



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 8, 2025

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Next Service Readings:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

| Romans 5:1-5

| John 16:12-15



Above & Beyond—additional opportunities still available

Thanks to the heartfelt contributions of our generous GSLC community, 15 items in the current Above & Beyond (A&B) catalog have been fully funded. Thank you! Still, 19 items await that extra sprinkle of support to bring them to fruition.

This week, we are highlighting a request from Helping Hands – a group that creates quilts and blankets for Lutheran World Relief and prayer shawls for a local hospice. Donations to this fund will allow Helping Hands to buy quilt batting and large pieces of fabric for quilt backing. **Total requested: \$1,500**

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. Your kindness shines brightly! 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 | Triennial LCMS National Youth Gathering | Staff and Core Ministry Celebrations | Sanctuary Choir Support

Balances for remaining funds:

Lake Anne House: \$5,700 | Fellowship Square: \$5,744 | Dogwood Elementary Grocery Gift Cards: \$899 | Dogwood Elementary Support: \$1,500 | Cornerstones: \$11,785 | Meals of Hope/Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing: \$4,021 | Kids & Youth Ministry Enhancements: \$1,425.25 | Celebrations (Congregation/Volunteer/New Member): \$1,678 | Congregational Events (Sight & Sound Offset bus costs): \$2,500 | Evergreen Lutheran School: \$757 | Lutheran World Relief: \$1,825 | Samaritan's Purse: \$3,490 | Helping Hands (quilt batting & fabric): \$1,500 | LCMS – Osiro Support: \$2,500 | LCMS – Payne Support: \$2,500 | Columbarium Peace Garden (3 Biblical Passages): \$6,000 | Columbarium Peace Garden (6 Teak Benches): \$12,000 | Special Music for Festivals: \$6,601 | Concerts: \$5,950

Life Groups

2GETHER4LUNCH: Thursday, June 12: 11:30 a.m. at Euro Bistro (Herndon)*

Men's Friday Bible Study: Friday, June 13: 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.

Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible study meeting in Room 111 will continue to meet throughout the summer following the worship service at 10:45 a.m. starting today, **Sunday, June 8**. They will be doing a whirlwind tour of the Minor Prophets discussing the meanings, historical context, and how they point toward the Messiah. In September the class will begin a comprehensive study of the Gospel of John using William Barclay's *The Gospel of John, Volumes One and Two*, to assist in the study.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)—Volunteers Needed!

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).

Vacation Bible School (VBS)—True North Decorating

We need many hands to transform the church into TRUE NORTH VBS. Are you able to lend a hand during our decorating days? Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org) for more information. Please note that volunteer service hours will be verified for middle and high school students if needed.



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) to register. For more information contact Preschool Director Sarah Brazell (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.

Events This Week

Worship Services: Sunday, June 15: 9:30 a.m. (Traditional services) | Questions? Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>)

Sunday School: Sunday, June 15: 10:45 a.m. (Adult Sunday School - see article above for details). Sunday School for kids and youth will return in the fall. | Questions? Check out our website under "Education": [kids](#), [youth](#), and [adult](#)

Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, June 11: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Community Service: Monday, June 9: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, June 11:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, June 12:** 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)

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.

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. | **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) 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: pasta sauce, jelly, canned meat, 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.

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