



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 7, 2021

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Lent 2021: "Thy Will Be Done"

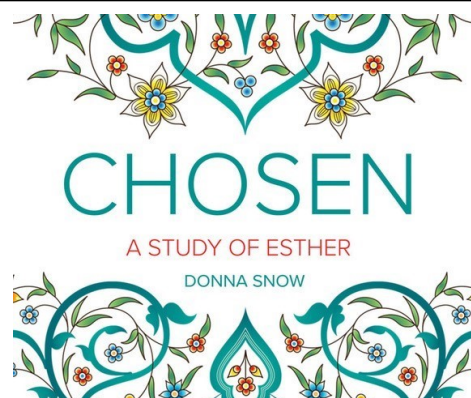
Lenten Wednesday services this year focus on the theme "Thy Will Be Done," with each week examining a different aspect of the theme. Wednesday services (in-person and virtual) will feature sermons as monologues of biblical characters. Pastor James's Sunday morning Adult Ed class is also following this topic.

The next Lenten Wednesday virtual service will be posted the evening of Wednesday, March 10, and we'll send out an email to let you know when it is ready. In this week's service, we remember that, in humility, Mary dutifully accepted the role God had given her to become the mother of our Savior. That Son would later accept his role, faithfully following the path his Father had in mind for him to save us all.

Adult Ed classes

Pastor James's class is focusing on the theme of each week's Lenten services. Register to receive a link to these classes. [Find the form](#) in the Adult Ed section on our "Grow" page.

Heidi Cooper's class will begin a new study next week on *Chosen: A Study of Esther*. Contact the [church of ice](#) for information about participating in the class OR register online at www.gslcva.org/ministries/grow. Look for the Adult Ed registration form at the bottom of the page. The class will run through May 9, with a break for Easter.



Registration closes Tuesday for March 14 in-person worship service

[Register for Sunday, March 14, 9 a.m. \(indoor service\)](#) Registration closes Tuesday, March 9.

Participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance. Attendance is limited to 50 worshippers. Participants are also encouraged to read GSLC's health guidelines and information about indoor worship before attending any indoor service. See links below.

[Informational video about indoor worship on Vimeo](#)

[Informational video about indoor worship on YouTube](#)

[Worship Guidelines](#) [Health Guidelines](#) [Indoor Worship Volunteer Tasks](#)

Recent participation and attendance metrics

Podcast downloads for February: **695** (highest downloads though shortest month)

Previous highest in a month: **678** (January 2021)

Last week's in-person combined **outdoor and indoor** services: **156**

February 28 indoor service: 30 (including musicians & Pastor)

The previous week's Sunday and Wednesday virtual service views: 573

The previous week's total video views, including Confirmation Module 4,
Connections Class: Explore, and Kids' Message: **827**

Thanks be to God for our healthy participation and attendance
as well as our growing outreach beyond our congregation!

Lilies for Easter

Easter lilies and other spring plants will be used to beautify our worship services on Easter Sunday. You may donate a plant (or plants) and make a dedication in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone who is special to you. The dedications will be noted in our Easter bulletins.

Details about how to pick up your plants (if you wish to do so) are still being worked out.

Fill out an online dedication form, and then submit your payment separately. You'll find the form at the bottom of our [Worship page](#).

The cost is \$10.00 per plant. Make checks payable to GSLC, memo: Easter Flowers, or go to our online giving portal (Vanco), where you'll find a line item for Easter flowers.

NOTE: Deadline for submitting dedications for Easter flowers is Friday, March 26.

Next Sunday's Readings

Numbers 21:4-9
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

Preschool enrolling for September

For information and forms, contact Preschool
Director Susie Hardwick
preschool@gslcva.org, 703-437-4511
or visit www.gslcva.org/preschool



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."

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.

New Above & Beyond opportunities

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 world-wide 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.

New opportunities

- Worship technology: projection upgrade, cabling and routing for eventual live stream (page 6 of the catalog)
- Three new mission projects (page 10)

Still to be fully funded

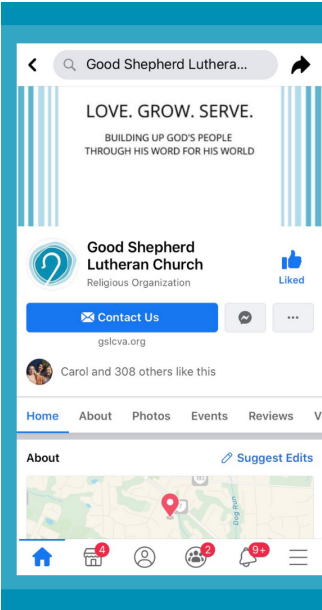
- Outdoor worship support (page 5)
- Music for vocal and handbell choirs (page 5)
- Community Service projects (page 8)
- Building Contingency fund (page 12)
- Installing ionizers (page 12)



Connections Class

Thanks to everyone who signed up for our latest Connections Class. This class is full, but we will be offering another session in a few months.

The Connections Class is for those among us who would like to find out more about our congregation and are thinking about becoming members. [Email the church office](#) if you'd like to be on the list for the next Connections Class. **If you wish to join the current session**, contact Pastor Johann: pastorjo@gslcva.org.



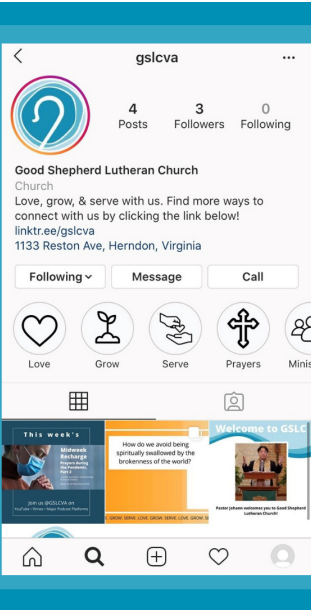
Facebook profile of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The profile shows the church's name, logo, and a "Contact Us" button. It also displays a map and some recent posts.

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Instagram profile of gslcva. The profile shows the church's name, bio, and a grid of posts. It also displays the number of posts, followers, and following.

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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.

The Closet of Greater Herndon Volunteer Appreciation Sale. Calling all volunteers! If you have volunteered at The Closet, please plan to attend the Volunteer Appreciation sale. Come on over and shop today, March 7, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Masks are required. Use the back entrance.

Fellowship Square. Volunteers (18+) needed to help move bulk food donations and deliver food to residents at Hunters Woods Fellowship House and Lake Anne Fellowship House. COVID protocols mandate that volunteers to wear masks and gloves.

Hunters Woods FH: Thursdays 10:00-11:30 a.m., Fridays 8:30-10:30a.m., Thursday, March 18, 2:00-4:00P p.m. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/g78jo5pu>

Lake Anne FH: Wednesday, March 24, 2:00-4:00 p.m. The Capital Area Food Bank is delivering food for Lake Anne residents as part of the Senior Brown Bag program. Volunteers are needed to help sort the food donations and deliver to the doors of residents' apartments. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/1siay8c4>

North County Hypothermia Shelter- Thank you! All slots have been filled for this season! Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped feed hypothermia clients in our area. We will be back next December through March with our Wednesday opportunities to serve.

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: granola bars/snacks, jelly, diced tomatoes, dried beans, cereal

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.

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