



# GOOD SHEPHERD

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Next Service Readings

Isaiah 6:1-13

| 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

| Luke 5:1-11

### 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)).



### 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.



### Congregational Care & Nurture Ministry

**NEW - Weekly Indoor Walks** - Weather keeping you indoors? Pressed for time? Not feeling up to a hike? 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)).

**NEW - INVOA Blood Drive** - GSLC wants to host a blood drive on **Sunday, March 30**. To book the Bloodmobile we need **at least 35 people** to indicate they're *interested* in donating whole blood, red blood cells or plasma. We have until **Friday, February 14**, to collect signatures; Register at <https://tinyurl.com/3vfjwcub>. We need at least 26 more signatures in order to proceed.

### Good Shepherd's Annual Chili Bingo is back!

Join us on **Sunday, February 16**, at 12:30 p.m., following the 11:00 a.m. service, we will have food, fun, and fellowship! We need lots of help! (This is a big event.) Bring chili, cornbread, salad, or dessert and/or help with set up or clean up. Or volunteer to be a judge. You don't have to enter your chili in the contest, but why wouldn't you? It's your shot at being crowned the Chili King or Chili Queen-or at least a runner up! If you want to enter the contest, bring a large batch of chili (to serve 12 or more) for judging and eating.

Register through Signup Genius (<https://tinyurl.com/2se2tkpj>).



### Events This Week

**Worship Services:** Sunday, February 9: 8:00 a.m. (Matins service) | 11:00 a.m. (Contemporary/Praise service)  
Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>) for more information.

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

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

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

**Community Service:** Monday, February 3: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | Wednesday, February 5: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | Thursday, February 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](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).

### GSLC Hiking Group—Next Adventure

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's hiking group is venturing to [Reservoir Park](#) (22211 Water Vista Drive, Ashburn) on **Sunday, February 23**, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This park has recently renovated its trails and visitor center. The dirt trail is very flat and provides beautiful views along the water's edge. We'll do an out and back hike since we will not be hiking the entire 7.3 miles around the lake. We can decide the distance(s) we want to cover when we arrive at the park. A hiking leader will stay with each group if we decide to break into groups to accommodate longer and shorter distances. The Visitor Center, our meeting spot for anyone driving directly to the park, has restrooms and interesting displays. We will meet at 12:15 p.m. in the church entry area and drive over to the park. Dress in layers so you can adjust for the weather. You may wish to bring along water and a snack. If people wish to meet the group at Reservoir Park, please arrive by 12:45 p.m. so we may hike together. Hope to see you there! Jeannie, John, and Drew. Questions? Contact the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)).

### First Communion—5th and 6th Graders

Pastor James will hold First Communion instruction classes for children in grades 5 and 6 beginning **Sunday, March 9**. Class sessions will be held during the Sunday School hour, from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., and parent(s) will be asked to attend with their child. We will meet for 5 sessions, using a curriculum designed to prepare students to receive Holy Communion. Classes will meet every Sunday, including Sunday, April 6. If you have a 5th or 6th grader and are interested in having them participate in the instruction, please notify Michele in the church office or Pastor James. Call the office (703-437-5020), or email Michele ([michele@gslcva.org](mailto:michele@gslcva.org)) or Pastor James ([PastorGary@gslcva.org](mailto:PastorGary@gslcva.org)). Please type "First Communion" in the email Subject line when requesting more information via email.

### Life Groups

**Women's Morning Bible Study:** Thursday, February 6: 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, February 7: 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))\*

**Men's Brotherhood:** Saturday, February 8, at 8:30 a.m. at La Madeleine Restaurant (Reston). For more information check out the [calendar on our website](#), or contact Randy Terlecki through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org))\*

**Helping Hands:** Saturday, February 8: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (GSLC Room 125). For more information check out the [calendar on our website](#), or contact Chris Miller 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.

## 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. 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 Saturday, February 15.** Cost: \$150 (includes registration, t-shirt, all meals, 2 nights lodging). For more information contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).



## Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Are you interested in either attending or volunteering for VBS? Join us from Monday, June 16, through Friday, June 20, for VBS. The theme this year is True North - Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. For more information contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).



## Good Shepherd Lutheran School (GSLs) Summer Camp 2025

We are now accepting applications for GSLs Summer Camp 2025! This camp is open to the public, so please tell your family and friends about this exciting 6-week camp for preschoolers with half-day, full-day, and aftercare options.

Each week features a different learning theme with hands-on activities and water play! For applications, visit our webpage ([gslcva.org/preschool](https://gslcva.org/preschool)) under the "forms" section.

For more information contact Preschool Director Sarah Brazell ([preschool@gslcva.org](mailto:preschool@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.

## 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, Vice-Chair, through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)), referencing "BoSL" in the subject line, for more information.

## 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 days are 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 Prevention Program—All Slots Filled.** Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make dinner and/or serve at the North County Hypothermia Shelter. Good Shepherd has now committed to serve meals every week through March. Thank you for all that have already served and those members that will serve on the remaining dates. The needs at the shelter have increased and it is a blessing to be able to serve our unhoused community in this way.

**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)).

**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](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, pasta sauce

**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.

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