



Next Service Readings: Acts 2:42-47 | 1 Peter 2:19-25 | John 10:1-10

Above & Beyond Winter Catalog

The winter/spring edition of Above & Beyond is available electronically 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 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–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 26: 8:00 a.m. (Traditional service) and 11:00 a.m. (Contemporary/Praise service)

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

Choir Practice

Sunday, April 26: 9:30 a.m. (choir room)

Sunday School

Sunday, April 1269: 9:30 a.m. for adults, kids, youth

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, April 22: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Life Groups

Word Workers: Wednesday, April 22: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Virtual)

Women’s Morning Bible Study: Thursday, April 23: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. GSLC (Room 203)

Men’s Bible Study: Friday, April 24: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street)

Community Service

Monday, April 20: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Wednesday, April 22: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Thursday, April 23: 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

Rainforest Falls VBS: Registration Now Open

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.

VBS Dates: June 22-26 from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m.

Register on our website (gslcva.org/vbs)

Help transform our church into Rainforest Falls for VBS! The first three sessions will be held in the on **April 23, April 30, and May 14** (Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Evening dates will be added soon.

For more information contact the VBS [Leadership Team](#) (vbs@gslcva.org).



Adopt a Palm Today!

We have a few palms in the church entry area today that are looking for a good home. If you’d like any of them, please do this:

- Place a donation (suggested \$10-\$20) in one of the envelopes in the pew racks (in front of the Welcome cards). Write “Palms” on the front of the envelope. If you’re paying with a check, make it out to GSLC and put “palms” on the memo line.
- Put the envelope in the offering plate.
- Select the palm you want, then take it home and enjoy!

Thanks! The Worship Team

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 entryway or [online](https://tinyurl.com/4uvym72h) (<https://tinyurl.com/4uvym72h>).

CPR/AED Red Cross Certification Class

The Congregational Care & Nurture ministry will host a Red Cross Certification CPR/AED class at 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday, May 9** in the Fellowship Hall. Successful completion of the test at the end of class will result in your certification, good for two years. If you took the class offered at GSLC in 2024, your certification is about to run out.

Your class fee will be paid by the Congregational Care & Nurture ministry. Class size is limited; if you register and your plans change, please let us know so we can offer your place to someone else.

Signup is required. Please scan the QR code to the right.

Note that the signup asks you whether you can kneel during class. Never fear—if you can't kneel for a prolonged period, you can still take and pass the class! You will simply do all the work on the dummy while it lies on a table (several attendees will do that; you won't be alone!).



A Walk in the World of Dementia

Saturday, May 16, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Good Shepherd room 126
Come early for coffee and fellowship!

Based on the Positive Approach to Care® methodology, this 3-hour class includes:

- What is dementia, what are the stages, and strategies that work in each stage
- A "Virtual Dementia Tour" to help better understand what your loved one is going through
- Proven hands-on techniques, skills and approaches for patient-centered care

Who should take the class:

- Anyone interested in learning more about dementia
- The class is **not** appropriate for the dementia sufferer him/herself

Class fee will be paid by the Congregational Care & Nurture ministry. Class size is limited to 15 due to the hands-on nature of some of the material. If you need to attend but are unable to attend this session, please let June McGurn know that you're interested and she will look into additional dates.

Questions? Please contact June McGurn through the [office \(gslc@gslcva.org\)](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org) OR through her contact info in the Good Shepherd online directory.

Signups are required. Please scan the QR code to the right.



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 signup 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 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, bar soap, oatmeal, boxed milk, pasta sauce

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.

