



GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
May 17, 2026

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Next Service Readings: Acts 2:1-21 | 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 | John 20:19-23

Summer Worship Schedule—Starts Next Week!

Good Shepherd's Summer Worship Schedule starts next **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.

Above & Beyond Catalog

Check out the latest **Above & Beyond Catalog** of giving and stewardship projects at gslcva.org/giving; in the church entry area; and on the Fellowship Hall Resource Table.

Fully Funded: SLHS Food Pantry, Special Music (in Worship), Vacation Bible School, Workcamp 2026, Workcamp Van Rentals, Choral Section Leaders, Dogwood Elementary Grocery Gift Card, and Dogwood Elementary Support, Sabbatical Support (1st Interval). Thank you!

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. Look for a special message during Sunday announcements!

We invite the congregation to join us in this important step forward.

Remaining balances as of May 13 are below. For most current data, contact Georgia Thorstenson (georgia@gslcva.org). Thank you to everyone who generously supports our stewardship programs.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon—today!

We're celebrating the quiet, faithful work of our incredible staff, and we want you with us today, **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.



Upcoming Events

Worship Services

Sunday, May 24: 9:30 a.m. (Traditional service)

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

Sunday School

Sunday, May 24: No Sunday School, stay tuned for summer Adult Bible studies

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, May 20: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Life Groups

Women's Bible Study: Thursday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. GSLC (room 203)

Men's Bible Study: Friday, May 22, 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Panera (Elden Street)

Community Service

Monday, May 18: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Wednesday, May 20: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Thursday, May 21: 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

Fund	Remaining Balance
"Spiritual First Aid" Seminar	\$3,350
Senior Youth Ministry	\$1,474
Cornerstones	\$4,427
Lake Anne Fellowship House	\$3,479
Fellowship Square	\$3,135
Meals of Hope	\$340
Expansion Preschool Operations	\$20,744
Middle School Ministry	\$474
Columbarium & Garden Fund	\$2,000
Dehumidifiers	\$2,800
Evergreen Lutheran School	\$2,324
Faith Aid - Mustard Seed	\$4,974
Faith Aid - Fraher Family Support	\$2,949
Lutheran World Relief	\$3,454
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	\$1,295

**Register for Rainforest Falls
Vacation Bible School**

June 22-26 from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m.

Help Needed: Vacation Bible School relies heavily on the help of our volunteers. We have lots of opportunities during and prior to VBS. If you can lend a hand, please register below. For more information, contact the VBS Leadership Team at vbs@gslcva.org. **Volunteer and Child Registration open now!**

Register at gslcva.org/vbs

VBS Volunteer Dates: Craft Sessions

Help transform our church into Rainforest Falls for VBS! One evening date remains on **Thursday, May 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., more sessions coming!** For more information contact the VBS Leadership Team (vbs@gslcva.org).

Budget (Expenses and Income)

Monthly	April 30	Fiscal Year to
Budget needs	\$95,150	\$761,200
Actual expenses*	\$98,676	\$823,104
Total income (all)	\$88,721	\$791,496
Offerings minus expenses	(\$9,955)	(\$31,608)

*Actual includes principal & interest on mortgages, salaries, facility, and all ministry expenses

**Total income includes offerings and LCEF interest
YTD spending exceeds YTD budget because of unanticipated HVAC, mold, debris removal, storm water filtration repair, and added snow/ice removal.

GSLC Tax-Free Donations

Are you 70½ and taking an IRA distribution? **Donate to GSLC tax-free** through Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) 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 directly from your IRA to one or more IRS-approved charities. The QCD amount 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. Check with your investment advisor for details and applicable regulations.

The Christian Man: A Bible Study For All

This 4-session Bible study concludes today, **Sunday, May 17**, 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.

Sunday's Bible Studies, Sunday School

All classes meet at 9:30 a.m.

Ladies' Bible Study, room 203. Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org)

Young Family Bible Study, room assignment provided during announcements. Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org)

Sunday School (age 2 through grade 5), Gathering Space and room 108. Contact Michelle Tenhaeff (childministry@gslcva.org)

Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8), room 119. Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org)

High School Ministry (grades 9-12), room 121. Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org)

Note: This is the last weekend for youth/kids Sunday School until Rally Day on Sunday, September 13. Please stay tuned for details regarding summer Adult Bible studies that may be offered during the summer months.

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>

Summer Camp at Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Join us at Good Shepherd Lutheran School from **July 6-31** for a four-week camp bursting with **STEM fun, creative arts & crafts, and music-filled moments.** Perfect for ages **2-8**, this camp blends learning and play into one unforgettable adventure.

Please contact Preschool Director [Sarah Brazell](#) for details.

Community Service

Do you know someone who needs help finding resources in our area? For a list of comprehensive services, 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).

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. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/5n7kbmb2> or by scanning the QR code to the right.

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).

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 list or donating money to the pantry for food purchase.

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).

Urgent needs: Bar soap, jelly, peanut butter, boxed mac & cheese, pasta sauce, pasta

Women Giving Back: 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.



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.