



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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](#).

Staff transitions and additions

Join us in welcoming two new staff members to Good Shepherd: Michele Clair and Catherine Boyd. Michele is our new Office Assistant and will be helping Administrative Assistant Jeannie Johns with the myriad tasks of keeping the office running smoothly. Catherine is our new Communications Assistant and will be helping Communications Director Julie Schorfeide keep our website up-to-date, engaging, and helpful.

Even as we welcome Michele and Catherine, we say good-bye to Donna Carrens. Donna, Administrative Assistant at Good Shepherd since January 2013, has been dealing with debilitating nerve pain and spine damage. Because of these health conditions, she will not be returning to work in the church office and is on permanent disability. We thank God for Donna's boundless energy, hard work, and enthusiasm while she was on staff. We pray that God will provide strength and comfort to her as she faces ongoing challenges and focuses on her well-being.

Next Sunday's readings

Isaiah 40:21-31
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

Register for February services

Saturday, February 6, 11 a.m. Participants are encouraged to register in advance. The Praise Band will be providing our music!

[Click here to register for outdoor worship February 6](#)

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

Adult Ed classes

Pastor James's class: "Psalms: Managing Our Emotions," **Sundays, 11:30 a.m.** [Register](#) to receive a link to the class. This class ends on February 14. Pastor James will be leading another class, during Lent, on the theme "Thy Will Be Done." We'll have more details next week about this class

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.

Recent metrics

Podcast downloads during the past week (January 15-21): **239**

This represents our high since launching the podcasts in June 2020.

January podcast totals, as of January 26: **560**

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

We will be adding the hymn of the day to complement sermons on podcast.

This ministry is surging. Thanks be to God!

Most recent in-person services (outdoor-1/23 and indoor-1/17): **128**

Virtual Confirmation modules 1 and 2, as of January 26: **667** combined views

Virtual Sunday Visit & Virtual Tour, as of January 26: **1,213** combined views

Midweek Recharge Forever Reign

"About the Music" conversation
with Dan Lamaestra and Andy Muich
Music by the Praise Band

Midweek Recharge: Forever Reign

Praise Band Director Dan Lamaestra and Director of Christian Education (and Praise Band member) Andy Muich talk about "Forever Reign." Listen as they delve into the polarity-based approach to the lyrics and music. Andy focuses on verses in Psalms and Lamentations that are echoed in the lyrics. At the end of the podcast, our Praise Band performs the song.

[Watch on Vimeo](#)

[Watch on YouTube](#)

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

New website almost here

Our website is changing this week. And while "gslcva.org" will still be our web address, the links to our current site will not work after the new site is up. After the new site goes live, we'll send out an email to introduce you to its new features. Thank you for your patience during the transition.

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.

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.*

Stuff the Bus. Stuff the Bus began in 2011 to help stock the shelves of local food pantries including our partners Cornerstones, Food for Neighbors, and Helping Hungry Kids. Check out the bus locations on **February 6** and help Stuff the Bus! <https://tinyurl.com/yyshamuo>

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, pasta sauce, diced tomatoes, canned meat, 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.

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.