



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 14, 2021
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Next Sunday's readings

Daniel 7: 9 - 10, 13 - 14

Revelation 1: 4b - 8

John 18: 33 - 37

Next worship services: November 21

Good Shepherd holds outdoor and indoor services weekly.

- Outdoor worship on Sunday, November 21, 8:30 a.m. - [Click here to register](#)
- Indoor worship on Sunday, November 21, 9:45 a.m. - [Click here to register](#)

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 9:45 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>)

Angel Tree—final weekend

Each year, Good Shepherd supports the Cornerstones' Angel Tree program, which helps families facing financial hardship provide gifts for their children. The program is a little different this year because of COVID-19 restrictions and changing community needs. This year, families will receive physical \$25 gift cards (not e-cards) to use to purchase gifts for their children.

If you would like to participate please leave the cards in the gift card collection box in the office foyer by this Sunday, **November 14**.

Helga Ulfers Memorial Service

We give thanks to God for the life on earth of our long-time Good Shepherd member, Helga Ulfers, who went to the loving arms of our heavenly Father on February 1, 2021. A memorial service will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 17, at 11:00 a.m., with a reception following.

Note: This service will be livestreamed. [Please click here for the livestream service on November 17](#). If you would like to contribute a snack, a dessert, finger food, or a financial donation to support for this reception, please contact the church office.

May the surety of the resurrection be the source of comfort for her family, friends, and all who cherished her.

[Please click here to view Helga's memorial website.](#)

Advent Tea

The Women's Advent Tea will be held on Saturday, December 4, during the second weekend of Advent. This year we have a choice: We can hold the Advent Tea in the Fellowship Hall OR in the lower level parking lot, weather permitting.

If 20 or more people would attend the Advent Tea indoors, we will hold the Advent Tea in the Fellowship Hall along with a potluck lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Attendees can choose to wear a mask if they wish but masks would not be required; attendees would be unmasked when eating and drinking.

If fewer than 20 people prefer indoors, the Advent Tea will be in the lower level parking lot for dessert and hot beverages from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., weather permitting.

Please complete the survey below by Monday, November 15. [Click here to take the survey.](#)

Questions? Contact June McGurn at junetralle@yahoo.com

Survey results and services

The results of the congregational survey are in! We had a great response and the voice of the congregation has been heard. The pastors, BoSL, staff, and ministry teams have been busy reviewing the results, discussing all options, and planning revisions to service times and Sunday School. Stay tuned next week for additional information on our "Advent to Easter" schedule.

Christkindlmarket 2021

We are pleased to announce the return of The Annual GSLC Christmas Shoppe & Pasta Dinner – but with a **twist!** This year we will be hosting an outdoor **Christkindlmarket on Friday, December 3, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the lower parking lot.** This festive holiday event, hosted by our very own youth, is fun for the whole family! Parents, bring your little ones to the “Kids’ Christmas Market” where there will be lots of inexpensive items for your child to pick out and purchase...there’s gifts for every member of the family! Our GSLC Youth Groups will be on hand to help children select their gifts and gift-wrap them as well. While the kids are shopping, catch up with your Good Shepherd friends, meet some new ones, and enjoy a wonderful meal. A goodwill offering will be collected during the meal and the proceeds from this event will benefit the Sr. High Youth and their fundraising efforts for the 2022 Summer Workcamp in Erie, Pennsylvania. Invite your friends and come out for some Christmas time fun! An online link will be available soon to sign up for this event so that we can be sure to have enough food for everyone!

Donations needed for the Christkindlmarket. Donations are needed for the Christmas Market, scheduled this year for Friday, December 3. We are looking for new or “like new” gifts for moms, dads, grandparents, and siblings. If you have any such donations please drop them off at the church office by Sunday, November 28. Proceeds from the sale of these items will go toward the 2022 Sr. High Youth Summer Workcamp. If you have any questions, please contact holly Vanderhoof at holly@gslcva.org. Thank you for your support!

