



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Nominations open for upcoming Board of Servant Leaders election

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for candidates to fill four upcoming vacancies on the Board of Servant Leaders. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, March 5. Members of this year's Nominating Committee are BoSL Vice Chair Ted Lillestolen; Board Members Leta Kent and Vicki Peter; Bob Neil; and Pastor Johann.

Documents about responsibilities for the Board and for Board members and the nomination form are available on [our website](#). You'll also find information about Board Member qualifications to consider when thinking about a person you might like to nominate as a candidate.

To submit names of potential candidates, print out the nomination form ([found on the website](#)), fill it out, and email a PDF (scan) of it to the church office (gslc@gslcva.org), mail the form to the church, or drop it off in person. The office will forward all nomination forms to the Nominating Committee.

The schedule for the nomination, slate publication, and election process is also online.

Board members serve two-year terms. Those elected this year will join Leta Kent, Ted Lillestolen, and Vicki Peter, who are continuing their terms.

Board discussion session, Feb. 21

The Board of Servant Leaders will hold a discussion session on **Sunday, February 21, at 7 p.m.** Topics: Covid-19 management and plans for worship in the months to come. The discussion session will be held on a videoconference platform. You will need to [register in advance](#) to receive a link to the event. Note: This session will be recorded.

New member class begins Feb. 21

Good Shepherd will offer a Connections Class for those among us who would like to find out more about our congregation and are considering becoming members.

Sessions will be held on a videoconferencing platform. It's a new approach for this class, and we are excited to be moving ahead with this format.

The class will comprise three sessions. Here is the schedule:

- Sunday, February 21, 1 p.m.: An introduction to Good Shepherd, with a Q&A session at the end
- Sunday, February 28, 1 p.m.: An overview of what we teach and preach
- Sunday, March 14, 1 p.m.: Find your place at Good Shepherd with an individualized Connection Coach session

Make-up sessions will be offered.

If you're interested in taking part, or have questions, [email the church office](#).



**Midweek Recharge
Choral Selections**

*Presented by the
Good Shepherd Music Ministry*

Midweek Recharge: Choral Selections

In this Midweek Recharge, the Good Shepherd Sanctuary Choir and the Virtual Service singers provide three musical selections for you to listen to during a time of prayer and reflection. They sing "Do Not Be Afraid" (words by Gerard Markland, music by Philip W. J. Stopford), "Go Down, Moses" (choral setting by Larry Shackley), and "Don't You Let Nobody Turn You Round" (spiritual; arranged by Lena J. Miclin). May you be blessed as you listen to this music.

[Watch on Vimeo](#) [Watch on YouTube](#)

Midweek Recharges are also available as podcasts. Search for GSLCVA in your favorite podcast app.

Register for February services

Sunday, February 14, 9 a.m. Participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance. Attendance capped at 25 worshippers. [Click here to register for indoor worship February 14](#). Registration closes Tuesday, February 9.

Ash Wednesday services (February 17)

Outdoor, 12:30 p.m. [Click here to register](#)

Indoor, 7:00 p.m. [Click here to register](#)

Next Sunday's readings

2 Kings 2:1-12
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Adult Ed classes

Pastor James's class: "Psalms: Managing Our Emotions," **Sundays, 11:30 a.m.** This class ends February 14. Pastor James will be leading another class, during Lent, on the theme "Thy Will Be Done." This class will focus on the theme of each week's Lenten services. Register to receive a link to these classes.

Heidi Cooper's class: *God's Relentless Love: A Study of Hosea*, by Sharla Fritz. The book is available through [Amazon](#) or through [Concordia Publishing House](#). Contact the [church office](#) for information about participating in the class.

Another upcoming staff change

Communications Director Julie Schorfheide will be retiring on April 30. We thank God for her gifted ministry over many years in this role and multiple others, and look forward to appreciating her and celebrating her ministry in the spring. May our Lord richly bless her and her family! Pastor Johann

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Please note that we cannot include contact information in the online version of News and Announcements for people other than staff members. If you need more information about any of the items listed here, email Community Service Coordinator Holly Vanderhoof, holly@gslcva.org. Thank you for your understanding.

Community Service and COVID-19. This is a time that community service across the area and the nation is in full gear with so many more families needing help. We are working closely with schools and organizations to help meet the needs in our area.

Drivers needed to transport large donation of food. The SLHS Food Pantry is receiving a large donation from the Church of Latter Day Saints in Sterling on **Thursday, February 18**. Drivers are needed who can pick up food donations from the LDS church and bring them to Good Shepherd. The donation coincides with our distribution to the high school, so our regular fleet of Thursday morning drivers will need some additional help. Drivers with a SUV or a van are preferred because of the sheer volume of food. Time TBD, but the pickup will most likely happen in the morning.

