



# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 16, 2022  
Updates and more  
information at  
[gslcva.org/](http://gslcva.org/)

### Next Sunday's readings

Nehemiah 8:1 - 3, 5 - 6, 8 - 10

1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 31a

Luke 4: 14 - 21

### Next worship services: January 23

Good Shepherd will have three worship services: [8:00 a.m. traditional indoor](#), [9:00 a.m. outdoor](#), and [11:00 a.m. indoor praise and communion 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

Our current livestream platforms are:

- Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/events/158368062885622/>)
- YouTube ([https://youtu.be/Gie08Xc\\_sCY](https://youtu.be/Gie08Xc_sCY))
- Vimeo (<https://vimeo.com/event/1064052>)

### Reminder: Church office hours

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

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.



### Adult Education

Ladies Bible Study - "Elijah: Faith and Fire": 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 focuses on how every fervent believer longs to summon up the kind of boldness and faith that can stand firm.

Sign up by emailing Heidi Cooper: [heidi@gslcva.org](mailto: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. 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 emailing the church office: [gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org).

### Above & Beyond (A&B) catalog for Fiscal Year (FY) 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 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](mailto:georgia@gslcva.org).



### Prayer requests - a note from Pastor Johann

Dear prayer warriors - We will now only post prayer requests for three weeks. After three weeks, requests will need to be updated to remain on the prayer chain. In the quick-moving pandemic, we need to be more up-to-date and nimbler. It is challenging to keep requests updated, especially because some folks aren't able to update us on their requests in a timely fashion, and the staff has to deal with privacy issues in asking for updates, keeping us from properly updating the prayer requests, beyond three weeks, with accuracy and in a timely fashion. Holding on to prayer requests, worded more than two weeks old can create confusion, and in fact, has been creating some confusion for members of our prayer chain, already. We will keep trying to hunt down updates from requestors as best as we can, but will only keep un-updated requests for three weeks.

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](https://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.

High School Ministry (HSM)

**2022 Workcamp – Registration has begun and forms are now available. To register submit the form and the \$50 non-refundable deposit by Sunday, February 6.** The location for the Workcamp will be Erie, Pennsylvania during the week of **July 10—16, 2022!**

Registrations will be accepted on a first come basis until spots are filled. Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof at [holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org).

Upcoming HSM Events (Grades 9-12)

- 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 Meals.** Good Shepherd will once again be supporting the Fairfax County hypothermia shelter every Wednesday, December through March. **COVID-19 restrictions have changed due to a rise in COVID-19 infections – volunteers will no longer be allowed to serve meals at this time. Cornerstones is hopeful that this change is temporary.** 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 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. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/54wur4me>.

**North County Hypothermia Giving Tree.** Good Shepherd will be supporting 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. Please pick up a tag from our Giving Tree for the Hypothermia Shelter and return the item on the tag the following week for delivery to the shelter. Please see our website, under [Serve](#), for more information OR contact Holly Vanderhoof, [holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org), for more details.

**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. If you are interested in **volunteering**, email Holly Vanderhoof, [holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org), to get up-to-date volunteer needs.

Note: *Revised volunteer guidelines: masks required regardless of vaccination status.*

If you are interested in **donating** the food pantry has no-contact curbside drop offs and accepts shipped orders (see below):

**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:** peanut butter, boxed milk, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, spaghetti, snacks

**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 - 12,000lbs 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/vv9czz8k>.