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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
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Next Service Readings:

Acts 16:16-34

| Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

| John 17:20-26



Above & Beyond—giving opportunities still remain

Thanks to the heartfelt contributions of our generous GSLC community, 12 items in the current Above & Beyond (A&B) catalog have been fully funded. Thank you! Still, 22 items await that extra sprinkle of support to bring them to fruition. (See list below for funding status as of April 30.) **This week, we would like to highlight a giving opportunity within the Community Service section of the catalog: Meals of Hope meal-packing event.** The needs of our neighbors don't stop just because summer is starting! We'd like to have two meal-packing events this summer, with 10,000 meals packed each time. We need an additional \$500 to pay for the first event; an additional \$4,040 would pay for a second event. **Total still to be funded: \$4,540.** We invite you to prayerfully consider lending your hand to this and other initiatives that inspire connection and growth within our church family and beyond. Every contribution, no matter the size, is a vital thread in the beautiful tapestry of our shared mission. Thank you to all who have already stepped forward in faith. 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)

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

\*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.

Life Groups

Men's Friday Bible Study: Friday, May 30: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street)\*

\*Note: Interested in our Life Groups? Many of our Life Groups are now on summer break. Check out our [webpage](#) for details in the fall.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)—registration closes today!

True North VBS, running from **Monday, June 16 through Friday, June 20**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Visit our [webpage and click the banner](#) at the top, go to [www.gslcva.org/vbs](https://www.gslcva.org/vbs), or pick up a registration form in the church entry area to register. **Are you interested in volunteering?** VBS is one of GSLC's largest outreach programs to the community. We can't offer VBS without volunteers leading crews and rotations. We have several openings for interested teens and adults. For more information contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).



Sanctuary Choir Concert

We are thrilled to extend an 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 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.

Interested in attending the lunch before the concert? Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/37uduurs>.

Events This Week

**Worship Services: Sunday, June 1:** 9:30 a.m. (Traditional services) | Questions? Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>)

**Sunday School:** On Summer break. Stay tuned for details about our adult Bible studies this summer | Questions? Check out our website under "Education": [kids](#), [youth](#), and [adult](#)

**Choir Practice: Sunday, May 25:** 10:45 a.m. | **Saturday, May 31:** 10:30 a.m. (choir loft)

**Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, May 28:** 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

**Community Service: Monday, May 26:** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Tuesday, May 27:** 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. VBS Craft Bonanza (middle school room in lower level) | **Wednesday, May 28:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, May 29:** 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](mailto:holly@gslcva.org))



## Board of Servant Leaders—officers

On Thursday, May 15, the Board of Servant Leaders convened to elect new officers, marking an important transition in our church's leadership. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the departing board members for their unwavering dedication and service to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, as their commitment has been instrumental in nurturing our community's spiritual growth. We are excited to welcome the new board, led by Chair Rob Fekete, Vice-Chair Tony Esse, and Secretary John Purtilo. We invite the entire congregation to support and connect with our new board, fostering a deep sense of belonging and shared faith within our community.

## 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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** pasta sauce, rice (1-2 lb.), bags, bar soap, oatmeal

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 campers up to age 10, with half-day, full-day, and aftercare options. Interested? Check out our webpage ([gslcva.org/preschool](https://gslcva.org/preschool)) to register. For more information contact Preschool Director Sarah Brazell ([preschool@gslcva.org](mailto:preschool@gslcva.org)).

## GSLC Tax-Free Donations

Are you 70½ and taking an IRA distribution? Make your donation to GSLC tax free. You can make a tax-free donation Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to GSLC directly from your IRA. This is the only method under U.S. tax law to donate Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) amounts tax-free. It's available to IRA owners age 70½ or older. You can transfer up to \$100,000 per year (indexed for inflation, so possibly higher in future years) directly from your IRA to one or more IRS-approved charities. The amount of the QCD is excluded from your taxable income and fulfills your RMD. For married couples, each spouse with their own IRA can give \$100,000, effectively \$200,000 combined. With a QCD, the income is simply not counted, and you don't need to itemize to get the benefit. This keeps your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) lower, which can also help you avoid things like higher Medicare premiums (IRMAA surcharges) or the 3.8% net investment income tax if you're near those thresholds. Check with your investment advisor to make sure the donation is correctly accomplished and satisfies IRS rules for both your RMD and a QCD.