



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS May 11, 2025

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Next Service Readings

Acts 11:1-18 | Revelation 21:1-6 | John 13:31-35

Summer Worship Schedule

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Above & Beyond—funding status (as of April 30)

As we embrace the vibrant spirit of spring at Good Shepherd, we are excited to share that our Above & Beyond (A&B) catalog has seen incredible generosity, with 12 items fully funded, thanks to the heartfelt contributions of our beloved GSLC community! Yet, we still have 22 items that are waiting for that extra sprinkle of support to bring them to fruition. We invite you to prayerfully consider lending your hand to these initiatives that inspire connection and growth within our church family and beyond. Check out our [Giving webpage](#) to see our latest catalog.

Fully Funded Items:

South Lakes High School Food Pantry
Workcamp 2025 (Winchester, Kentucky)
Rental Vans for Workcamp 2025
Senior Youth Ministry
Vacation Bible School
Campus Ministry
FaithAid: Mustard Seed House
Fraher Family Support
HVAC -Phase 2
Columbarium Peace Garden & Granite Cross
Toddler Changing Table
Tabletop Light Panel

Balances for remaining funds:

Lake Anne House: \$5,719
Dogwood Elementary Grocery Gift Cards: \$899
Cornerstones: \$11,804
Kids & Youth Ministry Enhancements: \$2,950
Triennial LCMS National Youth Gathering: \$3,260
Staff and Core Ministry Celebrations: \$350
Evergreen Lutheran School: \$3,000
Samaritan's Purse: \$3,490
Sanctuary Choir Support: \$3,199
Celebrations (Congregation/Volunteer/New Member): \$1,678
Congregational Events (Sight & Sound Offset bus costs): \$2,500
Columbarium Peace Garden (3 Biblical Passages): \$6,000 | (6 Teak Benches): \$12,000
Fellowship Square: \$5,764
Dogwood Elementary Support: \$1,500
Meals of Hope/Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing: \$4,540
Concerts: \$5,950
LCMS – Payne Support: \$2,500
LCMS – Osiro Support: \$2,500
Lutheran World Relief: \$2,042
Helping Hands (quilt batting & fabric): \$1,500
Special Music for Festivals: \$6,625

Budget (Expenses & Income) Report (as of May 6)

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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."

Monthly	April 2025	Fiscal Year to Date
Budget Requirements	\$95,150	\$761,203
Actual expenses*	\$108,077	\$795,479
Total Income (ALL Sources)**	\$85,850	\$801,097
Offerings minus expenses	(\$22,227)	\$5,618

Life Groups

Manic Mondays: Monday, May 12: 7:30 p.m. (Cors's house)*
Word Workers: Wednesday, May 14: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (video teleconference)*
Women's Morning Bible Study: Thursday, May 15: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (GSLC Room 203)*
Men's Friday Bible Study: Friday, May 16: 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/>)

Vacation Bible School (VBS)—registration deadline Sunday, May 25

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. 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 signup or visit <http://tinyurl.com/5n7kbmb2>.



Events This Week

Worship Services: Sunday, May 11: 8:00 a.m. (Matins service) and 11:00 a.m. (Contemporary/Praise service) | Questions? Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>)
Sunday School: Sunday, May 11: 9:30 a.m. (kids, youth, adults) | Questions? Check out our website under "Education": [kids](#), [youth](#), and [adult](#)
Choir Practice: Sunday, May 11: 9:30 a.m. (choir loft)
Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, May 14: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)
Community Service: Monday, May 12: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | Wednesday, May 14: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | Thursday, May 15: 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)

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 shelf 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 of any kind. 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: diced tomatoes, bar soap, toothpaste, jelly

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://womengivingback.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.

Interested? Please contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

Youth Sunday, June 1–Volunteers Needed

As we approach the conclusion of another enriching Sunday School year, we invite you to join us in a heartfelt celebration recognizing the dedicated Sunday School teachers who have played a vital role in nurturing our children's faith. This special service presents an incredible opportunity for our middle and high school students to actively engage in church life by taking on roles such as ushers, readers, prayer readers, communion runners, and acolytes. If your student is interested in contributing to this meaningful occasion, please reach out to Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org) for further details. Let us celebrate our connections and support one another in faith!

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.

Sanctuary Choir Concert

We are thrilled to extend a heartfelt invitation to our upcoming Choir Concert on **Sunday, June 1**, at 12:30 p.m., a beautiful occasion that embodies our commitment to nurturing community connections and spiritual growth. This concert presents a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, welcoming not only our cherished congregants but also the wider community to join us in this uplifting experience. Prepare to be inspired as our talented choir performs a captivating selection of sacred and classical choral works, accompanied by the exceptional guest instrumentalists Hart GP on trumpet and Charlotte Lee on violin. Admission is free, and **we invite everyone to stay after the 9:30 a.m. service for a light lunch**, allowing us to share in the joy of community before being serenaded by our musicians in front of the sanctuary. This event promises to be a remarkable celebration of music and connection, and we encourage you to be part of this enriching experience that strengthens our church family bonds!

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!