



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 28, 2021

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Open nomination period for Board candidates closes today

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

Names of any additional candidates, plus the supporting materials, **must be received by the Nominating Committee today**. According to 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." You'll find the documents at <https://www.gslcva.org/board-news/2021-board-elections>.



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>

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](#)

Adult Ed opportunities

Final session today for "Thy Will Be Done"

Adult Ed class. Classes are held on a video conference platform on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. Register to receive the link to the classes by filling out an online form at the bottom of the **"Grow"** page, under the Adult Education tab. Today is this class's last session.

Pastor James's next class: "Acts: The Gospel throughout the World." Following Easter, Pastor James will lead a 10-week Bible study, *Acts: The Gospel throughout the World*, focused on helping those attending to hear God speaking to them — lovingly, emphatically, personally. Chapter-by-chapter background information, questions, and learning experiences will promote exciting and challenging discussions, and activities that reveal how God speaks to the deepest concerns of your heart. Classes will be held on a videoconference platform, Sundays at 11:30 a.m., beginning on April 11. Register in advance to receive a link and also the class materials. Look for the form at the bottom of the **"Grow"** page, under the Adult Education tab.

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

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

John 20:1-18

New: Adult confirmation class will be offered; register by April 14

For those of you fairly new or unfamiliar to the Lutheran lens and approach as Christians, Pastor Johann will be offering an adult confirmation class, starting on April 18, for six sessions. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings, time TBD. For those who want to learn even more than what is offered during these six sessions, Pastor Johann will offer two extra sessions. **Please sign up by April 14;** use the form on the **"Grow"** page.

Pastoral letter for Holy Week

Pastor Johann has posted a new pastoral letter on his "From the Pastor" blog:

Well, here we are in Holy Week, a time of the year when we especially focus on what our Lord DID for us, including his suffering, death, and resurrection. The solemnity in remembering the scene at the Garden of Gethsemane, the betrayals on Maundy Thursday, and the pains that Jesus had to endure on Good Friday is strikingly contrasted by the sheer joy and exuberance of Easter. . . .

Read the complete letter [here](#).

Lent 2021: "Thy Will Be Done"

In case you missed it: The March 24 Lenten Wednesday service, "God's Will and My Response," features a monologue by Lydia. 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.

[Here's a link to the March 24 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. Check with Business Manager Georgia Thorstenson for the most up-to-date information on what giving opportunities remain.

New opportunities

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

Still to be fully funded

- Outdoor worship support (page 5)
- Music for Sanctuary Choir (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.

Preschool seeking snack donations!

The preschool is open and the children are thriving! Following pandemic safety guidelines, the preschool is providing individually wrapped snacks for the children. You can help the preschool by donating specific snacks identified by Preschool Director (and Snack Coordinator!) Susie Hardwick. These snacks are safe for the preschool's nut-free environment, and they are available through Amazon: Goldfish Crackers, applesauce cups, and Cheez-Its. We thank you for donations of Amazon gift cards in any amount, or the above-mentioned snacks, for the next nine weeks of school. Questions? Contact Susie Hardwick, 703-437-4511 or preschool@gslcva.org.

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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.

Cornerstones food distribution. Cornerstones needs help at various locations to pass out food bags. Events take place outdoors, with social distancing in place, and all volunteers are required to wear masks and closed-toed shoes for safety. Volunteers will assist residents to their front door or car with bag(s) of donated groceries.

West Glade Community: Food Distribution April 10 & 24. Signup at <https://tinyurl.com/k2zj2sv5>

Crescent Community: Food Distribution April 10 & 24. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/2hj64xtu>

Stonegate Community: Food Distribution April 10 & 24. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/4ny8ypzy>

Cedar Ridge Community: Food Distribution April 10 & 24. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/5dhvbr8f>

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: diced tomatoes, dried beans (1-2 lb), canned meat, cereal, snacks, jelly, boxed milk, 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. 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>

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. Thank you for your support of The Giving Tree this year. Look for it to return again next year.

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/2L2C8DMEZSO0V?ref=wl_share. For more information contact Helping Hungry Kids, HHK@corefoundation.org