



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 20, 2021

Updates and more
information at
gslcva.org/

Next Sunday's readings

Lam 3: 22-33

Ps 30

Mark 5: 21 – 43

Next worship services: June 27

Good Shepherd will hold outdoor and indoor services weekly.

- Outdoor worship on Sunday, June 27, 8:30 a.m. — [Click here to register](#)
- Indoor worship on Sunday, Jun 27, 9:45 a.m. — [Click here to register](#)



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

"All aboard!" VBS is back and this summer you're invited to hop aboard for mountains of fun at *Rocky Railway* – Good Shepherd's Vacation Bible School! On this epic, faith-filled adventure, kids will discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. We are working hard to make plans for a safe and successful in-person VBS and can't wait to welcome you back this summer.

Be sure to save the date for this year's VBS:

Monday, August 2 through Friday, August 6, 2021 (9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.).

[Register here \(Attendees and Volunteers\)](#)

[Information about VBS](#)

Note: Volunteers are needed. Please be contact [Holly Vanderhoof](#) or [Andy Muich](#) for VBS volunteer information.

Livestream update

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/158368109552284/>)
- YouTube (https://youtu.be/Gie08Xc_sCY)
- Vimeo (<https://vimeo.com/event/1064052>).

Each Sunday morning service ready emails will provide links to the weekly worship page, which includes access to the livestream platforms, weekly bulletins, and other service materials.

Website updates

With the changes in virtual and in-person service offerings the GSLC website has undergone several changes. Please bear with us as we work on the user experience and ease of access. In weeks to come direct links to livestream events, registration links, and recorded services will be revamped. If you have any suggestions please email [Jeff Donahue](#) with suggestions. While we cannot guarantee your comments and suggestions can be executed we will do our best to implement them.

Email communication concerns

Good Shepherd relies on email messaging, like this one, to communicate with the congregation concerning announcements, sharing links, upcoming in-person worship, and livestream/virtual service events. There are usually two or more email messages sent to the congregation per week. We have heard from some folks that they are not receiving all of these emails, even though they signed up for them. If you or someone you know wish to receive these emails, but are not currently receiving them, please contact the church office to let us know. We will strive to work out any issues that may be blocking receipt of our email messages.

Midweek Recharge: "Starting With One Tiny Seed"

Like the tiny mustard seed growing into the greatest of all shrubs we cannot keep the Kingdom of God from growing. Pastor Johann discusses how God’s love is given to us freely and wildlly. It is not something we have to wait for. You cannot halt it from coming. It is like the tiniest of mustard seeds that grows and engulfs the whole world like giant weeds. We are all a part of it, and we cannot keep the Kingdom of God from growing.

The audio for this Midweek Recharge is the sermon from our June 13, 2021 outdoor worship service.

This audio is from our podcast channel. Find all of our podcasts by searching for GSLCVA on your favorite podcast app.

[Listen to the Midweek Recharge \(Sermons & Devotions page\)](#)

Midweek Recharge



Starting with One Tiny Seed

June 16, 2021

GSLCVA Podcast
Sermon

Pastor Johann

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!*



Preschool Director Opportunity

Would you enjoy sharing the love of Jesus with young children, families and staff? Are you enthusiastic about serving in a ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, directing a Christ-centered preschool program that welcomes all God’s children? Do you have education and experience in early childhood education (or related field), with a desire to nurture age-appropriate practices in children’s learning through play? Are you proficient in planning and management of administrative tasks such as budgeting, banking, and staff records? Maintaining social media? Would you strive to follow all safety regulations and comply with state requirements? Above all, do you feel God is calling you to joyfully serve the church and preschool?

Please contact Susie Hardwick (703-437-4511 or preschool@gslcva.org) if you would like to learn more about being the next director of Good Shepherd’s preschool.

PRAYER GATHERINGS

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective



WEDNESDAYS

7:00 PM

Register at
gslcva.org/prayer-gatherings

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."

Adult Ed opportunities

Pastor James's next class: "Acts: The Gospel throughout the World." Pastor James is leading a 10-week Bible study, *Acts: The Gospel throughout the World*, focused on helping those attending to hear God speaking to them — lovingly, emphatically, personally. Chapter-by-chapter background information, questions, and learning experiences will promote exciting and challenging discussions, and activities that reveal how God speaks to the deepest concerns of your heart. The next class will be held on June 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Heidi Cooper's class, Woman2Woman. Heidi Cooper started a new study *Equipped: The Armor of God for Everyday Struggles* on Sundays, at 11:15 a.m.. Contact Heidi Cooper for more information (Heidi@gslcva.org).



Juneteenth

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally-celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

GSLC is pleased to commemorate African American freedom and encourages time for reflection, self-improvement, and planning for the future.



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.

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. Active COVID protocols will be followed in most cases and are subject to change.

Cornerstones Fresh Produce Drive- June 25! Stop by Good Shepherd on Friday, June 25 from 10:00 -12:00 p.m. and help us stuff the Cornerstones bus with fresh produce. Produce collected will be distributed to Cornerstones' clients the following day.

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. *If you are interested in helping, email [Holly Vanderhoof](mailto:HollyVanderhoof), holly@gslcva.org, to get up-to-date volunteer needs. **Revised volunteer guidelines: masks required if you have not been vaccinated.***

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

URGENT NEEDS: boxed milk, jelly

Volunteers needed: We could always use a few more volunteers in the summer when our regulars take time off. Driving and pantry help is always welcome. Contact Holly Vanderhoof, holly@gslcva.org, if you can help.

The Closet of Greater Herndon. New volunteer opportunities! The Closet requires volunteer support, including prepping clothing or hard goods for sale, working on the sales floor in a variety of jobs, or working outside accepting and sorting donations. When you arrive at The Closet you will be matched with a job based upon need for that day and your capabilities. **Revised volunteer guidelines: masks required if you have not been vaccinated.** **Signup at:** <https://tinyurl.com/vv9czz8k>

Volunteers needed for July 31! Family Opportunity - Gleaning for Cornerstones! Help collect donated food from local farmers every weekend at the Reston Farmer's Market at Lake Anne for Cornerstones. Meet at the Snap at Market tent when you arrive. Volunteers under the age of 16 must have adult supervision. Closed-toe shoes are recommended. **11:15 - 1:00 pm**

Dates: July 31, August 7, October 2 and October 23.

Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/k28jkxx2>

Cornerstones and a Simple Gesture. Cornerstones is looking for volunteers to help with sorting and moving 6,000-12,000 pounds of food donations provided by A Simple Gesture. Volunteers under the age of 16 will need adult supervision. Closed-toe shoes are recommended for safety. Dress for the changing weather! Dates: August 7, October 2 and December 4. For more information and to sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/ajyhnp8h>