



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 4, 2021

Updates and more
information at
gslcva.org/

Next Sunday's readings

Amos 7: 7—15

Ephesians 1: 3—14

Mark 6: 14—29

Next worship services: July 11

Good Shepherd holds outdoor and indoor services weekly.

- Outdoor worship on Sunday, July 11, 8:30 a.m. — [Click here to register](#)
- Indoor worship on Sunday, Jul 11, 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.

Ladies wine picnic

Join the ladies of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for a wine picnic at Blue Valley Vineyard and Winery on July 17, 2021. Bring a picnic and enjoy wine and fellowship with your sisters from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sign up by emailing Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org). Carpooling is available!

Congregational directory update

The GSLC office is in the process of updating the "GSLC Members and Friends Directory." In order to make the directory as accurate as possible, we need updated contact information from the congregation. If any contact information has changed in your household, please email the church at gslc@gslcva.org with the updates. Information we would like to have on each member includes: family member names, mailing address, household phone number, and household email address. We welcome additional contact information such as personal email address and personal cell phone number. Thank you for your help.

Livestream links

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>)

Adult Ed opportunities

Adult Education has concluded for the summer. Please stay tuned for more information and announcements regarding the return of new Bible studies in September.

Flower sponsor

Are you looking for a way to commemorate a birthday or anniversary? give thanks for answered prayers? offer a memorial for a loved one? glorify God for His many blessings?

You can do so – by “sponsoring” floral decorations in the sanctuary or entryway.

Pick the Sunday or Sundays on which you’d like to be a flower sponsor. Put your name on the chart in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall for those Sundays, and make a note about what you’ll be honoring or celebrating. (This information will be included in the bulletin for that Sunday.)

You can also sign up for a sponsorship online, at gslcva.org/ministries/worship, under “Flower sponsorships.”

You may take your flowers home after church services have concluded. The flowers will be either potted plants or arrangements of cut flowers, depending on the season and/or availability. Flowers that are not taken by 5 p.m. on Monday will be donated to shut-ins, when possible.

Sponsorships are \$40. Please submit your payments when you sign up to be a sponsor. You can submit a check (use one of the envelopes on the bulletin board) or pay through our online payment portal.



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!*



Helping Hands

Helping Hands Ministry is meeting once again! Helping Hands makes quilts for Lutheran World Relief and they make lap quilts, lap blankets, and prayer shawls for a local hospice. Helping Hands is in need of quilters, knitters, crocheters, ironers, cutters, and designers. Great skill is not a requirement for this excellent outreach opportunity.

Meetings occur on the 1st Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. On weekends when the 1st Sunday of the month falls on a holiday the meetings will take place on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Please check out the [GSLC Events page](#) for more details.

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.

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.”



THE FOURTH OF JULY

LET US CELEBRATE OUR FREEDOM!

Embrace independence



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.

Rocky Railway VBS Volunteers needed! Can you lend a hand for a day or a week? Visit www.gslcva.org/vbs for sign up and more information.

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:Holly.Vanderhoof), 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

Low on food for next week's pack! URGENT NEEDS: boxed milk, jelly, canned veggies, microwave popcorn, granola bars.

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.

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>

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/vv9czt8k>

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/ajyh8p8h>