



GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 26, 2026

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Next Service Readings: Acts 7:55-60 | 1 Peter 2:2-10 | John 14:1-14

Budget (Expenses and Income)

Monthly	March 31	Fiscal Year to Date
Budget requirements	95,150	666,050
Actual expenses*	117,461	724,428
Total income (all sources)**	97,424	702,775
Offerings minus expenses	(20,037)	(21,653)

*Actual expenses line includes principal and interest payments on the church mortgages, staff salaries, facility costs, and all ministry expenses.

**Total income includes offerings and LCEF interest.

Note: The YTD spending figure exceeds the YTD budget because of unanticipated HVAC expenses, mold remediation/restoration (sanctuary), removal of debris and repair of the storm water filtration system, and also larger than usual snow/ice removal expenses.

Upcoming Events

Worship Services

Sunday, May 3: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional services)

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

Choir Practice

Sunday, May 3: 9:30 a.m. (choir room)

Sunday School

Sunday, May 3: 9:30 a.m. for adults, kids, youth

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, April 29: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Life Groups

Manic Mondays: Monday, April 27: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Cors's House)

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

Men's Bible Study: Friday, May 1: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street)

Community Service

Monday, April 27: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Wednesday, April 29: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Thursday, April 30: 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

Summer Worship Schedule Starts May 24

Mark your calendars! Good Shepherd's Summer Worship Schedule will begin **Sunday, May 24** (Memorial Day weekend), and run through **Sunday, September 6** (Labor Day weekend). We will have one service each week, at 9:30 a.m., in the sanctuary. These services will be livestreamed, recorded, and posted our Facebook page and Vimeo and YouTube channels.

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 today, **Sunday, April 26**, led by Pastor Johann in **Room 202**. All, including women, are welcome, to share perspectives on how to raise and influence their loved one toward becoming a faithful Christian man. Materials will be provided.

Rainforest Falls VBS: Registration Open

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Kids will 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.

Date: June 22-26 from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m. | Register at gslcva.org/vbs

VBS Volunteer Dates: Craft Sessions

Help transform our church into Rainforest Falls for VBS! Two daytime sessions will be held on **April 30 and May 14** (Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Evening dates will be on **May 8 and May 21** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information contact the VBS [Leadership Team \(vbs@gslcva.org\)](mailto:vbs@gslcva.org).

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.

The following categories have been fully funded: SLHS Food Pantry, Workcamp 2026, Choral Section Leaders, Dogwood Elementary Grocery Gift Card, and Dogwood Elementary Support.

Note: The matching fund challenge for the Section Leaders has been met. Thank you all for your generous contributions!

A snapshot of remaining balances, as of April 22, is below. 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 (as of April 22)
"Spiritual First Aid" Seminar	\$3,350
Special Music (in Worship)	\$1,932
Vacation Bible School	\$500
Senior Youth Ministry	\$1,474
Workcamp Van Rentals	\$1,500
Cornerstones	\$4,427
Lake Anne Fellowship House	\$3,479
Fellowship Square	\$3,230
Meals of Hope	\$360
Replacement Sanctuary Screens	\$17,300
Sabbatical Support (First Interval)	\$2,163
Expansion Preschool Operations	\$24,346
Middle School Ministry	\$474
Columbarium & Garden Fund (2 Benches & 1 Passage)	\$6,000
Dehumidifiers	\$2,800
Evergreen Lutheran School	\$2,424
Faith Aid - Mustard Seed	\$4,974
Faith Aid - Fraher Family Support	\$2,974
Lutheran World Relief	3,681
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



Sunday Kitchen Crew

We're looking for a few helping hands to join our Sunday Kitchen Crew, especially for the essential clean-up role. Whether you're putting out cups and creamers or helping tidy up after the last service, your support keeps our fellowship time running smoothly. Training is provided, and even small contributions make a big impact. Check out our [Serve webpage](#) for additional details.

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.

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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. (<https://211virginia.org>)

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, boxed mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly

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://womensgivingback.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/mvzuz4ue> to sign up or learn more additional opportunities.

