



GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 28, 2021
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Nomination period for BoSL candidates closes Friday, March 5

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.

Lent 2021: "Thy Will Be Done"

Lenten Wednesday services this year focus on the theme "Thy Will Be Done," with each week examining a different aspect of the theme. Wednesday services (in-person and virtual) will feature sermons as monologues of biblical characters. Pastor James's Sunday morning Adult Ed class is also following this topic.

The next Lenten Wednesday virtual service will be posted the evening of Wednesday, March 3, and we'll send out an email to let you know when it is ready. In this service we remember that King David followed God's will to shepherd his people, but often failed to live up to God's dream for him. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, fulfills God's dream perfectly to gather his wandering sheep into the sheepfold of heaven.

Adult Ed classes

Pastor James's class is focusing 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. Heidi's class will begin a study of Esther on March 14. Get information from Heidi.

Register for upcoming in-person worship services

[Register for Wednesday, March 3, 12:30 p.m. \(outdoor service\)](#)

Get the bulletin for Saturday services on the registration page or on our [worship page](#). Save it on your phone or tablet, or print it out.

[Register for Wednesday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. \(indoor service\)](#)

Participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance. Attendance is limited to 50 worshippers. Participants are also encouraged to read GSLC's health guidelines and information about indoor worship before attending any indoor service. See links below. Registration closes at 11:55 p.m. on Monday, March 1.

[Register for Saturday, March 6, 11:00 a.m. \(outdoor service\)](#)

Get the bulletin for Saturday services on the registration page or on our [worship page](#). Save it on your phone or tablet, or print it out.

[Register for Sunday, March 14, 9 a.m. \(indoor service\)](#) Registration closes Tuesday, March 9.

Participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance. Attendance is limited to 50 worshippers. Participants are also encouraged to read GSLC's health guidelines and information about indoor worship before attending any indoor service. See links below.

[Informational video about indoor worship on Vimeo](#)

[Informational video about indoor worship on YouTube](#)

[Worship Guidelines](#) [Health Guidelines](#) [Indoor Worship Volunteer Tasks](#)

Connections Class

Thanks to everyone who signed up for our latest Connections Class. This class is full, but we will be offering another session in a few months.

The Connections Class is for those among us who would like to find out more about our congregation and are considering becoming members. [Email the church office](#) if you'd like to be on the list for the next Connections Class. **If you wish to join the current session**, contact Pastor Johann: pastorjo@gslcva.org.

Next Sunday's readings

Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22



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.



Preschool reopening in March, enrolling for September

For information and forms, contact Preschool Director Susie Hardwick

preschool@gslcva.org
703-437-4511

or visit www.gslcva.org/preschool

New Above & Beyond opportunities

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 world-wide 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.

New opportunities

- Worship technology: projection upgrade, cabling and routing for eventual live stream (page 6 of the catalog)
- Three new mission projects (page 10)

Still to be fully funded

- Outdoor worship support (page 5)
- Music for vocal and handbell choirs (page 5)
- Community Service projects (page 8)
- Building Contingency fund (page 12)
- Installing ionizers (page 12)

Recent attendance and participation metrics

Podcast downloads for February: **652** (as of February 25). Thanks be to God!

Previous highest in a month: **678** (January 2021)

Last week's in-person outdoor and indoor services (Ash Wednesday and weekend): **192**

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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.

The Closet of Greater Herndon volunteer need. The Closet is looking for volunteers to help sort and price toys onsite Sunday, February 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m. No customers will be present to enable safe social distancing. Masks are required to participate. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well. Walk-ins are always welcome but advance notice is appreciated. Contact Laura Greenspan at lauragreenspan@comcast.net for more information and to let her know if you'll be able to help.

Pedal to the Metal bike remodel – ending soon. 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 their community business partners, Moss Building Design will take your donated bikes and get them in tip-top shape. Their nonprofit partners will then distribute the bikes to families in need within their organizations, just in time for spring! **Bicycle donations will be accepted until March 5.** 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.*

Fellowship Square. Volunteers (18+) needed to help move bulk food donations and deliver food to residents at Hunters Woods Fellowship House and Lake Anne Fellowship House. COVID protocols mandate that volunteers to wear masks and gloves.

Hunters Woods FH: Thursdays 10:00-11:30 a.m., Fridays 8:30-10:30a.m., Thursday, March 18, 2:00-4:00P p.m. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/g78jo5pu>

Lake Anne FH: Wednesday, March 24, 2:00-4:00 p.m. The Capital Area Food Bank is delivering food for Lake Anne residents as part of the Senior Brown Bag program. Volunteers are needed to help sort the food donations and deliver to the doors of residents' apartments. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/1siay8c4>

We need your help! North County Hypothermia Shelter- opening on March 17! Good Shepherd will once again be supporting the Fairfax County Hypothermia Shelter every Wednesday 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 Embry 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/26v73zph>

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, diced tomatoes, cereal, granola bars/snacks

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.**

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