



GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 4, 2025

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Next Service Readings

Acts 9:36-43

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

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](#).

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."

Events This Week

Worship Services: Sunday, May 4: 8:00 a.m. (Traditional service) and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional service) | Questions? Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>)

Sunday School: Sunday, May 4: 9:30 a.m. (kids, youth, adults) | Questions? Check out our website under "Education": [kids](#), [youth](#), and [adult](#)

Pastor Johann's Anniversary: Sunday, May 4: 12:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Choir Practice: Sunday, May 4: No practice. Practice resumes on Sunday, May 4

Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, April 30: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Community Service: Monday, April 28: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, April 30:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, May 1:** 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)

Summer Worship Schedule Starts May 25

Mark your calendars! Good Shepherd's Summer Worship Schedule will begin on **Sunday, May 25** (Memorial Day weekend), and run through **Sunday, August 31** (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.

Looking for a vase...

Did you happen to take a vase home after the celebration honoring Georgia Thorstenson a few weeks ago? If you did, we'd love to have it back. Just return it to the church office. No questions asked! Thanks in advance.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)—registration open

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).



True North VBS Craft Sessions

This year we are launching VBS craft get-togethers, in addition to our VBS decorating the weeks before VBS. Join us on one or more of our sessions and help us make flowers, trees, rocks, cut outs and so much more.

This will be a great time for fellowship too so bring your favorite pair of scissors and join us on any of the following dates. Tuesday, May 6 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.), Wednesday, May 7 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.), Thursday, May 8 (12:00 – 1:30 p.m.), Thursday, May 15 (12:00 – 1:30 p.m.), Tuesday, May 20 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.), Wednesday, May 21 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.). We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and proceed to the downstairs middle school rooms. Scan the QR code to sign up or visit <http://tinyurl.com/5n7kbmb2>.



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).



Lenten and Holy Week Recorded Services

If you missed our Lenten Wednesday or Holy Week services, they are still available on our website, under [Worship and Sermons and Devotions](#). All 5 Lenten Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Traditional, and Easter Family-friendly service recordings are now available.

Life Groups

2GETHER4LUNCH: Thursday, May 8: 11:30 a.m. (Euro Bistro in Herndon)*

Women's Morning Bible Study: Thursday, May 8: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (GSLC Room 203)*

Men's Friday Bible Study: Friday, May 9: 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/>)

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.

A Simple Gesture Food Collection. Every other month, A Simple Gesture delivers collected food to the South Lakes High School Food Pantry along with other local food pantries. Help us intake, sort and shelve donations on Saturday, June 7 from 8:50 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. This effort involves 50-70 volunteers from the area and is a great way to help serve the food pantry and love your neighbor in the process. If interested in volunteering, please contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

Volunteers needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon. Congregation scheduled days have returned to The Closet! Good Shepherd's next volunteer days are 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." Thanks to all who have generously donated.

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: bar soap, toothpaste, jelly, pasta

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://womensgivingback.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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Online Church Directory

We encourage you to join Good Shepherd's online church directory - a great way to connect with other members, and to help you connect names with faces. Our directory uses "Instant Church Directory" – an OPT-IN only, so if you don't provide us with information on you and your family, you will NOT appear in the directory. To sign up, send the name and email address for ONE PERSON in your family to the church office. This person will add other family information and a photo. The directory:

- encourages connection with and between members.
- includes a photo directory which helps us put names with faces.
- is accessible via the web or mobile apps; it's easy to call or message fellow members
- allows you to keep your entry updated - new address, new photo
- application used is secure (<https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/online-church-directory-security>), and we've enabled the multi-factor authentication (MFA) option that sends a confirmation-required email when new device logins are created, preventing nefarious entities from accessing our directory.

Members and non-members who regularly attend GSLC are invited to join our online directory. Please let us know if you'd like to join our directory community!