



GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 5, 2026

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Next Service Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 | 1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31

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 bring depth and beauty to worship—offering powerful anthems on Sundays, elevating Christmas, Easter, and Reformation services, and providing solos and small-ensemble music when the choir is off. Their work enriches our livestream and recordings and keeps our Music Ministry vibrant and inspiring.

Two generous members have pledged to match every gift—up to \$5,000. That’s \$10,000 waiting to be unlocked. With this match we’re just \$5,779 away from fully funding the Section Leader Fund for the year. Your gift doubles in impact and helps us cross the finish line.



An update of remaining balances, as of March 15, is attached to the right. 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	6,000
(2-Benches & 1 Passage)	
Dehumidifiers	2,800
Evergreen Lutheran School	2,974
Faith Aid – Mustard Seed	4,974
Faith Aid–Frahner 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

Upcoming Events

Worship Services

Sunday, April 12: 8:00 a.m. (Matins service) and 11:00 a.m. (Contemporary/Praise service)

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

Choir Practice

Sunday, April 12: 9:30 a.m. (choir room)

Sunday School

Sunday, April 12: 9:30 a.m. for adults, kids, youth

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, April 8: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Life Groups

Word Workers: Wednesday, April 8: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Virtual (Zoom)

Women’s Thursday Morning Bible Study: Thursday, April 9: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. GSLC (Room 203)

2GETHER4LUNCH: Thursday, April 9: 11:30 a.m. Euro Bistro (Herndon)

Men’s Friday Bible Study: Friday, April 10: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street)

Community Service

Monday, April 6: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Wednesday, April 8: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Thursday, April 9: 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-today!

Join us today, **Easter Sunday**, as 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.

Note: If rain impacts the dedications a postponement date will be set in the upcoming weeks. Additional information will be provided during the announcements if a postponement occurs.

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>).

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 is now open 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!

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) (<https://tinyurl.com/4uvym72h>).



Community Service

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.

Hypothermia Shelter Meals-Thank you! A special thank you to everyone who supported the North County Hypothermia Shelter this season. Together we were able to provide 17 weeks of meals to a minimum of 680 people. This is such an important service to our community in need, and it is so great to see God's love in action. Stay tuned for next year's hypothermia shelter meals schedule.

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.