Wednesday Bible Stories

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is pleased to release our continuing midweek feature, Wednesday Bible Stories. Join us as we use pictures, quotes, and thoughts to continue our exploration of the Bible on our social media ([Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)) as well as the Friday Blast. This week we delve into “The Fall” in Genesis 3 and see “God Did Not Abandon Us” and “A Messianic Promise is Made.” Next week we will move forward on our journey to Genesis 12.

Adult Education

Ladies Bible Study: "*A Christmas Carol*"

Starting **Tuesday, November 30**, 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 series, entitled, *A Christmas Carol Book and Bible Study*, includes the *Christmas Carol* book and Bible study guide as well as Bible study discussion questions for each chapter, Scripture references, and related commentary.

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

Word Workers: "*The Christ Key*"

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 emailing Melinda DeWan: dewanmelin@aol.com.

HVAC ionization project—completed

Good Shepherd is pleased to announce that the building HVAC ionizer Above & Beyond project has been completed. The entire campus, from preschool to the Fellowship Hall, now has improved air-quality. The units work by decreasing the concentration of harmful particles in the air over a period of time and therefore decreasing the likelihood of spreading infections (like COVID-19 and other viruses).

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.

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.” 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.

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.

High School Ministry (HSM)

HSM Friendsgiving! All high school youth and their friends are invited to join us for this year's Friendsgiving on **Sunday, November 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in the youth room. We'll enjoy a meal together, some games and be grateful for the time together.

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.

Christkindlmarket Volunteers Needed. The Christmas Shoppe and Pasta Dinner is back this year with a twist! We will have an outdoor Christkindlmarket where the kids can shop at the market while families enjoy dinner and fellowship in the lower parking lot. High school youth volunteers are needed to help set up, cook, serve and cleanup on Friday, December 3, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Money raised from this event will go toward the 2022 Summer Workcamp – so if you are a youth that plans to attend that event, you are expected to be there in order to receive credit and a portion of the funds we raise. We need helpers throughout the evening for this event so please volunteer if you are available. PARENTS: We especially need your help the week of this event for setting up the Christkindlmarket and assisting in the "kitchen" the night of the event as well as supervising set-up and clean up. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to help, contact Holly Vanderhoof at holly@gslcva.org

Upcoming HSM Events (Grades 9-12)

November 21 – Friendsgiving : 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
December 3 – Christkindlmarket (Workcamp fundraiser): 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
December 12 – Very Merry Christmas Party: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

HSM630 Stay Connected! High school youth – 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 and COVID-19. Active COVID protocols will be followed in most cases and are subject to change.

Angel Tree for Cornerstones – sponsors still needed! With the holidays around the corner, we are once again supporting Cornerstones' clients with Angel Tree gifts. Due to COVID-19 we will be asking for store specific gift cards. Gift cards should be physical gift cards and NOT electronic gift cards in \$25 denominations. A gift card collection box will be in the office foyer and will be accepted through Monday, November 14. (Delivery to Cornerstones November 16). Visit <https://tinyurl.com/8hkz9ff2> to signup.

North County Hypothermia Shelter. Good Shepherd will once again be supporting the Fairfax County hypothermia shelter every Wednesday, from 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 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.

Meals should be delivered between 5:30 p.m. to 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/x9c46c4u>

South Lakes Food Pantry! We have collected, stored and distributed 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: spaghetti, peanut butter, jelly

Cornerstones Winter Coat Collection. Help our neighbors in need stay warm this winter! New or gently used coats and new hats, gloves, mittens and scarves may be donated at the following locations and dates.

December 11 and January 8 at North County Government Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Dr., Reston, VA 20190 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Donations of children's coats in all sizes and adult coats in sizes 3XL or larger are especially appreciated at this time.

The Closet of Greater Herndon. New volunteer opportunities! The Closet now requires proof of COVID 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>