



GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
April 12, 2026

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Next Service Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | 1 Peter 1:17-23 | Luke 24:13-35

Above & Beyond Winter Catalog

The winter/spring edition of Above & Beyond is available on our website at gslcva.org/giving. Hard copies are 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 in the righthand table. 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 |
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| “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 – 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 |

Upcoming Events

Worship Services

Sunday, April 19: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional services)

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

Choir Practice

Sunday, April 19: 9:30 a.m. (choir room)

Sunday School

Sunday, April 19: 9:30 a.m. for adults, kids, youth

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, April 15: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Life Groups

Manic Mondays, Monday, April 13: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Cors’s house)

Women’s Morning Bible Study, Thursday, April 16: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. GSLC (room 203)

Men’s Bible Study, Friday, April 17: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street)

Community Service

Monday, April 13: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Wednesday, April 15: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Thursday, April 16: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at SLHS (lower parking lot)

Saturday, April 18: Spring Fling Volunteers 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (lower level)

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

Seen: One Day Women’s Retreat Registration Ends Tomorrow!

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

Rainforest Falls VBS Registration Now Open

Vacation Bible School: Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They’ll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life’s storms.

Registration open now! VBS Dates: June 22-26 from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m.

Register on our website (gslcva.org/vbs). Secure your spot before spots fill up.



Men’s Brotherhood Event

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.

Columbarium Peace Garden Dedication Today!

Join us today as we dedicate the Columbarium Peace Garden. Brief ceremonies will be held in the garden at 9:10 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. (following our 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.

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).



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 church entry way or **online** (<https://tinyurl.com/4uvym72h>).

Community Service

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, 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 days are **April 25, May 19, June 11, July 6, July 29, and August 20**. 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 sign up or visit <http://tinyurl.com/5n7kbmb2>.



South Lakes Food Pantry continues to serve the community! Since the beginning they have distributed more than **2,900,000 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 list 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. to 3:30 p.m. Interested? Please contact Holly (holly@gslcva.org).

URGENT NEEDS: diced tomatoes, cereal, oatmeal, boxed milk

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.