



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 9, 2021

Updates and more information at gslcva.org/

Next Sunday's readings

Isaiah 62: 1 - 5

1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11

John 2: 1 - 11

Next worship services: January 16

Good Shepherd will have three worship services: **8:00 a.m. indoor**, **9:00 a.m. outdoor**, and **11:00 a.m. indoor with livestream**. Fellowship, and donuts, will be available at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Registration for services

By registering in advance of worship services, you help us plan for those services. When you fill out the Sign-Up Genius form for our worship services, we have a better idea of how many bulletins to print, how many communion packets to prepare, and even whether holding an outdoor service is viable. As always, registration is not required, but we do strongly encourage you to let us know in advance, if you can, that you will be attending.



Livestream links

Indoor worship service on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. will be a recorded livestream event. Our current livestream platforms are:

- Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/events/158368062885622/>)
- YouTube (https://youtu.be/Gie08Xc_sCY)
- Vimeo (<https://vimeo.com/event/1064052>)

COVID-19 Surge and Winter Schedule

With an unknown winter surge of COVID-19 omicron and delta variants expected in Northern Virginia additional safety measures will be put in place for church staff and volunteers. Starting Monday, January 10, the church office will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The church office will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Although the offices are closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the facility is open for various activities and classes, including those of the Preschool, community service volunteering, small group gatherings, rehearsals, etc.

We understand that everyone is exhausted by the pandemic and wish that we could move past the talk of masking, testing, and variants. We're not there yet, but we have proven that by following the latest guidance and data; by adhering to our recommended safety measures; and by continuing to act with patience, grace, and empathy, we can continue providing in-person and online worship services while adding additional safety measures for our staff and volunteers. Part of the reason for reducing office hours during the winter surge is the availability of staff and volunteers to cover the office, as they, like many of you, undergo testing, COVID-19 protocols when exposed or infected.

The congregation's willingness to adapt and ability to remain flexible amid changing circumstances has largely kept COVID-19 at bay across GSLC. Thank you for your individual and collective efforts as we adjust the office hours for the remainder of the winter.

Adult Education

Ladies Bible Study - "Elijah: Faith and Fire"

On Tuesdays, starting January 18, at 7:30 p.m. Heidi Cooper will be holding an ongoing series of evening Bible Studies via a teleconference platform, in lieu of a Sunday morning class. This 7-session study entitled *Elijah*, by Priscilla Shirer, focuses on how every fervent believer longs to summon up the kind of boldness and faith that can stand firm. Join us for this study through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. And how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now.

Sign up by emailing Heidi Cooper: heidi@gslcva.org.

Word Workers - "The Christ Key"

Melinda DeWan will be holding a Life Group that meets via a teleconference platform on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The purpose of the group is to develop close relationships while sharing the spiritual journey. This year the group will be studying *The Christ Key* by Chad Bird. Word Workers welcomes all who would like to join! Sign up by contacting the church office.

Hypothermia giving tree

Good Shepherd will be supporting Support the North County Hypothermia Shelter with items for their clients. During cold weather, these items will help those who are homeless to make it through the winter. [For more information please click here](#) OR contact Holly Vanderhoof, holly@gslcva.org, for more details.



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.”

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. 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 5:00 p.m. on Monday will be donated to shut-ins, when possible.

Above & Beyond (A&B) catalog for 2021 - 2022

Thank you to those who have, or are looking, to respond to the Above and Beyond program this year. Your generosity enables us to expand our outreach to GSLC members, to our local community, and to worldwide outreach programs. The new catalog is available on our website or as a hard copy in the church office and Welcome Center. 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 giving opportunities.



[Please Click here to see our FY 2022 A&B Catalog and other opportunities \(under the Giving Section\)](#)

For questions regarding A&B please contact Georgia Thorstenson at georgia@gslcva.org.

High School Ministry (HSM)

2022 Summer Workcamp – SAVE THE DATE! *Drum roll please.....*our next Workcamp (high school mission trip) location has been selected and this coming summer we will be serving in...[Erie, Pennsylvania](#)! **Mark your calendars and save the dates for our 2022 Sr. High Youth Workcamp: July 10-16, 2022.** Stay tuned for an informational letter and registration form that will be sent out in the coming weeks. Until then, mark your calendars and save those dates, and if you have any questions about Workcamp, contact holly@gslcva.org.

Upcoming HSM Events (Grades 9-12)

January 9 – Sunday School (Youth Room): 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
January 16 – Sunday School (Youth Room): 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
January 16 – HSM: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 pm.
January 23 – Sunday School (Youth Room): 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
January 30 – Sunday School (Youth Room): 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
January 30 – HSM: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 pm.

HSM630 Stay Connected! High school kids – download the GroupMe app and scan the code below to join our HSM630 Group Chat to stay connected for the latest information about youth group.



Community Service

North County Hypothermia Shelter. Good Shepherd will once again be supporting the Fairfax County hypothermia shelter every Wednesday, December through March. COVID-19 restrictions are allowing for in-person servers to return but they will be limited to 3 individuals (2 are preferred). All volunteers that are serving must be fully vaccinated (two shots of Pfizer/Moderna, one of J&J; extra booster even better) and provide proof (vaccination card) prior to “volunteering”. All servers must have their temperature checked and complete a short wellness check form on the evening they serve. Masks and gloves must be worn, and appropriate social distancing must be observed while in the hypothermia shelter. More volunteers may assist with getting the meal to the hypothermia room at the start of the evening and to take away everything at the end of the meal. Vaccination proof will only be done once if serving multiple times. All volunteers must be 18 years or older. You can also opt to make and/or coordinate meal and deliver to the Hypothermia Shelter and choose not to serve the meal – vaccination not required if you are not serving the meal. Meals should be delivered between 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. to the Hypothermia Shelter, located in the North County Human Services Building, 1850 Cameron Glen Drive in 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.

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/54wur4me>.

South Lakes Food Pantry! We have collected, stored and distributed more than 225,000 pounds of food and toiletries in the last 18 months to families in need. What an incredible difference you’ve made in the community by your support of this incredible ministry. *If you are interested in helping, email Holly Vanderhoof, holly@gslcva.org, to get up-to-date volunteer needs. Revised volunteer guidelines: masks required regardless of vaccination status.*

NO-CONTACT Donation curbside drop offs:

Mondays: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Donations may also be shipped to the church:

SLHS Food Pantry, c/o GSLC, 1133 Reston Ave., Herndon, VA 20170

URGENT NEEDS: jelly, diced tomatoes, boxed milk, peanut butter, cereal

Cornerstones Simple Gesture Food Sorting. Saturday, February 5, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (various shifts). Cornerstones needs help to sort and move 6,000-12,000 lbs. of food collected from their bi-monthly food drive provided by A Simple Gesture. The first shift helps with accepting & sorting the donations. The second shift continues sorting, packing and loading donations for the pantry or storage. All activity takes place outdoors in the parking lot of our Food Pantry at 11484 Washington Plaza West, Reston, VA 20190. Each volunteer will be required to complete a COVID-19 questionnaire prior to service. Masks are required and social distancing rules will be followed for the safety of all participants. Volunteers under the age of 16 will need adult supervision. Closed-toe shoes are recommended for safety. Dress for the changing weather!

For more information and to register visit <https://signup.com/go/iFumFxZ>

The Closet of Greater Herndon. New volunteer opportunities! The Closet now requires proof of COVID-19 vaccination from all staff and volunteers who work/volunteer at The Closet. This measure is being taken to protect the health and safety of the store’s customers, volunteers, and staff. *Masks required regardless of vaccination status.*

Signup at: <https://tinyurl.com/vv9czt8k>