



**Next Service Readings:** Acts 17:22-31 | 1 Peter 3:13-22 | John 14:15-21

**Summer Worship Schedule**

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

**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: 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 larger than usual snow/ice removal expenses.

**Above & Beyond Winter Catalog**

The winter/spring edition of Above & Beyond is available electronically on our website at [gslcva.org/giving](https://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.

Our preschool is preparing to expand its operations so we can welcome more families and strengthen our ministry to young children. We are seeking support, through this A&B request, to help us grow responsibly and ensure that our programs remain rooted in faith, excellence, and community care. Additional details will be shared during our service announcements in the coming weeks as we invite the congregation to join us in this important step forward.

A snapshot of remaining balances, as of April 22, is below. For the most current funding balances, please contact Georgia Thorstenson ([georgia@gslcva.org](mailto:georgia@gslcva.org)). Thank you to everyone who so generously supports this stewardship program.

**Upcoming Events**

**Worship Services**

**Sunday, May 10:** 8:00 a.m. (Matins service) and 11:00 a.m. (Contemporary/Praise service)

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

**Choir Practice**

**Sunday, May 10:** 9:30 a.m. (choir room)

**Sunday School**

**Sunday, May 10:** 9:30 a.m. for adults, kids, youth

**Prayer Gathering**

**Wednesday, May 6:** 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

**Life Groups**

**Women's Morning Bible Study: Thursday, May 7:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. GSLC (room 203)

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

**Community Service**

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

**Wednesday, May 6:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

**Thursday, May 7:** 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

**Staff Appreciation Luncheon**

Each year we pause to honor the remarkable people whose quiet, faithful work keeps our church thriving, and this year we invite you to join us on **Sunday, May 17**, for our annual staff appreciation luncheon. Our staff pour their energy into everything from caring for our facilities to preparing worship materials, running Bible studies and Sunday School, guiding Life Groups, and ensuring that every Sunday feels seamless and welcoming. Their commitment allows us to share His Word with visitors, friends, and members in ways that truly matter. We are grateful for the professionalism steadfast service each staff member brings to our congregation. Register [online \(https://tinyurl.com/yyp59b6e\)](https://tinyurl.com/yyp59b6e).

**The Christian Man: A Bible Study For All**

This 4-session Bible study continues today, **Sunday, May 3**, 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](https://gslcva.org/vbs)**

**VBS Volunteer Dates: Craft Sessions**

Help transform our church into Rainforest Falls for VBS! A daytime session will be held on **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).

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 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 **3,100,000 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](mailto: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](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).

**URGENT NEEDS:** jelly, peanut butter, bar soap, diced tomatoes, pasta

**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.

