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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 13, 2025

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Next Service Readings (Maundy Thursday)

Exodus 12:1-14

| 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

| John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Pastor Johann's 10-year celebration

Celebrate Pastor Johann's 10-year ministry with us on **Sunday, May 4**, at 12:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. We will have an Italian luncheon and recognition of his many years of ministry at GSLC. Interested in attending? Please RSVP by scanning the QR code and registering if you wish to attend. Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org).



Holy Week Schedule



Worship services during Lent this year will explore the theme "The Hand of the Lord."

In the New Testament, the "hand of the Lord" takes on literal meaning: The hand of the Lord comes to us in Jesus. Join us each Wednesday during Lent for midweek services as we consider hands: the hand of the Lord; Jesus' real hands; and our own hands, restored as useful instruments of witness, service, and praise.

Check out our Lenten Wednesday services on our website, under [Worship and Sermons and Devotions](#). All 5 Lenten Wednesday service recordings are now available.

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:00 a.m. Traditional service (sanctuary)
9:00-10:45 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m. Traditional service (sanctuary)
This service will be livestreamed and recorded

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 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 18, 7:30 p.m.

This service will be livestreamed and recorded

Easter Sunday, April 20

8:15 a.m. Traditional service with Holy Communion (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 (sanctuary)
Preservice music begins at 11:00 a.m.
This service will be livestreamed and recorded

Palm Sunday pancake breakfast



HOSTED BY OUR SR. HIGH YOUTH

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 9:00 - 10:45 A.M.
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Goodwill offerings from this breakfast help support the 2025 High School Summer Workcamp in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Above & Beyond—spring catalog

Good Shepherd's latest edition of the Above & Beyond (A&B) catalog has been released. Many ministry areas are yet to be funded. Stay tuned for ministry specific updates in the weeks to come. Hard copies can be found on the Welcome Center in the church entry area, Fellowship Hall, and electronic copies can be found on our [Giving webpage](#).

Events This Week

Worship Services: Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday):

7:30 p.m. (Traditional service, with Holy Communion) | **Friday,**

April 18 (Good Friday): 7:30 p.m. (Traditional service) |

Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday): 8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with preservice music 15 minutes before each service (Traditional services) | 10:00 a.m. (Family service) | For more information check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>).

Sunday School: Sunday, April 20: No Sunday School

Choir Practice: Sunday, April 20: No choir practice

Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, April 16: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Community Service: Monday, April 14: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, April 16:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, April 17:** 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).

General Fund—informational booklet

Have you ever wondered what exactly is the "General Fund"? Are you interested in learning how regular offerings to the fund support Good Shepherd's ministry? Check out our new [General Fund informational booklet](#) on our website under "Forms and Documents."

Board of Servant Leaders—Election (CLOSES TODAY)

The Nominating Committee has finalized the slate of candidates to fill four upcoming vacancies on the Board of Servant Leaders. The final slate is the proposed list of candidates (Bernie Schoch, John Purtilo, Rob Fekete, and Tony Esse). Biographies of the proposed candidates can be found on the News & Events section of our website under Board News as our featured [blog](#). **Elections are ongoing through Sunday, April 13.** Interested in voting? Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VJSZVC2> to vote.



TREK WITH US at True North VBS, running from **Monday, June 16 through Friday, June 20**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join us on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! Visit our [webpage](#) and [click the banner](#) at the top, go to www.gslcva.org/vbs, or pick up a registration form in the Narthex to register. For more information contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).



Life Groups

Manic Mondays: Monday, April 14: 7:30 p.m. (Cors's house)*

Men's Friday Bible Study: Friday, April 18: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street)*

*For more information check out the Life Groups portion of our webpage (<https://gslcva.org/ministries/life-groups/>)

Good Shepherd Lutheran School (GSLs) Summer Camp 2025

We are now accepting applications for GSLs Summer Camp 2025, to be held from **June 23 through August 1**. 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. Interested? Check out our webpage (gslcva.org/preschool) to register. For more information contact Preschool Director Sarah Brazell (preschool@gslcva.org).

Men’s Brotherhood–upcoming event

Come join the Men's Brotherhood at the following upcoming event:

- **Saturday, April 19:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Lawless Forge - Forge your soon-to-be favorite cooking utensil in Leesburg. Whether you are roasting campfire marshmallows with the family, or grilling game-day meals for friends, you’ll have something to brag about. Please let us know of your interest so we can secure the best group rate. We’re looking for 5-15 interested men to join in forging some steel. Stay tuned for more info!

Questions? Contact Randy Terlecki through the church office (gslc@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.

Volunteers needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon. Congregation scheduled days have returned to The Closet! Good Shepherd’s next volunteer days are April 24, May 16, June 9, July 1, and July 24. 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 of Greater Herndon collections at Good Shepherd. Good Shepherd is collecting donations for The Closet. Please look for the black cart with The Closet signage in the closet off of the Narthex to place your donations.

Helping Hands needs donations. Helping Hands needs donations of cotton or cotton blend fabric and yarn. These donations would greatly help us in our mission to provide quilts, prayer shawls and lap blankets for Lutheran World Relief and a local hospice. Donation collection is in the church entry area, look for the donation bin marked “Helping Hands.”

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) 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). **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: jelly, bar soap, pasta, diced tomatoes, peanut butter

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. Visit: <https://womengivingback.org> for more information.

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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