



GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 30, 2026

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Next Service Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11 | Psalm 119:33-40 | Romans 13:8-14 | Matthew 18:15-20

WORRY, FEAR, ANXIETY.

*Where is God
in all of this?*



WE HAVE THIS
HOPE AS AN
ANCHOR
FOR THE SOUL,
FIRM AND
SECURE.

Women's Retreat (Registration Open)

When worry, fear, and anxiety rise, it can feel as though God is absent. Scripture doesn't deny those experiences. God remains our anchor. An anchor doesn't stop the waves—it keeps the ship from drifting away.

Hebrews 6 reminds us that our hope is anchored in God's unchanging character and His faithfulness, even when our emotions rise and fall. Join us as we explore this theme for our weekend retreat in lovely Winchester, Va.

Women's Retreat is November 13 through 15. Registration, and additional information, is available by clicking on the banner at the top of our website (<https://gslcva.org>).

All women are welcome! Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org).

Confirmation 2026-2027 (Registration Request)

Parents, we have begun planning this year's 7th and 8th grade confirmation class. If your child participated last year, please confirm whether they will attend in 2026–2027. If you are registering a 7th grader for the first time, please send your contact information and your child's name so we can share future class details. Please send this to the church office at michele@gslcva.org. Questions about confirmation may be directed to Pastor James (PastorGary@gslcva.org).



Confirmation



Back To School

Join us on **Sunday, September 13**, at Good Shepherd as the educational year begins. All children and youth are invited to attend worship with their backpacks and receive a special blessing during the worship service. The Sunday school teachers will also be commissioned during the service.

Adult Bible Studies

The Adult Bible study will continue study of the Gospel of John using William Barclay's commentary on The Gospel of John as a reference on **Sunday, September 13**, in Room 111. The Women's Bible study, led by Heidi Cooper, and using Chad Bird's book "Limping with God," will begin **Sunday, September 27**, in Room 203.



Upcoming Events

Full listing of events and service opportunities at gslcva.org

Worship Services

Sunday, September 6: 9:30 a.m. (Traditional service)

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, September 2: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Life Groups

Men's Bible Study: Friday, September 4: 7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m. at Panera (Elden Street)

Community Service

Monday, August 31: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Wednesday, September 2: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

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

General Fund Booklet Available

An updated version of the General Fund booklet is now available. This booklet explains the General Fund (our budget) and gives details about how various ministry areas spend allocated resources. Thank you for your ongoing, generous support of Good Shepherd. Hard copies are available at the welcome center or on our website under "[Forms & Documents](#)."

Financial Updates

Please stay tuned for the finalized Fiscal Year 2026 budget numbers. Updates on the Summer Above & Beyond program, can be seen on the other side of this page.

Please remember Good Shepherd in your prayers and giving this summer.

Big Serve Sunday Meal Packing Event

Join us on **Sunday, September 20**, as we celebrate the new Sunday School year with a Love Your Neighbor Meal packing event between services. We will be packing 10,000 meals through Meals of Hope. Packaged meals will go to local food pantries, including the South Lakes High School Food Pantry. **The entire congregation is welcomed and encouraged to participate!**



REGISTER NOW: SLHS Food Pantry

DO IT YOUR WAY 0.5K

Join the Good Shepherd team on **Sunday, September 27** 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.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/4ctymmkd> and be sure to select the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church team.

Fund	Remaining Balance
“Spiritual First Aid” Seminar	\$3,350
Senior Youth Ministry	\$1,474
Lake Anne House	\$3,229
Fellowship Square	\$2,976
NEW: Helping Hands	\$1,800
Middle School Ministry	\$474
Faith Aid – Mustard Seed	\$3,634
Faith Aid – Fraher Family Support	\$2,068
Lutheran World Relief	\$1,536
Lutheran Bible Translators	\$3,400
Sabbatical Support: 2nd interval (2027)	\$6,049
NEW: HVAC system upgrade, Phase 2	44,846

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. Fully funded items are listed below. Items with remaining balances, as of July 31, are shown in the table on the left. 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 Cornerstones

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>).

New Dates: Call for Volunteers at The Closet of Greater Herndon. Congregation scheduled days have returned to The Closet! Good Shepherd’s next volunteer days are **September 14, October 7, October 30, November 21, and December 18**. The Closet needs volunteers to maintain day to day operations. Please consider donating some time to this valuable resource in our community. Sign up or visit the following link to learn more (<http://tinyurl.com/5n7kbmb2>).

Cornerstones Back to School Drive: Now through September. This initiative helps ensure children start the school year prepared, confident, and ready to learn. Donations support students from families facing financial hardship with essential school supplies and hearty, healthy snacks to support weekend nutrition. Shop our [Amazon Wish List](#) or drop your donations at specific times and locations.

Drop off your donations at the Cornerstones “Food Hub”:

Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Cornerstones’ FREE from Hunger Center
 22560 Glenn Drive, Unit 105
 Sterling, Virginia 20164

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 and volunteer hours: Mondays 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Grocery intake on Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.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: Oatmeal, diced tomatoes, bar soap, peanut butter, jelly, cereal

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.