



Next Service Readings: Jeremiah 28:5-9 | Romans 6:12-23 | Matthew 10:40-42

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!

Questions? 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 Concludes Next Sunday

Kids, You're Invited! Join us for **Summer FUNday School**, an informal Sunday School this summer. Our summer FUNday School will have one more offering on **June 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).

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 the lower level Gathering Space following the worship service.

VBS starts on Monday

Registered? Join us for Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School (VBS).

June 22 through June 26,

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Board of Servant Leaders Installation

Join us during next Sunday's worship service (**Sunday, June 28**) as we install the new Board of Servant Leaders. The new board, and leadership, are Tony Esse (Chair), Paul Devine (Vice Chair), John Purtilo (Secretary), Robert Fekete (Member), Andrew Otterbacher (Member), Dan Pelletier (Member), Bernie Schoch (Member).

Waffles, Ice Cream, and Brews

Join us on **Sunday, July 26**, immediately following the worship service, for a Waffles, Ice Cream, and Coffee Social! Enjoy a freshly baked waffle the traditional way or create your own waffle sundae with a variety of delicious toppings. We'll also be serving specialty coffee beverages, including espresso, affogato, and freshly brewed coffee. Come relax, enjoy great conversation, and share in fellowship with friends old and new. Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Events

Full listing of events and service opportunities at gslcva.org

Worship Services

Sunday, June 28: 9:30 a.m. (Traditional service)

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, June 24: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Life Groups

Men's Bible Study: Friday, June 26: 7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m. at Panera (Elden Street)

Community Service

Monday, June 22: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Wednesday, June 24: 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Thursday, June 25: 2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at South Lakes High School (lower parking lot)

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>

Women's Book Club

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).

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.

Festive Sundays

Beginning next month, Good Shepherd will start celebrating "Festive Sundays" throughout the church year. A Festive Sunday is a significant day in the church year or a special occasion, such as Confirmation or the reception of new members. Festive Sundays will include special music (choir, brass) during worship and might also feature significant fellowship after or between worship services. Festive Sundays being planned: New Members Day; Voters' Assembly; Reformation and Fall Family Festival; Christmas Eve; Transfiguration Sunday and Chili Bingo; Palm Sunday; Easter.



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
"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 are available in the church entry area and church office. It includes **new giving opportunities**: Helping Hands and HVAC upgrade, Phase 2. These new items are also shown in the table on the right.

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

Thank you to everyone who generously supports our stewardship programs.

FULLY FUNDED

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: Congregation scheduled days are back! 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: pasta sauce, oatmeal, jelly

SLHS Food Pantry: Wednesday activities have been moved to **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24**, due to Vacation Bible School.

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 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.

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!

Be a Flower Sponsor in 2026

Are you looking for a way to commemorate a birthday or anniversary? give thanks for answered prayers? offer a memorial for a loved one? glorify God for His many blessings? You can do so – by "sponsoring" floral decorations used during worship services. **The 2026 flower sponsorship sign-up charts are now on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall.** Pick the Sunday or Sundays on which you'd like to be a flower sponsor. Put your name on the chart for those Sundays, and make a note about what you'll be honoring or celebrating. (This information will be included in the bulletin for that Sunday.) You can also sign up for a sponsorship online at gslcva.org/giving. The "Flower sponsorship" form is at the bottom of that page. You may take your flowers home after church services have concluded on your Sunday. Sponsorships are **\$50 per arrangement**. Please submit your payments when you sign up to be a sponsor. You can submit a check (use one of the envelopes on the bulletin board) or pay through our online payment portal.