

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS July 21, 2024

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Next Service Readings

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

Above & Beyond Summer Catalog (status update)

Good Shepherd's summer edition of the A&B catalog includes a new request for Preschool Expansion Support, provides a status update on the funding levels of the five items with remaining balances, and lists all fully funded items. Hard copies of the catalog can be found at the Welcome Center of the church entry or in the office. Electronic copies can be found on our website **Giving** page. Remaining balances exist on the Preschool Expansion Support, Iglesia Luterna Principe de Paz, The Seed Company, the Mustard Seed House, and the HVAC.



Questions? Contact Business Manager Georgia Thorstenson (**georgia@gslcva.org**) for more information.

Budget (Expenses & Income) Report for June 2024

Monthly	June 2024	Fiscal Year to Date
Budget requirements	\$98,162	\$981,618
Actual expenses *	101,408	958,364
Total Income (All Sources)**	105,040	943,565
Offerings minus expenses	3,632	(14,799)

^{*&}quot;Actual Expenses" line includes principal and interest payments on the church mortgage, staff salaries, facility costs, and all ministry expenses.

Ladies Summer Book Club

This summer, join the women of Good Shepherd in reading *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom. *The Hiding Place* is a memoir detailing Corrie's experiences during World War II. It explores her family's efforts to hide Jews from the Nazis and their subsequent imprisonment in concentration camps. It is a story of courage, faith, and the power of forgiveness.

Please read the book at your leisure and join us on **Sunday, August 11**, following the service, in the Fellowship Hall for a discussion of the book and lunch.

Sign up here (https://tinyurl.com/2tdnt8cc) and purchase your book here (https://tinyurl.com/2sd7b32m).

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

Sight & Sound Theater – Production of "Daniel"

Good Shepherd has reserved 32 tickets for "Daniel" at the Sight & Sound theater in Lancaster, PA, on **Friday, October 25**. A bus will take the group from church, leaving at 11:00 a.m., returning by about 9:00 p.m.. Cost are \$100 for adults and \$55 for children under 12. Payment includes the ticket, transportation, and a box dinner for the return trip. Don't delay!

Full or partial scholarships are available, thanks to a generous donor.

Sign up at: https://tinyurl.com/4m5edx8x.

Women's Retreat (November 8-10)

Ladies mark your calendars for the Women's Retreat in Winchester. Once again, our leader will be author and speaker Donna Snow. Come and enjoy a weekend filled with faith, fun, and fellowship. Our craft event features wine corks, so please save those corks if you plan to do the craft with us on Saturday afternoon. Stay tuned for sign up details.

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

Events This Week

Worship Service: Sunday, July 28: 9:30 a.m. (Traditional).

Check out our website (https://gslcva.org/worship/services/) for more information

Note: Sunday School resumes on September 8. Adult Bible Study is available on Sunday, July 28, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 111

Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, July 24: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

<u>Community Service:</u> Monday, July 22: 2:00-4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | Wednesday, July 24: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | Thursday, July 25: 3:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at SLHS (lower parking lot) | Thursday, July 25: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Closet of Greater Herndon Volunteer Days (see sign-up information in Community Service) | Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org)

Life Groups

Friday, July 26: 7:00-8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street). Contact Jeff Kroese, Jeff Peterson, and Jim Smith through the church

office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information. Please type the Life Group name in the email Subject line when requesting information via email.

Please note: Most Life Groups are on summer break. The Friday eBlast and the Sunday News & Announcements will have the most up-to-date information about Life Group meetings through the summer.

^{**&}quot;Total Income (All Sources)" includes offerings and LCEF interest.

Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible study will continue to meet throughout the summer following the worship service, in room 111. For the remainder of the summer the study will focus on the readings for that Sunday. The readings for this Sunday, July 21, are Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; and the Gospel reading, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56. All are welcome to join the class.

Community Service

Do you know of someone who 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.

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, August 3 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. Congregation scheduled days have returned to The Closet! Good Shepherd's next volunteer days are July 25, August 16, September 9. 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. South Lakes Food Pantry – continues to serve the community! Since the beginning the pantry has distributed more than 1.5 MILLION POUNDS of food and toiletries to our neighbors in need. What a significant difference you've made in the community with your support of this incredible ministry.

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Needs are on the rise. We are averaging well over **7,000 pounds (3½ tons) of food to families and students in need each week**. Please consider shopping from our urgent needs (see list below) 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. With a 40% increase in weekly family bags, we need a few more drivers to help, when needed, to deliver food to the school on Thursday afternoons. Bags will be loaded and unloaded at the school for you if needed. **LOADING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** We are averaging 190 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, canned fruit, jelly, pasta, and cereal.

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. To learn more about Women Giving Back and how to volunteer visit: https://womengivingback.org.

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.

Interested? Please contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

Planning Ahead: Confirmation 2025

Planning for Confirmation 2025 has begun. If your child will begin 7th grade this fall, and you would like them to enroll in confirmation, please let Pastor James (PastorGary@gslcva.org) know by emailing him.