



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 21, 2021

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Board approves changes to indoor worship

At its meeting Thursday night (March 18), the Board of Servant Leaders approved changes to indoor worship, beginning on Palm Sunday. These changes include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Raise worship capacity to 75
- Include congregational spoken liturgy (masked and distanced)
- Lengthen services from the currently shortened version (including more verses in hymns)

The Board will continue to assess all worship opportunities at future meetings.

You can read about these changes and more about our ongoing life together in [Pastor Johann's latest Pastoral Letter](#).



Worship services: Holy Week, Easter

Good Shepherd will offer a number of worship opportunities during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. Registration links are at <https://www.gslcva.org/ministries/worship>

Palm Sunday (March 28)

Virtual service available 7:30 a.m.

Indoor worship, 9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday (April 1)

Outdoor worship, 12:30 p.m.

Virtual service available 6:30 p.m.

Indoor worship, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday (April 2)

Virtual service available 6:30 p.m.

Indoor worship, 7:00 p.m.

Easter (April 4)

Virtual worship available 7:30 a.m.

Indoor worship, 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m.

Outdoor worship, 11:30 a.m.

For all who wish to attend indoor services

Participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance.

Attendance is now capped at 75 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](#)

Deadline Friday for Easter lilies

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.

Dedications and orders for Easter flowers must be received by Friday, March 26.

Next Sunday's readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Isaiah 66:6

Mark 11:1,2, 7-10

Zechariah 9:9-10b

Adult Ed classes

Pastor James's class is focusing on the theme of each week's Lenten services.

Heidi Cooper's class is studying *Chosen: A Study of Esther*. The class will run through May 9, with a break for Easter.

Register online for these classes at

www.gslcva.org/ministries/grow. Look for the Adult Ed registration form at the bottom of the page.

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 final Lenten Wednesday virtual service this year will be posted the evening of Wednesday, March 24, and we'll send out an email to let you know when it is ready. In this service we remember that Lydia followed the will of God by responding in faith and hospitality when the Gospel message of Christ's sacrifice was preached to her. We follow the will of God by responding in love and service to one another in return for what Christ has done for us.

In case you missed it: The March 17 Lenten Wednesday service, "God's Will and My Worldview," features a monologue by Pau. In this service we remember that, on the road to Damascus, Paul had his worldview turned upside down when God called him to preach the name of the Christ he had been persecuting. We follow God's will by putting the crucified Christ at the center of our worldview. [Here's a link to the March 17 service.](#)

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective

PRAYER GATHERINGS
WEDNESDAYS
7:00 PM

Register at gslcva.org

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.”

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 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.

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)

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.

Open nomination period for Board candidates closes next Sunday

Four members of Good Shepherd have agreed to be candidates for four openings on the Board of Servant Leaders. The candidates are Sam Blackburn, Kathy Eickelberg, David Nestleroth, and John Stoothoff. Information about the candidates is [attached](#).

The two-week open nomination period is now under way. Per our Bylaws (II.c.3), “any member of the congregation may continue to recommend the names of individuals willing to serve on the BoSL along with the individual’s personal profile to the nominating committee. Such candidates will be added to the final slate of prospective new BoSL members without prejudice.” Names of any additional candidates, plus the supporting materials, **must be received by the Nominating Committee no later than Sunday, March 28**. You’ll find the documents at <https://www.gslcva.org/board-news/2021-board-elections>.

The final candidate slate will be published on Sunday, April 4.

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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.

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: dried beans (1-2lb), canned meat, diced tomatoes, cereal, snacks, jelly, bar soap

Drivers needed: Now that distribution has shifted to Thursday afternoon we need a couple of drivers to transport packed bags to South Lakes High School. Contact Holly Vanderhoof, holly@gslcva.org, if you can help.

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. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/g78jo5pu>

Lake Anne FH: 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>

The Closet of Greater Herndon The Closet is not accepting donations on Thursdays so that staff can prepare for the large weekend donations. The Closet is now using SignUpGenius to schedule volunteers for specific times and jobs. Please go to [SignUpGenius for The Closet](#) to see when and how you can best provide service to The Closet. If you have not volunteered previously, you will be asked to complete a short volunteer application on your first time.

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