South Lakes Food Pantry is operating out of our Fellowship Hall. Food will be delivered to various schools in partnership with school principals to distribute to families. There will be opportunities to help if you are feeling well, but it will be a modified plan for the safety of our volunteers. *If you are interested in helping, email Holly Vanderhoof, holly@gslcva.org, to get up-to-date volunteer needs.*

NO-CONTACT Donation curbside drop offs:

Mondays 2–4 p.m.

Wednesdays 10 a.m.–noon

Donations may also be shipped to the church: SLHS Food Pantry,
c/o GSLC, 1133 Reston Ave., Herndon, VA 20170

The needs of our community have doubled and we are now passing out close to 6,000 pounds of food each week. The pantry is grateful for the support of the congregation and the community and would not be able to continue to meet the needs of our neighbors without your help.

URGENT NEEDS: canned meat, canned beans, pasta sauce, diced tomatoes, boxed mac & cheese, jelly, feminine pads

Volunteers needed: Looking for a way to help the community and have some in person contact? Try volunteering for the pantry! Volunteers needed for pantry collections and drivers needed to transport packed bags to South Lakes High School. Contact Holly Vanderhoof, holly@gslcva.org, if you can help.

Fellowship Square. Fellowship Square is seeking healthy adults (age 18+) to deliver food donations to Fellowship Square residents' apartments. This role requires physical activity: walking, bending, stooping, reaching, and lifting up to 25 lbs. COVID-19 precautions and safety measures will be followed. Please see the sign-up links for details.

Hunters Woods Fellowship House. Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m. and Fridays, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 23, 2-4 p.m.. Sign up at tinyurl.com/g78jo5pu

Lake Anne Fellowship House. Wednesday, February 24, 2-4 p.m.. Sign up at tinyurl.com/1siay8c4

Pedal to the Metal Bike Remodel. Do you have a bike that has been outgrown or is simply unused? Moss Building Design would love to take any size bike off your hands and put it to good use! With the help of its community business partners, Moss will take your donated bikes and get them in tip-top shape. Nonprofit partners will then distribute the bikes to families in need within their organizations, just in time for spring! Bicycle donations will be accepted between February 1 and March 5 (the sooner the better). Please email Hello@MossBuildingAndDesign.com to make arrangements to drop bikes off at MOSS or arrange for pickup at your home. *Thank you to Jeannine Miller and the Moss team for sharing this service project with Good Shepherd.*

We need your help! North County Hypothermia Shelter– openings in February and March! Good Shepherd will once again be supporting the Fairfax County Hypothermia Shelter every Wednesday, December through March. Because of Covid-19 related restrictions, volunteers will not be serving food. Meals should be delivered between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m. to the Hypothermia Shelter, located in the North County Human Services Building, 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, just ¼ mile from the Embury Rucker Shelter. Food should be delivered hot and in disposable containers, along with all the napkins, plates, cups, and plastic utensils needed for the evening. Restaurant food deliveries are also welcome! Please provide enough food for 40 people. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yy65x7ar>

The Giving Tree. The Giving Tree is back through March! Support the North County Hypothermia Shelter with items for their clients. **Needs (all items must be new with tags):** wool socks, hats, mittens, gloves, sweat pants, sweatshirts, washcloths and toiletry items (travel size). As the weather turns colder these items will, in some cases, be necessary for homeless people to make it through the winter. ***Due to COVID-19, the Giving Tree will operate in conjunction with the no-contact donation times of the SLHS Food Pantry. We will collect items Mondays 2-4 p.m. and Wednesdays 10 a.m.-noon. You may also send items directly to the church.***

Helping Hungry Kids (HHK) has resumed limited operations. HHK is providing 300 weekend grocery packs to Dogwood Elementary, Cub Run and Aldrin Elementary. They are now packing at Northwest Federal Credit Union and are able to use a few volunteers with COVID guidelines in place. HHK needs help stocking their shelves at their new location. Please use the Amazon wish list if you can help: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2L2C8DMEZS00V?ref=wl_share. For more information contact Helping Hungry Kids, HHK@corefoundation.org

The Closet of Greater Herndon. The Closet is not accepting donations on Thursdays so that staff can prepare for the large weekend donations. The Closet is now using SignUpGenius to schedule volunteers for specific times and jobs. Please go to [SignUpGenius for The Closet](#) to see when and how you can best provide service to The Closet. If you have not volunteered previously, you will be asked to complete a short volunteer application on your first time.