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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Next Service Readings:

Proverbs 25:6-7a | Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 | Luke 14:1, 7-14

Voters' Assembly--today!

Good Shepherd's annual Voters' Assembly is today, **Sunday, August 24**, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The Board of Servant Leaders will present the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Check out our Board of Servant Leaders blog, on our [website \(https://gslcva.org/board-news\)](https://gslcva.org/board-news), to see the proposed budget summary, budget narratives from the ministry areas, 2025 Preliminary Annual Report, and the 2024 Voters' Assembly minutes. Hard copies will be available at the Welcome Center in the church entry area.

GSLC Tax-Free Donations

Are you 70½ and taking an IRA distribution? Make your donation to GSLC tax free through Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) 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 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. Check with your investment advisor for details and applicable regulations.

Budget (Expenses & Income) - July 31

<u>Monthly</u>	<u>July 2025</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to Date</u>
Budget requirements	\$95,150	\$1,046,655
Actual Expenses*	\$89,278	\$1,077,355
Total Income (All Sources)**	\$85,052	\$1,057,603
Offerings Minus Expenses	(\$4,226)	(\$19,732)

*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.

Above & Beyond

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 these initiatives, which inspire connection and growth within our church family and beyond. Thank you to all who have already stepped forward in faith. 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: \$4,288
- Fellowship Square: \$5,706
- Cornerstones: \$11,723
- Meals of Hope/Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing: \$2,983
- Helping Hands (quilt batting & fabric): \$1,300
- 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: \$5,553
- Concerts: \$5,355

Life Groups

Men's Friday Bible Study: Friday, August 29: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street).

Check out our [website](#) for details and status of our Life Groups. Stay tuned for details about the return of many Life Groups in September.

Ladies Night Out

Join the Good Shepherd Ladies for an evening of food and fellowship at Brx American Bistro (1025 Seneca Rd., Great Falls) on Thursday, August 28, at 6:00 p.m. Scan the QR code to the right to register. Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org) for more information.



Bethania Kids--Sunday, August 31

Kristin DeHaven from Bethania Kids will be speaking in the Fellowship Hall following the service on **Sunday, August 31**. Interested in learning more about Bethania Kids? Come listen to how they support orphaned, abandoned, disabled, and destitute women and children in South India. Light snacks will be provided.

Women's Retreat

Ladies, mark your calendars for the Women's Retreat in Winchester on **November 7-9**. Come and enjoy a weekend filled with faith, fun, and fellowship. Stay tuned for sign-up details. Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org) for more information.

Events This Week

Worship Service: Sunday, August 31: 9:30 a.m. (Traditional services) | Questions? Check out website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>)

Sunday School: Sunday, August 31: No Sunday School. Stay tuned for details on upcoming offerings next week.

Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, August 27: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Community Service: Monday, August 25: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, August 27:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, August 28:** 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 all opportunities.*

Altar Care

Do you want to help care for, set up, and clean up the altar? Individual training classes will soon be available for this volunteer opportunity. Interested? Contact Kristi Nickerson through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org).

Worship Schedule Changes on September 7

Good Shepherd returns to its "regular" worship schedule of two services each week, at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., on **September 7**. Also on that date, Sunday School resumes with Rally Day (see article below) and continues for adults. Here's an outline of our worship schedule:

- **First Sundays, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.:** Traditional worship in the sanctuary; Holy Communion
- **Second Sundays, 8:00 a.m.:** Order of Matins in the sanctuary | **11:00 a.m.:** Praise/contemporary worship in the Fellowship Hall
- **Third Sundays, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.:** Traditional worship in the sanctuary; Holy Communion
- **Fourth Sundays, 8:00 a.m.:** Traditional worship in the sanctuary | **11:00 a.m.:** Praise/contemporary worship in the Fellowship Hall; Holy Communion
- **Fifth Sundays, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.:** Traditional worship in the sanctuary; Holy Communion

Rally Day, September 7

Sunday School resumes on September 7 with special Rally Day activities! Kids and youth are also encouraged to bring their backpacks, as both services that day will include a special Backpack Blessing. Then between the services, everyone is invited to take part in a congregation-wide **Big Serve Sunday event** in the Fellowship Hall. Help us pack 10,000 meals through Meals of Hope, benefiting the South Lakes High School food pantry.

Ladies’ Sunday Bible Study

The next Ladies' Bible Study will start on **Sunday, September 14**. Join us as we go through Donna Snows' book, *Strong and Courageous: Studying God's Promises in Joshua*. During this eight-session Bible study, we will look at the life of Joshua and see how we, too, can be strong and courageous amidst any challenges, conflicts, or roadblocks we face. Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org).

Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible study is meeting in Room 111, following today’s worship service. The group is continuing its 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.

Community Service

SAVE THE DATE – SLHS Food Pantry 0.5K! Join the Good Shepherd team on **Sunday, October 5**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza for the most fun 650 steps at the 0.5K fundraiser for the South Lakes High School Food Pantry! Registration coming soon!

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 of Herndon. Congregation Days. Join us on one of the following days: 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 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” or check out the Above & Beyond request (previous page) for quilt batting and fabric. 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: pasta, jelly, bar soap, pasta sauce, diced tomatoes, cereal

Women Giving Back. Come and 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 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).

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.

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!