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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Next Service Readings:

Isaiah 66:10-14

| Galatians 6:1-16

| Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Above & Beyond—Missions team

Thanks to the heartfelt contributions of our generous GSLC community, 17 items in the current Above & Beyond (A&B) catalog have been fully funded. Thank you! Still, 18 items await that extra sprinkle of support to bring them to fruition.

This week, we are highlighting a request from our Missions team to support Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne, LCMS mission workers in Tanzania. Pray that God would bless their efforts to learn Swahili and adjust to their new home and for the new seminary in Shinyanga. **Total requested: \$2,500**

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
- Rental Vans for Workcamp 2025
- Vacation Bible School
- Campus Ministry
- Fraher Family Support
- Columbarium Peace Garden
- Toddler Changing Table
- Triennial LCMS National Youth Gathering
- Sanctuary Choir Support
- Workcamp 2025 (Winchester, Kentucky)
- Senior Youth Ministry
- Kids & Youth Ministry Enhancements
- FaithAid: Mustard Seed House
- HVAC—Phase 2
- Columbarium Peace Garden (Granite Cross)
- Tabletop Light Panel
- Staff and Core Ministry Celebrations



Balances for remaining funds:

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

Life Groups

No Life Groups will meet this week due to summer break and the Independence Day holiday. Helping Hands will meet on Saturday, July 12. Stay tuned for details next week.

***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.

Bethania Kids (visit today!)

Kristin DeHaven from Bethania Kids will be speaking in the Fellowship Hall following the service today, **Sunday, June 29**. Good Shepherd has been supporting this Christian mission for many years. Interested in learning more about Bethania Kids? Come listen to Kristin discuss how they support orphaned, abandoned, disabled, and destitute women and children in South India. Light snacks will be provided.

Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible study will meet in Room 111, following the worship service. 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.

Church Office Closed (Friday, July 4)

As we gather to celebrate the spirit of Independence Day, we want to remind everyone that the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church office will be closed on **Friday, July 4**. We understand that this day holds special significance for many, and we encourage you to enjoy the festivities with family and friends. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please know that while we won't be available on the holiday, we will respond to your correspondence early the following week.



The Closet of Greater Herndon—Volunteers desperately needed!

The Closet has put out a call for volunteers as they are desperately needed. If you are unable to volunteer on one of our church days or want to volunteer more, please consider volunteering directly through The Closet at: <https://www.theclosetofgreaterherndon.org/volunteer>

Events This Week

Worship Services: Sunday, July 6: 9:30 a.m. (Traditional services) | Questions? Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>)

Sunday School: Sunday, July 6: 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, July 2: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Community Service: Monday, June 29: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, July 2:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, July 3:** 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	May 2025	Fiscal Year to Date
Budget Requirements	\$95,150	\$856,354
Actual expenses*	\$87,080	\$882,633
Total Income (ALL Sources)**	\$91,183	\$892,293
Offerings minus expenses	\$4,103	\$9,660

*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.

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.

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 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: diced tomatoes, jelly, bar soap, pasta, boxed mac & cheese

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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