

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 **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** or scan the QR code to the right.

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, by the children's and youth ministries, on Sunday, November 8 during the Sunday School hour and delivered to Cornerstones on November 19. Online donations can be made at: **https://tinyurl.com/4dznmmm2** or scan the QR code to the left.



Angel Tree. Good Shepherd is lovingly supporting our neighbors this year during the holidays through Cornerstones. The holidays can be especially tough for families, seniors, and neighbors experiencing instability. By donating gift cards, you give people the dignity and joy of choosing what they need most —whether it's a warm meal, household essentials, or a special gift. Together, we can make the holiday season brighter and more memorable for our community. This year $25 Visa, Target, and Walmart gift cards may be purchased (no e-cards please). Cornerstones will deliver the gift cards directly to the families they serve. Please visit the Angel Tree in the Narthex for more information and return the gift cards to the box on the table next to the Angel Tree **by Sunday, November 29**. Let's change lives together by….loving our neighbors!

Hypothermia Shelter Meals (Registration open!). As winter approaches, so does a meaningful opportunity to make a difference. Sign up for our Hypothermia Shelter Meals Ministry, where volunteers **help provide hot, nourishing meals each Wednesday, December through March.** This year, the need is greater than ever, with the shelter serving approximately 70 guests nightly. 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. 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 are available for volunteers 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** or scan the QR code to the right for more information.

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, December 5**, from 8:50 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 at **holly@gslcva.org**

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 o**n 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, peanut butter, jelly, 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 to volunteer and learn more about these opportunities as well as their virtual orientation sessions.

Annual Report - Final Draft Released

The Final Version of the Annual Report is now available, on our **website**, by clicking the banner at the top, and includes updated information to close out the fiscal year, along with budget summaries, attendance statistics, and other key ministry metrics. This edition also provides a look ahead to the coming year, highlighting future plans, priorities, and financial projections as we continue moving forward together in ministry.