



Next Service Readings

Acts 4:5-12

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Vacation Bible School—Registration available

Scuba Vacation Bible School registration is now open. Come and join us for Scuba VBS, from **Monday, June 17, through Friday, June 21**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Check out our website (www.gslcva.org/vbs) to register. Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org) for details.

Lost and Found

Missing your sunglasses? an umbrella? gloves? a scarf? Items that have been left at our campus during recent months have been placed on a Lost & Found table in the narthex (church entryway). Items unclaimed by the end of April will be donated to The Closet. Questions? Email the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information.

Life Groups - Calendar



Young Adults

Sunday, April 14: 11:30 a.m. (GSLC Room 203)

Contact John Purtilo through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information*

Women's Morning Bible Study

Thursday, April 18: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (GSLC Room 203)

Contact Vicki Peter through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information*

Men's Friday Bible Study

Friday, April 19: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street)

Contact Jeff Kroese, Jeff Peterson, and Jim Smith through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information*

*Please type the Life Group name in the email Subject line when requesting more information via email.

Preschool Open House

The preschool will be hosting an Open House on **Saturday, April 20**, from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Event flyers are available in the church entry area on the welcome table. Please take a flyer and give to anyone you may know who might be interested in attending, a friend or neighbor, or even post it at a place of business that might be appropriate. Your help with getting the word out, would be greatly appreciated. Questions? Email the Preschool Interim Director Kathy Otterbacher (preschool@gslcva.org) for more information.

Connections Class

Are you interested in learning more about Good Shepherd? Would you like to make a deeper connection with us and our ministries? If so, we would love to engage with you. Our next Connections Class starts on **Sunday, April 21**, during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 a.m., and runs for 3 consecutive weeks. After completing the classes, you are invited to become a member of our congregation, should you choose to do so. No pressure! Can't make one of the sessions? No problem! We offer make up classes. Question? Contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) or Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org) for more information.

A Walk in the World of Dementia

Join Good Shepherd as we host a dementia class on **Saturday, April 27**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Class size is limited to 15; signup required. Fee for the class is \$20 per person. Open to anyone interested in learning more about all sorts of dementia - Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, etc.; class is not suitable for dementia sufferers. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd. Please write **Dementia Class** on the Memo line. To signup visit <https://tinyurl.com/4hrv62kz>. Questions? Contact June McGurn through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) and type "Dementia" in the email Subject line.

Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible study class has resumed and will be discussing Timothy Keller's *The Reason for God*. In the study, Keller addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics, and even ardent believers, have about religion. Through the use of real-life conversations, and potent reasoning, Keller explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one. Questions? Contact Pastor Gary James (pastorgary@gslcva.org) for details.

Above and Beyond (A&B) Update (as of March 31)

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the current Above & Beyond program. This year's "wish list" includes 28 items totaling \$300,450 in donation requests. As of March 31, donations have fully funded 9 of the 28 items (see list below) and have also partially funded a number of items. Requests open to receive contributions can be found below, and also on our giving page (<https://gslcva.org/giving/>). **Fully Funded Items from Current Catalog:** Workcamp 2024 (Elizabeth City, NC); Senior Youth Ministry; Staff and Core Ministry Celebrations; Direct Mailing; Organ Repair Project; Replacing Hymnals; Choir Needs; Preschool Big Books; and Preschool Expanding Operations.

Remaining Balances for remaining funds: Weekend Grocery Packs: \$1,994; SLHS Food Pantry: \$959; Vacation Bible School: \$2,650; Celebrations (Congregation/Volunteer/New Member): \$1,300; Congregational Events (Sight & Sound Offset bus costs): \$2,500; Expanded Congregational Care & Nurture Programs: \$3,000; Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz: \$2,500; Lutheran World Relief: \$3,109; The Seed Company: \$3,000; The Mustard Seed House: \$4,507; Fraher Family Support: \$1,965; HVAC: \$197,000; Teleprompter: \$4,370; Conference Room Television: \$800; Sanctuary Choir Support: \$1,750; Special Music for Festivals: \$4,725; Fellowship Hall Robotic Camera System: \$5,000; Replacement and Supplemental Lighting for Fellowship Hall: \$1,500; and Praise Band Stage Backdrop & Decorations: \$1,000.

Events this week

Worship Service: **Sunday, April 21:** 8:00 a.m. (Traditional) and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional) | Questions? Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>) for more information

Prayer Gathering: **Wednesday, April 17:** 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Community Service: **Monday, April 15:** 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, April 17:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, April 18:** 3:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at SLHS (lower parking lot) | Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org)

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.

Big Serve Sunday—Meal Packing Event. Join us on **Sunday, April 21** between services for this very special all congregation service event. We will be packing 10,000 meals through Meals of Hope! Packaged meals will go to local food pantries, including the South Lakes High School Food Pantry. This event will require 50-70 volunteers serving from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., or until 10,000 meals are packed.

Registration will be out soon!

Volunteers needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon. Good Shepherd's next volunteer days are April 24, and May 17. 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>.



The Closet's Summer Fashion Show!

Get ready to witness the magic of sustainable style at The Closet's Summer Fashion Show! You're in for an exciting showcase of unique and affordable fashion finds that will make you rethink your summer wardrobe. Discover the thrill of thrifting as they unveil a curated collection of pre-loved gems, from vintage classics to contemporary trends. Experience the joy of seeing one-of-a-kind pieces that express individuality, all while making a positive impact on the environment. Be inspired by creative styling ideas and learn how to mix and match thrifted treasures to create stylish ensembles for any occasion. Whether you're a seasoned thrift shopper or new to the thrifting scene, this event promises something special for everyone. Join The Closet for an evening of fashion, fun, and sustainable shopping! Bring your friends and embrace the thrill of the hunt as we celebrate the beauty of thrifted fashion together. Tickets are \$10.00 and go on sale on May 1. The fashion show takes place on **June 22 at 6:00 p.m.**, at 779 Center St., Herndon.

Weekend Grocery Packs for Dranesville Elementary! Weekend grocery packs are bags of food that children can prepare themselves over the weekend. Good Shepherd puts together 100 bags, once a month, for Dranesville Elementary students that are experiencing food insecurity. Want to help? Consider donating money, any amount, to the above and beyond request for Dranesville Elementary Weekend Grocery packs at <http://tinyurl.com/cruhhp78>. For more information on packing dates contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

South Lakes Food Pantry – continues to serve the community! Since the beginning they have distributed more than **1.5 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. 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. With a 40% increase in weekly family bags, we need a few more drivers to help when needed, deliver food to the school on Thursday afternoons. Bags will be loaded and unloaded at the school for you if needed.

LOADING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. We are averaging 190 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: jelly, popcorn, granola bars, boxed mac & cheese, bar soap.

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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