



GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 29, 2026

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Next Service (Maundy Thursday) Readings: Exodus 24:3-11 | Hebrew 9:11-22 | Matthew 26:17-30

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Worship during Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, March 29

8:00 a.m. Traditional service (sanctuary) with Holy Communion,
Special music: Brass Quintet

9:00–10:45 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 a.m. Traditional service (sanctuary) with Holy Communion,
Special music: Brass Quintet

This service will be livestreamed and recorded

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.

Traditional service, with Holy Communion

First Communion for students who have received instruction

This service will be livestreamed and recorded

Good Friday, April 3, 7:30 p.m.

This service will be livestreamed and recorded

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:15 a.m. Traditional service; with Holy Communion, special music (sanctuary)
Preservice music begins at 8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Family-friendly service (Fellowship Hall)

This service will be recorded and posted later

11:15 a.m. Traditional service; with Holy Communion, special music (sanctuary),
Preservice music begins at 11:00 a.m.

This service will be livestreamed and recorded

Also on Easter Sunday—Dedication of the Columbarium Peace Garden
(9:40 a.m. & 10:50 a.m.). See article below.

Above & Beyond winter catalog

The winter/spring edition of the Above & Beyond catalog is available electronically on our website at gslcva.org/giving. Hard copies are available in the church entry area and on the Resource Table in the Fellowship Hall.

Highlighted Fund: Section Leader Support

Our professional section leaders make it possible for us to offer additional powerful anthems on Sundays and elevate major services like Christmas, Easter, and Reformation. When the choir is off, they step forward with solos and small-ensemble music, much of it shared through livestream and recordings. A gift to this fund directly supports these singers and keeps our Music Ministry vibrant, consistent, and inspiring.

An update of remaining balances, as of March 15, is attached below. For the most current funding balances, please contact Georgia Thorstenson (georgia@gslcva.org). Thank you to everyone who so generously supports this stewardship program.

Fund	Remaining Balance
"Spiritual First Aid" Seminar	3,400
Special Music (in Worship)	2,453
Vacation Bible School	750
Senior Youth Ministry	1,474
Workcamp 2026	168
Workcamp Van Rentals	2,500
Choral Section Leaders	15,779
Cornerstones	4,493
Lake Anne Fellowship House	3,544
Fellowship Square	3,251
Meals of Hope	881
Replacement Sanctuary Screens	17,300
Sabbatical Support (1 st Interval)	2,764
Expansion Preschool Operations	27,973
Middle School Ministry	1,974
Columbarium & Garden Fund (2-Benches & 1 Passage)	6,000
Dehumidifiers	2,800
Evergreen Lutheran School	2,974
Faith Aid – Mustard Seed	4,974
Faith Aid–Fraher Family Support	2,974
Lutheran World Relief	3,864
Lutheran Bible Translators	3,500
LCMS – Osiro (Kenya)	2,500
LCMS – Payne (Tanzania)	2,500
LCMS – Wood (Indonesia)	2,500
Principe de Paz Luterana	2,000
LCMS Ministry – Armed forces	1,500

Deadline TODAY to sponsor Easter flowers

Help beautify our worship areas on Easter Sunday by donating lilies and other flowering spring plants and dedicating them to a loved one. The cost is \$16 per plant. You may take your plant(s) home following the 11:15 service on Easter morning.

For more information, pick up a flyer from the Welcome center or go to gslcva.org/giving and look for the Flower Sponsorship form.

Payment and dedications must be submitted today. **If you do not submit a dedication form, we will list your name as a flower sponsor "to the glory of God."**

Upcoming Events

Worship Services

Thursday, April 2: 7:30 p.m. (Maundy Thursday service)

See article above for all Holy Week and Easter service offerings

*Check out our [website](#) for more information

Choir Practice

Sunday, April 5: No choir practice

Sunday School

Sunday, April 5: No Sunday School

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, April 1: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Life Groups

Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study: Thursday, April 2: No Bible Study

Men's Friday Bible Study: Friday, April 3: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street)

Helping Hands: Saturday, April 4: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Room 125)

*Check out our [Calendar on the website](#) for life groups

Community Service

Monday, March 30: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Wednesday, April 1: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Thursday, April 2: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at SLHS (lower parking lot)

*Check out our [website](#) for more opportunities

Columbarium Peace Garden dedication

On **Easter Sunday**, we will dedicate the Columbarium Peace Garden. Brief ceremonies will be held in the garden at 9:40 a.m. and at 10:50 a.m. (following the first two Easter worship services). All are welcome to participate as we set apart the Columbarium Peace Garden as a sacred place, a reminder of the sure and certain hope of resurrection.

Seen: One Day Women's Retreat

Women of Good Shepherd—don't miss this exclusive opportunity! Join Our Savior's Way for an inspiring one-day women's retreat on **Saturday, April 18.**

For more information and to [register](#) check out our website

(<https://gslcva.org/education/adults>).

Palm Sunday
pancake breakfast
 SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 9:00 - 10:45 A.M.
 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Today!

HSM Goodwill offerings from this breakfast help support the 2026 High School Summer Workcamp in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

Rainforest Falls VBS-registration now open

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is back from **Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26**, and planning is underway! Get ready for an unforgettable week filled with faith, fun, games, and friendships. **Registration opens today, Sunday, March 29**, on our website (gslcva.org/vbs), secure your spot before spots fill up.

Men's Brotherhood event-save the date

Join the Men's Brotherhood for a shooting range event on **Saturday, April 18**, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Silver Eagle Group in Ashburn. After shooting, we will share lunch at a local brewery near the range. Additional event details and sign-up will be provided!



Community Service

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, April 4**, 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).

Spring Fling needs volunteers. Good Shepherd Lutheran School is holding a Spring Fling on **Saturday, April 18**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We are asking for volunteers to help staff the various stations like bubbles, moon bounce, and more! Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/mr2a34yn> or scan the QR Code to volunteer. For more information contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

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.

Volunteers needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon. Congregation scheduled days have returned to The Closet! Good Shepherd's next volunteer day is April 3. 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>

South Lakes Food Pantry - continues to serve the community! Since the beginning they have distributed more than **TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND 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. *Interested? Email Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).* 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 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 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. - 3:30 p.m. Interested? Please contact Holly (holly@gslcva.org).

URGENT NEEDS: diced tomatoes, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, bar soap

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; including 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 or learn more additional opportunities.

The Christian Man-a Bible Study for all

Are you struggling with what it means to be a loving, Christ-like man in this day and age? What does it take to be a "successful" husband, father, or mentor? What, in your upbringing, caused behaviors and dysfunctions that have been challenging to root out or even identify? How do we protect our loved ones while promoting a healthy, caring environment? On what pillars of scripture should we rely and focus? This 4-session bible study starts **Sunday, April 26**, led by Pastor Johann, who adds his description: "This study is strong enough for women, but made for men." All, including women, are welcome, to share perspectives on how to raise and influence their sons toward becoming a faithful Christian man. Materials will be provided.

Please register on the sign-up sheet in the entry way or **online** (<https://tinyurl.com/4uvym72h>).

Board of Servant Leaders-proposed slate

The proposed slate of candidates to fill three openings on the board is **Paul Devine, Andrew Otterbacher, and Daniel Pelletier**. Bios and statements are available under the **Board News** on our website. Elections will be held April 6 through April 12, stay tuned for additional details. Questions? Email Tony Esse through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org).

Middle School Youth Gathering

Join us for the Spring Middle School Youth Gathering in Williamsburg, Virginia from April 24 to 26. Interested? Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org). Register through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ybc5t9am>.