



Next Service Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-13 | Romans 6:1b-11 | Matthew 10:24-39

Connections Class Continues Today

Are you interested in learning more about Good Shepherd? Would you like to make a deeper connection with us and our ministries? If so, we would love to engage with you. Our latest Connections Class continues today, **Sunday, June 14**, at 10:30 a.m., and runs through June 21.

~~**Session One:** Learn how Good Shepherd operates, and what ministries and opportunities we have for service and Christian education.~~

Session Two: Pastor Johann will give you an overview of what we preach and teach.

Session Three: Connect with a Good Shepherd member who will help you explore areas of our life and ministry where you might like to become involved.

Can't make one of the sessions? No problem! We offer make-up classes. After completing the classes, you are invited to become a member of our congregation, should you choose to do so. No pressure!

For more information, contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) or Director of Engagement Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org).

If you are transferring to Good Shepherd from another Missouri Synod Lutheran Church, you don't need to attend session two, unless you would like to.

Summer FUNday School for Kids Continues This Sunday

Kids, You're Invited! Join us for **Summer FUNday School**, an informal Sunday School this summer. Summer FUNday School will be held on **June 14 and 28** at 10:45 a.m., following the worship service. FUNday School is geared for kids ages 2 through 5th grade.

This informal time will focus on fellowship – hanging out, crafting, and playing. Come join the fun! Registration is not required, but it does help us plan: <https://tinyurl.com/3mzpr8ka>. Questions? Contact Michelle Tenhaeff (ChildMinsitry@gslcva.org) for more information.

Summer Adult Bible Study

A **Summer Adult Bible Study session** continues today after the worship service. The study is based on the documentary *Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World*. The class, led by Pastor James, will meet in room 111 following the worship service.

VBS Volunteers Still Needed

Join us for Rainforest Falls VBS, June 22 through June 26, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Thank you for the support in filling critical volunteer roles for Rainforest Falls VBS.

We still have several open roles — assistants, people floating from station to station, and more.

Whether you can help during VBS week or in the weeks leading up to it, your time will make a huge difference.

If you can lend a hand, please register now at www.gslcva.org/vbs.

Questions? Contact the VBS Leadership Team at vbs@gslcva.org.



Upcoming Events

Full listing of events and service opportunities at gslcva.org

Worship Services

Sunday, June 21: 9:30 a.m. (Traditional service)

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, June 17: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Life Groups

Men's Bible Study: Friday, June 19: 7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m. at Panera (Elden Street)

Community Service

Monday, June 15: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Wednesday, June 17: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Thursday, June 18: 2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at South Lakes High School (lower parking lot)

Women's Book Club – Save the Date!

Ladies of Good Shepherd, let's gather on **Sunday, August 2**, following the worship service, for a discussion of the bestselling novel *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi. We'll enjoy a brunch, and then we'll explore the book's themes and their connections to Scripture.

Participation is simple! Purchase a copy of the book, read it by August 1, and then come to the Fellowship Hall on August 2. Brunch will be a potluck, and we encourage everyone to bring a favorite dish or dessert to share.

Additional details and sign-up information will be announced in July.

Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org).

Events in July

At Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Four-week camp: 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 an unforgettable adventure. Please contact Preschool Director **Sarah Brazell** for details.

Mini Melody Makers: Get ready to make some noise with your little ones at our new **four-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.

Mini Melody Makers

Tuesdays & Thursdays (July 7–30)

9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m., room 102

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

Pastor Johann's Sabbatical and Vacation

Pastor Johann will be on Sabbatical and vacation from **August 24 through October 19**. Read about the sabbatical plan at the **"From the Pastor" blog** (gslcva.org/from-the-pastor), or contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information.

Financial Updates

For information about Good Shepherd's budget, updates on the Summer Above & Beyond program, and more, see the other side of this page. Please remember Good Shepherd in your prayers and giving this summer.

Sign Up for Good Shepherd's Online Directory

We encourage you to join Good Shepherd's online church directory. It's a great way to connect with other members and helps you match names with faces. We use the "Instant Church Directory" app – an OPT-IN only, so if you don't provide us with information on you and your family, you will NOT appear in the directory. To sign up, send the name and email address for ONE PERSON in your family to the church office (gslc@gslcva.org). Members and non-members who regularly attend GSLC are invited to join our online directory. Please let us know if you'd like to join our directory community!

Budget (Expenses and Income)

*Actual expenses 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 issues: much more than the usual heating and snow/ice removal costs; mold and debris removal; and storm water filtration repair. We thank God for His provisions.

| Monthly | May 31 | Fiscal Year to Date |
|------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Budget needs | \$95,150 | \$856,350 |
| Actual expenses* | \$100,698 | \$919,238 |
| Total income (all sources)** | \$83,858 | \$875,354 |
| Offerings minus expenses | (\$16,840) | (\$43,884) |

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| Fund | Remaining Balance |
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| "Spiritual First Aid" Seminar | \$3,350 |
| Senior Youth Ministry | \$1,474 |
| Cornerstones | \$2,287 |
| Lake Anne Fellowship House | \$3,414 |
| Fellowship Square | \$3,090 |
| NEW: Helping Hands | \$2,000 |
| Middle School Ministry | \$474 |
| Faith Aid – Mustard Seed | \$3,634 |
| Faith Aid – Fraher Family Support | \$2,068 |
| Lutheran World Relief | \$2,260 |
| Lutheran Bible Translators | \$3,500 |
| Sabbatical Support: 2nd interval (2027) | \$6,500 |
| NEW: HVAC system upgrade, Phase 2 | \$69,120 |

New Above & Beyond Catalog

Our **Summer Above & Beyond Catalog** is now available digitally at gslcva.org/giving. (Hard copies next week.) It includes **new giving opportunities**: Helping Hands and HVAC upgrade, Phase 2. These new items are also shown in the table on the left.

Fully funded items and remaining balances, as of June 8, are below. For most current data, contact Business Manager Georgia Thorstenson (georgia@gslcva.org).

Thank you to everyone who generously supports our stewardship programs.

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| SLHS Food Panty | Expansion Preschool Operations |
| Special Music (in Worship) | Columbarium & Garden Fund |
| Vacation Bible School | (2 benches & 1 passage) |
| Workcamp 2026 | Dehumidifiers |
| Workcamp Van Rentals | Evergreen Lutheran School |
| Choral Section Leaders | LCMS: Osiro (Kenya) |
| Dogwood Elementary Gift Cards | LCMS: Payne (Tanzania) |
| Dogwood Elementary Support | LCMS: Wood (Indonesia) |
| Meals of Hope | Principe de Paz Luterana |
| Sabbatical Support (1st interval) | LCMS Ministry: Armed Forces |

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>)

Volunteers Needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon: Good Shepherd's next volunteer days are **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>

South Lakes Food Pantry continues to serve the community! What a significant difference you've made in the community with your support of this incredible ministry. We average well over **7,000 pounds (3½ tons) of food and toiletries 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. Contact: Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

No-contact donation curbside drop offs: Mondays 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays 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 on Thursdays: Bags will be loaded and unloaded at the school for you. Thursday 2:50 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Interested? Contact Holly (holly@gslcva.org).

Urgent needs: diced tomatoes, oatmeal, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, bar soap

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://womensgivingback.org> for details.

Cornerstones Volunteer Opportunities: Cornerstones offers multiple 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://www.cornerstonesva.org/volunteerops/> to sign up for a volunteer hub and learn more about these opportunities as well as their virtual volunteer orientation sessions.