



GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 8, 2021

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Next Sunday's readings

Isaiah 61: 7 - 11

Galatians 4: 4 - 7

Luke 1: 46 - 55

Next worship services: August 15

Good Shepherd holds outdoor and indoor services weekly.

- Outdoor worship on Sunday, August 15, 8:30 a.m. - [Click here to register](#)
- Indoor worship on Sunday, August 15, 9:45 a.m. - [Click here to register](#)

Note: Outdoor services for which fewer than 20 participants have registered by noon on Saturday will be canceled. We will email all registrants through Sign-Up Genius, if the service is to be canceled.

Registration for services

By registering in advance of worship services, you help us plan for those services. When you fill out the Sign-Up Genius form for our worship services, we have a better idea of how many bulletins to print, how many communion packets to prepare, and even whether holding an outdoor service is viable. As always, registration is not required, but we do strongly encourage you to let us know in advance, if you can, that you will be attending.



Lost & Found

Have you lost your mug, glasses, hair bows, umbrella, or other items? Please check out the small table in the narthex, near the coffee, for all Lost & Found items. These items will be available at the indoor worship service through August 12. All unclaimed items will either be donated or disposed of on August 13.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

"All aboard!" VBS concluded on Friday and the *Rocky Railway* – Good Shepherd's Vacation Bible School – was a success! A special thanks goes out to the lead, Holly Vanderhoof, and the many volunteers that ensured everything went smoothly and according to plan.



Livestream links

Indoor worship service on Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. will be a recorded livestream event. Our current livestream platforms are:

- Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/events/158368062885622/>)
- YouTube (https://youtu.be/Gie08Xc_sCY)
- Vimeo (<https://vimeo.com/event/1064052>)

Women's retreat

Ladies, mark your calendar for the annual women's retreat this November 12-14, in Winchester, VA. Once again, after a long hiatus, we will be enjoying a weekend of Bible study, fun and fellowship at the George Washington hotel in lovely downtown Winchester.

"Households of Faith" is the theme for this year's conference. With 2100 scripture references to households, we may need to move in for the week just to explore this topic from a scripture lens. Led by Sally Hiller, we will explore the meaning of "Household", the importance of a spiritually vibrant household, and how we as followers of Jesus build such a household.

Plenty of room is available so consider inviting a friend, your sister, your mom or your daughter. This event is for all women over 21. Sign up information with costs and rooming options will be published in early August. We can't wait to have you with us!

For questions, contact Heidi Cooper at: heidi@gslcva.org.

Voters' Assembly

The Board of Servant Leaders will present the draft budget for discussion for the upcoming fiscal year on SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, AT 7:00 P.M. This meeting will be held virtually via our web conferencing platform. Stay tuned for sign up information and directions on how to register next week.

Flower sponsor

Are you looking for a way to commemorate a birthday or anniversary? give thanks for answered prayers? offer a memorial for a loved one? glorify God for His many blessings? You can do so – by “sponsoring” floral decorations in the sanctuary or entryway.

Pick the Sunday or Sundays on which you’d like to be a flower sponsor. Put your name on the chart in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall for those Sundays, and make a note about what you’ll be honoring or celebrating. (This information will be included in the bulletin for that Sunday.)

You can also sign up for a sponsorship online, at gslcva.org/ministries/worship, under “Flower sponsorships.”

You may take your flowers home after church services have concluded. The flowers will be either potted plants or arrangements of cut flowers, depending on the season and/or availability. Flowers that are not taken by 5:00 p.m. on Monday will be donated to shut-ins, when possible.

Sponsorships are \$40. Please submit your payments when you sign up to be a sponsor. You can submit a check (use one of the envelopes on the bulletin board) or pay through our online payment portal.



Some Above & Beyond opportunities remain

Thank you to those who have responded to the Above and Beyond program this year. Your generosity has enabled us to expand our outreach to GSLC members, to our local community, and to worldwide outreach programs. Of the giving opportunities listed in the fall 2020 catalog, 23 have been fully funded. The new edition of the catalog has the latest information (as of February 25) about a number of areas or projects that are not yet fully funded, and it also presents some new giving opportunities. **Look in the catalog**, on the pages indicated with each item, for a description of these opportunities and their funding needs. Check with Business Manager Georgia Thorstenson for the most up-to-date information on what giving opportunities remain.

New opportunities

- Worship technology upgrade *Fully funded!*
- New mission projects (page 10) *El Centro de Partas El Pozo: \$1,300 needed to fully fund!*

Still to be fully funded

- Outdoor worship support (page 5) *Fully funded!*
- Music for Sanctuary Choir (page 5) *Fully funded!*
- Community Service projects (page 8) *Fully funded!*
- Building Contingency fund (page 12) *\$780 needed to fully fund!*
- Installing ionizers (page 12) *\$14,725 of \$25,000 needed to fully fund!*



Recent graduates

Good Shepherd would like to congratulate our recent high school graduates:

Hannah Asuncion, Bethany Burke, Mark Frucht, Alyssa Gilbreath, Quinton Harper, and Jonathan Skura.

As you graduate, we pray that you will go on to what God has already planned, for you have such an awesome future when you place it in God’s hands.



Preschool assistant teacher position

Our preschool staff is excited to be preparing for a new school year! We are currently seeking a loving, nurturing Assistant Teacher for our half-day, Pre-K class. The class will meet Monday through Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

An individual with experience in working with young children, and an understanding of early childhood development is essential. If you would enjoy sharing Jesus’ love with young children in their learning and play, please contact our Interim Director, Kathy Otterbacher at 703-437-4511 or email her at preschool@gslcva.org. She looks forward to talking with you, and answering any questions you may have about serving in our Christ-centered ministry.

Coronavirus Relief Fund: accepting applications

Our Coronavirus Relief Fund is available for those among us who may be especially hurting (furloughed, unemployed, etc.) because of this crisis. If you know of anyone at Good Shepherd who is especially hurting, please contact the church office. If you are hurting but want to keep the information confidential, please contact Pastor Johann directly. To donate to the fund, make your contribution to GSLC, and note that it’s for the Coronavirus Relief Fund.