



# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 24, 2021

Updates and more  
information at  
[gslcva.org/](http://gslcva.org/)

### Next Sunday's readings

Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34

Romans 3: 19 - 28

John 8: 31 - 36

### Next worship services: October 31

Good Shepherd holds outdoor and indoor services weekly.

- Outdoor worship on Sunday, October 31, 8:30 a.m. - [Click here to register](#)
- Indoor worship on Sunday, October 31, 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](https://youtu.be/Gie08Xc_sCY))
- Vimeo (<https://vimeo.com/event/1064052>)

### All Saints Day observance - submit names

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have an All Saints Day observance in worship on Sunday, November 7. We will use the rite known as "Commemoration of the Faithful Departed" as an opportunity to name before God and one another those whom God has called to himself in the last year. Requests to add an individual will be provided to the congregation, for approximately one more week, as an insert to the bulletin. Contact the church office for additional help or questions. **Submission deadline: Monday, November 1.**

### Congregational Worship and Education Survey

The Worship and Education Survey has been released via Survey Monkey, an online tool. This survey will be the basis for our Pre-Advent to Easter schedule, so please ensure that your opinions are accounted for by taking the survey. If you do not see the survey in your Inbox please check your Spam folder or contact the church office if you are in need of a survey link.

### New Preschool Director

The Lord has answered our prayers and continues to bless Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool. We rejoice as we welcome our new Preschool Director, Colleen Judson. Colleen and her family are soon to become new members of GSLC and they are currently one of our Preschool families. She officially starts as Director in January but will work with our Interim Director, Kathy Otterbacher, periodically over the next two months in order to have a success transition. Join us in welcoming Colleen.

### Fall Family Fun Festival - October 31 from 11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**The deadline for singing up is this Monday, October 25.** Join us, young and old, for a cook out style lunch and a "Trunk-or-Treat." Our grill masters will be serving up Brats and Hot Dogs for all. Please feel free to add to the fun and bring a side dish to share! Hot and cold ciders, waters, and desserts will be provided.

After the feast we will have the "Trunk-or-Treat." Join in the fun and decorate your car trunk and put out candy for the kids, who can show off their costumes in exchange for some treats! If decorating and candy are not your thing, crafts will be available for the kids. All are welcome, and cards do not need to be decorated in order to join in the fun and fellowship. If you are interested in attending check out the SignUp Genius registration or email Heidi Cooper at [heidi@gslcva.org](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org).

### Connections Class

**Are you interested** in learning more about the life and ministry of GSLC? GSLC will be holding the second of three sessions of our Connections Class via Zoom. Session one's theme was "Engage" - learn more about us. Session two's theme is "Explore" - learn more about what it means to be a Lutheran. Session three's theme is "Connect" - discover ways in which you can connect with us and our ministries. Currently, Session two will be held on Monday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom and the third session is TBD. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, email Heidi Cooper at [heidi@gslcva.org](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org), or call the church office.

## HSM630 stay connected!

High School students—download the GroupMe app and scan the code below to join our HSM630 Group Chat. This is a great way to stay connected to the latest information about the youth group.



## High School Ministry (HSM)

**THE GREAT PUMPKIN HUNT IS TONIGHT!** It's that time of year again...time for The Great Pumpkin Hunt!

All high school youth and their friends are invited to join us for the **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Pumpkin Hunt & Costume Contest**. This year's hunt will be this tonight, October 24, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd. Come out and search for hidden pumpkins, win sweet prizes, eat a ridiculous amount of candy, and enjoy some fantastic fall fun! There is no cost for this event but be sure to bring a costume (nothing scary, gory, revealing, or inappropriate), a flashlight, a jacket, night vision goggles (optional), and a friend (or two) For more information contact Holly Vanderhoof at [holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org).

## Adult Education

**Ladies Bible Study:** "Be Still and Know" - Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Bible Study via Zoom, in lieu of a Sunday morning class. The first session looked at Psalm 46 in detail and examines storms of life. The remaining sessions, study narratives from the Gospels as Jesus meets various women who are experiencing their own storms and explore the perspective of each woman as He provides refuge, strength, help, and hope. Sign up by emailing Heidi Cooper: [heidi@gslcva.org](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org).

## Wednesday Bible Stories

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is pleased to release Part 3 of our midweek feature, Wednesday Bible Stories. Join us as we explore the Bible and sharing the story on our social media ([Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)) as well as the Friday Blast. Each week our story will progress and provide teachings as we explore biblical concepts through pictures, quotes, and thoughts. Our story continues with Genesis 1 – 2 and we see "God's Intentions for Humankind."

## 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." 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.

## COVID-19 guidance

Effective September 26 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) will follow Fairfax County Government COVID-19 guidelines. These will apply to all employees, members, and visitors participating in indoor activities including worship, Christian education, youth activities, meetings, and office work. General information can be found at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid-19-information-portal>.

The current guidelines mandate masks for everyone, regardless of vaccination status. GSLC will make an exception for worship officiants while speaking from the chancel, musicians while singing from the choir loft, and worshippers when partaking in communion. Office workers may remove their mask when alone in a private office. Masks may also be removed for eating and drinking in the building. Separate seating areas in the sanctuary for unvaccinated worshippers will be discontinued.

Although not mandatory, the guidelines recommend physical distancing (6 feet), frequent handwashing, and staying home when ill.

## 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.

**Community Service and COVID-19.** Active COVID protocols will be followed in most cases and are subject to change.

**Thanksgiving Meals!** It's that time of year again when we help provide area families in need with a Thanksgiving meal. Each meal is \$50 and includes a \$25 grocery gift card. Donations will be accepted through Monday, November 8, so that we have time to shop and put together meals. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/h9y4mkc9> to make a donation in any amount.

**Angel Tree for Cornerstones.** 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. Please signup at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AA4A92BA0FF2-angel1>.

**South Lakes Food Pantry is now operating out of their new space on the lower level!** 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](mailto: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. – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m.– 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, ramen, diced tomatoes, boxed mac & cheese, granola bars, snacks, microwave popcorn

**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.

**October 13-November 5** at Cornerstones Main Office, 11150 Sunset Hills Drive Ste. 210, Reston, VA 20190 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**November 13, December 11 and January 8** at North County Government Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Dr., Reston, VA 20190 from 10:00 a.m. - 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-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/vv9czt8k>.