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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Next Service Readings:

Genesis 15:1-6 | Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 | Luke 12:32-40

Connections Class – 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 Connections Class starts **today, at 10:45 a.m.**, in room 202, and runs for three consecutive weeks.

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

Session Two: Pastor Johann will give you a mini primer on Lutheran teachings and theology.

Session Three: Connect with a current 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!

Note: If you are transferring to Good Shepherd from another LCMS church, you don't need to attend session two, unless you would like to.

Interested? Contact the church office or Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org).

Coming soon: Voters' Assembly

Good Shepherd's Annual Voters' Assembly will be held **Sunday, August 24**, following the 9:30 a.m. service. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting will be in-person only, in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided.

At the assembly, the FY2026 budget will be presented and voted on. Copies of the proposed budget, as well as supporting materials, will be emailed before the assembly. Hard copies of these items will also be made available in the church entry area starting two weeks before the meeting.

Missed the Sanctuary Choir concert in June?

Now you can watch the video!

The Sanctuary Choir wrapped up the "choir year" with a concert on Sunday, June 1. The concert featured choral pieces as well as performances by Charlotte Lee, violin, and by Hart Guonjian-Pettit, trumpet, accompanied by Anne Lee on piano. The Music Ministry is pleased to announce that a recording of the concert is now available on YouTube. Use the QR code at the right to access the video. Special thanks to Matt Hardy for his work in preparing the video. Enjoy! And be sure to share it with your friends.



Budget (Expenses & Income) – as of July 31

<u>Monthly</u>	<u>July 2025</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to Date</u>
Budget requirements	\$95,150	\$951,504
Actual Expenses*	\$105,425	\$988,057
Total Income (All)	\$80,258	\$972,551
Offerings Minus Expenses	(\$25,167)	(\$15,506)

*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.

Looking ahead to September

Summer worship schedule continues through Sunday, August 31.

Beginning Sunday, September 7, we return to our "regular" worship schedule, as follows: Holy Communion is celebrated on the first, third, and fifth Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Our informal worship service features contemporary music and is held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, with communion celebrated on fourth Sundays.

Also on September 7, we resume Sunday School for children and youth. We'll kick off the new Sunday School year with Rally Day. More information will be coming soon.

Above & Beyond–Missions Highlight

Thanks to the heartfelt contributions of our generous GSLC community, 25 items in the current Above & Beyond (A&B) catalog have been fully funded. Thank you! Still, 11 items await that extra sprinkle of support to bring them to fruition. 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:

Dogwood Elementary Grocery Gift Cards | Dogwood Elementary Support | South Lakes High School Food Pantry | Workcamp 2025 (Elizabeth City, North Carolina) | Rental Vans for Workcamp 2025 | Senior Youth Ministry | Kids & Youth Ministry Enhancements | Triennial LCMS Natl Youth Gathering | Vacation Bible School | Staff and Core Ministry Celebrations | Celebrations (Congregation, Volunteer, and New Member) | Campus Ministry | Evergreen Lutheran School | Lutheran World Relief | FaithAid: Mustard Seed House | Fraher Family Support | LCMS - Osiro Support | LCMS - Payne Support | HVAC - Phase 2 | Columbarium Peace Garden | Columbarium Peace Garden (Granite Cross) | Columbarium Peace Garden (1) Bible Passage | Sanctuary Choir Support | Toddler Changing Table | Tabletop Light Panel

Balances for remaining funds:

Lake Anne House: \$4,370 | Fellowship Square: \$5,725 | Cornerstones: \$11,761 | Meals of Hope/Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing: \$3,002 | Helping Hands (quilt batting & fabric): \$1,500 | Congregational Events (Sight & Sound Offset bus costs): \$2,500 | Samaritan's Purse: \$3,466 | Columbarium Peace Garden (2) Biblical Passages: \$4,000 | Columbarium Peace Garden (6) Teak Benches: \$12,000 | Special Music for Festivals: \$6,577 | Concerts: \$5,455

Events This Week

Worship Service: Sunday, August 10: 9:30 a.m. (Traditional services) | Questions? Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>)

Sunday School: Sunday, August 10: 10:45 a.m. (Adult Bible Study in Room 111—a tour of the Minor Prophets). 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, August 6: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Community Service: Monday, August 4: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, August 6:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, August 7:** 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) *SEE OTHER SIDE for more service opportunities.*

Life Groups

Men's Friday Bible Study: Friday, August 8 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street).

***Notes:** 2GETHER4LUNCH will not meet in August | Many of our Life Groups are on summer break. Check out our [website](#) for details.

Adult Bible Study continues study of Minor Prophets

The Adult Bible study is meeting in Room 111, following today's worship service. The group is continuing its whirlwind tour of the Minor Prophets. **In September, two new Bible studies will begin:**

- An in-depth look at John's gospel, using William Barclay's *The Gospel of John*, Volumes One and Two
- A five-session series on "Sticky Faith," presenting practical ways to build lasting faith in your children.

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 for details and applicable regulations.

Lutheran World Relief – Texas flood emergency

On July 4 a catastrophic flash flooding swept through the Texas Hill Country, devastating everything in its path. The damage affects several counties in central Texas — a region with high levels of poverty and above-average numbers of elderly adults and people with disabilities. Lutheran World Relief is on hand, distributing emergency food, water, tarps, clean up kits, hygiene supplies, and clothing to people whose homes were damaged or destroyed. Go to <https://lwr.org> to learn more or to donate.

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.

The Closet of Herndon

Volunteers desperately needed! The Closet has put out a call for volunteers. Please consider volunteering directly through The Closet at <https://www.theclosetofgreaterherndon.org/volunteer>. The Closet **needs** volunteers to maintain day-to-day operations. Please consider donating some time to this valuable resource in our community. Congregation scheduled days are back. Join us on one of the following days: August 17, September 9, October 4, October 23, November 14, or December 9. Sign up by scanning the QR code on the right. **Want to donate?** Good Shepherd is collecting donations for The Closet. Please place your donations in the black cart labeled "The Closet" in the closet off of the church entry area (on your way to the Fellowship Hall).



Helping Hands

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 for 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!

The Food Pantry has distributed more than **TWO 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. *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 (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. Looking for additional drivers on Thursday afternoons, 2:50 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bags will be loaded at GSLC and then unloaded at the school for you. 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: jelly, bar soap, diced tomatoes

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 to learn more about these opportunities as well as their virtual volunteer orientation sessions. Interested? Please contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

Sign up for the online church directory

We encourage you to join Good Shepherd's online church directory. It's a great way to connect with other members and to help 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!