



**Next Service Readings:** Acts 1:6-14 | 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 | John 17:1-11

**Summer Worship Schedule**

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

**Staff Appreciation Luncheon**

We're celebrating the quiet, faithful work of our incredible staff, and we want you with us on **Sunday, May 17**, for a special appreciation luncheon after the 11:00 a.m. service. Their dedication keeps our church thriving every week, and this is our moment to honor their steadfast service.



Register: <https://tinyurl.com/ypy59b6e>

**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:

- Dementia overview, stages, and useful strategies 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 the material. If you 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 the Good Shepherd online directory.



**Signups are required. Please scan this QR code.**

**Upcoming Events**

**Worship Services**

**Sunday, May 17:** 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional services)

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

**Choir Practice**

**Sunday, May 17:** 9:30 a.m. (choir room)

**Sunday School**

**Sunday, May 17:** 9:30 a.m. for adults, kids, youth

**Prayer Gathering**

**Wednesday, May 13:** 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

**Life Groups**

**Manic Mondays: Monday, May 11,** 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Cors's House)

**Word Workers: Wednesday, May 13,** 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Virtual (Zoom)

**Women's Bible Study: Thursday, May 14,** 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. GSLC (room 203)

**2GETHER4LUNCH: Thursday, May 14,** 11:30 a.m. Euro Bistro (Herndon).

**Men's Bible Study: Friday, May 15,** 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Panera (Elden Street)

**Community Service**

**Monday, May 11:** 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

**Wednesday, May 13:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

**Thursday, May 14:** 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at South Lakes High School (lower parking lot)

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

**Above & Beyond Catalog**

Check out the latest stewardship and giving opportunities at [gslcva.org/giving](https://gslcva.org/giving); in the church entry area; and on the Resource Table in the Fellowship Hall.

SLHS Food Pantry, Workcamp 2026, Choral Section Leaders, Dogwood Elementary Grocery Gift Card, and Dogwood Elementary Support are fully funded.

Our preschool is expanding so we can welcome more families and strengthen our ministry to young children. We seek support to grow responsibly and ensure our programs remain rooted in faith, excellence, and community care.

More details to come during our service announcements as we invite the congregation to join us in this important step forward.

Remaining balances as of April 22 are below. For most current data, contact Georgia Thorstenson ([georgia@gslcva.org](mailto:georgia@gslcva.org)). Thank you to everyone who generously supports our stewardship programs.

Fund	Remaining Balance
"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	\$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

**Register for Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School**

As children step through the mist into Rainforest Falls' flowing waters, towering trees, and colorful habitat, they dive into a lifelong adventure discovering the nature of God. Here, they explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, their Creator, who provides a safe place in life's storms. **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 **Thursday, May 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** One evening date remains on **Thursday, 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)).

## The Christian Man: A Bible Study For All

This 4-session Bible study continues today, **Sunday, May 10**, led by Pastor Johann in **room 202 at 9:30 a.m.** All, including women, are welcome, to share perspectives on how to raise and influence their loved one toward becoming a faithful Christian man. Materials are provided.

### Mommy & Me Tea

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is excited to invite moms and their kids (from preschool through upper elementary) to a special "Mommy & Me" High Tea! Join us on **Saturday, May 16 at 3:00 p.m.** for a whimsical afternoon in the Gathering Space as we celebrate the bond between you and your "not-so-little" ones. It's the perfect chance to slow down, sip some tea, and enjoy quality time together.

**What's in Store?** Tea & Treats: A delicious spread of tea, juice, and snacks | Crafts: Create a special keepsake to take home together | Games: Fun activities designed for moms and kids of all ages

**Tickets:** \$10 for one adult and one child | \$1 for each additional child (Spots are limited to keep things cozy, so grab yours soon!) Whether you want to go all out with tea party hats and floral dresses, or just come as you are, we can't wait to see you there!

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/3f6nsspu>

### Mini Melody Makers

Are you ready to make some noise with your little ones? We are thrilled to announce our brand-new 4-week music program designed specifically for infants and toddlers! Mini Melody Makers is a high-energy, parent-child class where you and your child can explore the joy of music together through rhythm, song, and play. It's the perfect way to bond while supporting your little one's early development.

**July Session Details:** Tuesdays & Thursdays (July 7-30) at 9:30 a.m. in room 102.

Secure your spot today at <https://tinyurl.com/mwkm9sjk>

### Community Service

**Do you know 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>)

**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 6 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:** 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 sign up 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)).

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:** Cereal, boxed mac & cheese, pasta, jelly, peanut butter, bar soap, boxed milk

**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 ways to serve, including Farmers Market Gleaning, Career Mentors, Financial Literacy Mentors, Interpreters, Front Desk Assistants, Pathways to Sustainable Employment Program, and so much more. Interested? Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yhatjxby> to sign up or learn more.



### Stay Connected—Here's How!

Curious about what's happening at Good Shepherd? Wondering when our next service is, or what exciting events are on the horizon? The Friday eBlast and News & Announcements insert deliver a full rundown of service times, upcoming events, and important updates—all in one convenient place. No access to the eBlast? No problem! Stay in the loop by visiting our social media pages on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), or by checking out our [website](#). These platforms are regularly updated with our latest updates.