



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 14, 2021
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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 No "Alleluias" in Lent



Devotion by the Pastor

Music by Dan Lamaestra

Midweek Recharge: No "Alleluias" in Lent

When the liturgical season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, the Church stops singing "Alleluia." This custom dates back to at least the 5th century, and another tradition – that of "burying" our alleluias – has its roots in the Middle Ages. In this Midweek Recharge, Pastor Johann helps us better understand the reasons behind these traditions and also talks about how we can be "keepers" of Lent. Following the devotion, reflect on what you've heard as Dan Lamaestra provides music.

[Watch on Vimeo](#)

[Watch on YouTube](#)

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

Lent 2021: "Thy Will Be Done"

Sunday and Wednesday services this Lent will focus on the theme "Thy Will Be Done," with each week examining a different aspect of the theme. Lenten Wednesdays will feature sermons as monologues of biblical characters. Pastor James's Sunday morning Adult Education class will also follow this topic.

We'll offer virtual services each Sunday and Wednesday and in-person services (indoor and outdoor) on certain Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. See our [Worship page](#) for the particulars in the next few days. You'll find registration links for in-person services on the Worship page, as they become available.

Register for Ash Wednesday services

Outdoor service, 12:30 p.m.

[Click here to register](#)

Indoor service, 7:00 p.m.

[Click here to register](#)

Next Sunday's readings

Genesis 9:8-17
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Adult Ed classes

Pastor James's class, "Psalms: Managing Our Emotions," **Sundays, 11:30 a.m.**, ends today. 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. [Find the form](#) in the Adult Ed section on our "Grow" page.

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.

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective

PRAYER GATHERINGS
WEDNESDAYS
7:00 PM

Register at gslcva.org



Prayer Gatherings meet every Wednesday evening

Members of Good Shepherd meet, virtually, every Wednesday evening to pray for friends, members, our community, our country, and whatever else moves them. You don't need to pray aloud to be a part of this group.

The gatherings last about 30 minutes. To receive a link, [fill out the online form](#). Be sure to select "Prayer Gatherings."

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.

Above & Beyond opportunities remain

Thanks to your generosity, the Above & Beyond funding opportunities from our most recent catalog have been almost completely funded. A few items still need your support.

- Lake Anne Fellowship House
- Cornerstones support
- Jennifer Mitchell Scholarship Fund
- Laurel Learning Center pool passes
- Sheet music for our choral and handbell groups
- Support for outdoor services
- Building Contingency Fund
- Ionizer units throughout the campus



You can read about these items in our catalog at www.gslcva.org/giving/. Please note that this catalog does not reflect current funding information but does give details about each of these items. Contact Business Manager Georgia Thorstenson, georgia@gslcva.org for the most current information about each fund

Recent attendance and participation metrics

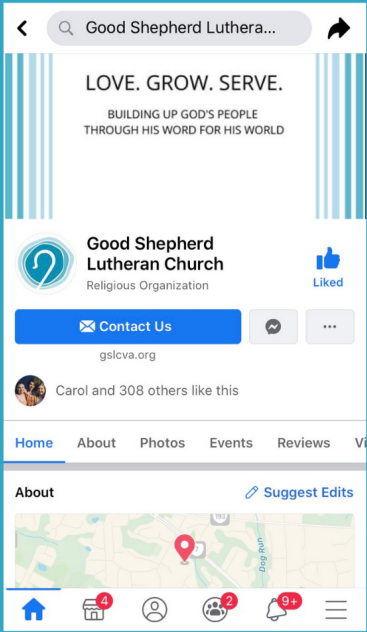
Podcast downloads for January: **678** - Thanks be to God!

(previous highest in a month): **443** (December 2020)

February, so far, shows similar pace of downloads to January.

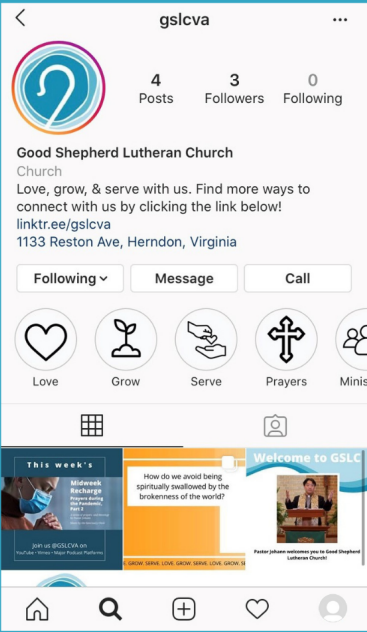
Note: We are now adding the hymn of the day to complement sermons on podcast.

Most recent in-person outdoor and indoor services: 112



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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.

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.

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

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: jelly, boxed mac & cheese (not individual servings), dried beans, 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.

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.***

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>

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.