



# GOOD SHEPHERD

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 14, 2025

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#### Next Service Readings:

Amos 8:4-7 | 1 Timothy 2:1-7 | Luke 16:1-13

#### GSLC Hiking Group's September Adventure—today!

Join us today, **Sunday, September 14**, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's hiking group will be walking the wooded paths at Walker Nature Center (**11450 Glade Dr., Reston, VA 20191**) for a hike of the Discovery Loop and Snakeden Trail with exhibits in the Nature Center. **We will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the Walker Nature Center.** It has restrooms and water fountains. You may wish to bring along water and a snack. A hiking leader will stay with each group if we decide to break into groups to accommodate longer and shorter distances. If people wish to carpool, we can make those arrangements in the church entry area immediately after the service.

Questions? Please contact Jeannie, John, or Drew through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)).

#### Contemporary/Praise Service—new member

Please note that with the return of our "regular" schedule this Sunday marks the return of our Contemporary/Praise (11:00 a.m.) services. Joining us this week, during the Contemporary/Praise service, is singer Jackie Huffman. Please come and welcome her as she joins the Praise Band.

#### Life Groups

**Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study: Thursday, September 18:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. GSLC (Room 203).

**Men's Friday Bible Study: Friday, September 19:** 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street).

**Word Workers: Wednesday, September 24:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Interested in our Life Groups? Check out our [webpage](#) for details or stay tuned for further updates in future emails.

#### Budget (Expenses & Income) - as of August 31

| Monthly                      | August 2025 | Fiscal Year to Date |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Budget Requirements          | \$95,150    | \$1,141,800         |
| Actual Expenses*             | \$96,844    | \$1,173,799         |
| Total Income (All Sources)** | \$105,517   | \$1,163,120         |
| Offerings minus expenses     | \$8,673     | (\$10,659)          |

\*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.

#### Young Adults Group Survey

Are you a young adult (under 35), single or married, with children or not? We want to hear from you about planning new activities, Bible studies or small groups. Interested? Please take this brief [survey](https://tinyurl.com/3cxumwww) (<https://tinyurl.com/3cxumwww>) and give us your thoughts.

#### 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](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)).

#### Women's Retreat—registration open!

Ladies, get ready for the Women's Retreat in Winchester on **November 7-9**. Enjoy a weekend filled with faith, fun, and fellowship. Sign up by clicking the link on the top of our website to go to the registration page (<https://gslcva.org/womens-retreat/>).

Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper ([heidi@gslcva.org](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org)).

#### Ladies' Sunday Bible Study starts today!

The next Ladies' Bible Study will start today, **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](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org)).

#### New Member Sunday

We warmly invite anyone interested in becoming a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to reach out and begin the journey of faith and fellowship. New members will be officially welcomed during our installation service on **Sunday, October 12**. If you'd like to be included, please express your interest by **Tuesday, September 30**. Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper ([heidi@gslcva.org](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org)).

#### Fall SED High School Youth Gathering

Hey high-schoolers! Join us for the Fall High School Youth Gathering at **Watermarks Camp in Scottsville, Virginia, from Friday, October 31, through Sunday, November 2**. This year's theme is "NO OTHER NAME BUT JESUS." Who are you? At any stage of life, this can be a hard question, but in high school it can really be a struggle. Where does God's name fit in with your identity? God's name has the power to save, and in His name, we find out who we really are. Looking at Acts 4, we know that "NO OTHER NAME BUT JESUS" has the power to save, bring us comfort, belonging, and purpose.

Registration deadline is **Sunday, September 21** and costs \$160.00, or late registration is available through Tuesday, September 30 and costs \$185.00. Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)) for more information.

#### Events This Week

**Worship Service: Sunday, September 21:** 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional services) | Questions? Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>)

**Sunday School: Sunday, September 21:** 9:30 a.m. (kids, youth, adults) | Questions? Check out our website under "Education": [kids](#), [youth](#), and [adult](#)

**Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, September 17:** 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

**Community Service: Monday, September 15:** 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, September 17:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, September 18:** 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](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)) *SEE OTHER SIDE for all opportunities.*

## Community Service

**Register now! 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 by scanning the QR code to the right, ensure you select Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.



**Good Shepherd Volunteers for SLHS Pantry distribution. September 18.** Ever wonder how the work we do with the SLHS Food Pantry impacts the community? Join us on September 18 at South Lakes High School to help with curbside family distribution. Plan to be at the school by 3:30 p.m. to receive carloads of food and help with setup. Distribution to families begins at 4:30 p.m and generally takes 30-60 minutes depending on the volume of cars of lined up. This is a special GSLC distribution so please be sure to wear your Love Your Neighbor shirt if you have one! Please contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)) to participate.

**The Closet's Everything Christmas sale. September 19 and 20.** This is your chance to check out The Closet's amazing Christmas sale! You'll find everything from ornaments and collectibles to holiday books, crafts; hundreds of angels, snowmen and Santas; china, glassware and serving pieces; stockings, greenery, wrapping paper, cookie tins, candles and candle holders. If you can use it for Christmas, you'll find it here. New, lightly used, vintage.

**Hours for the sale:** 3:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, 9/19, and 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Saturday, 9/20

Herndon Moose Lodge, 779 Center Street, around the corner from the thrift shop.

**Volunteers needed September 13 for sale set up.**

Adults can volunteer by clicking on this link

(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ABA62BA6F4C61-57817780-theclSETS>)

Students can sign up for weekend slots using this link

(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ABA62BA6F4C61-58098638-volunteer>)

**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, October 4 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 at [holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org).

**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.

**Volunteers needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon. Congregation scheduled days have returned to The Closet! Good Shepherd's next volunteer days are October 4, October 23, November 14 and December 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!**

The Food Pantry has distributed more than **TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** bar soap, pasta, boxed mac & cheese, canned meat, diced tomatoes

**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](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).

## Workcamp 2026

Hey high-schoolers and parents, it is time to think about Workcamp 2026! Registration is now open, and a link will be available very soon! Hopefully by now you've heard about Workcamp – our annual HSM Summer Mission Trip with Group Mission Trips. This is a long-standing tradition for youth at Good Shepherd, and a highlight of the year for many of our teens. Workcamp is a transformative week of "hands-on" service, bonding, fun, and worship with youth from all over the country. During this week, participants will serve deserving residents of a community through home repair, light construction and carpentry, painting, and so much more. They will also get a chance to work as a team, building friendships that will last for years to come. If you've been a part of a Workcamp before, you know how life-changing this event can be... and if you've never been, don't miss this opportunity to see for yourself what an awesome experience it truly is! **A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit is due by Sunday, October 19** (the registration deadline for this event). **This camp is currently FULL** for this year's event and registration is on a "first-come-first-served" basis since we have reserved a limited number of spots. Stay tuned for details and register as soon as possible to guarantee your spot! Friends welcome! Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)) for more information.

## 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](mailto: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!