



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 31, 2021
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Next Sunday's readings

Isaiah 25: 6 - 9

Revelation 21: 1 - 6a

John 11: 32 - 44

Next worship services: November 7

Good Shepherd holds outdoor and indoor services weekly.

- Outdoor worship on Sunday, November 7, 8:30 a.m. - [Click here to register](#)
- Indoor worship on Sunday, November 7, 9:45 a.m. - [Click here to register](#)

Special Events: pre-service music & Fall Family Festival

Today before the indoor worship service we will have a live event! Starting at 9:30 a.m. the church will have music provided by handbell, brass, and organ. Please join us for this special prelude music on Reformation Sunday. After the indoor service is the Fall Festival from 11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Join us for a cook out style lunch and "trunk-or-treat."

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/GieO8Xc_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: This Monday, November 1.**

COVID-19 guidance—REVISED

After much discussion about our church COVID-19 policy at our October monthly meeting, the Board of Servant Leaders has decided to change our COVID-19 Guidelines.

Effective October 31, 2021, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) will follow Fairfax County COVID-19 Guidance for Individuals. 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/covid19/face-coverings>.

The current guidelines recommend masks for everyone, regardless of vaccination status. There will continue to be no separate seating areas in the sanctuary based upon the vaccination status of worshippers. Although not mandatory, the guidelines also recommend physical distancing (6 feet), frequent handwashing, and staying home when ill.

Helping Hands

Are you interested in quilting? Helping Hands will meet on Saturday, November 6 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at GSLC in room 124, downstairs. We have a lot of quilts to tie, so come and bring a friend!

Wednesday Bible Stories

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is pleased to release Part 4 of 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's Limits, Human Temptation, and the Introduction of Sin."

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.



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 December 3, from 5:00 p.m. – 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, PA. Invite your friends and come out for some Christmas time fun! An online link will be available soon to signup 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!

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.

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.

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 and will be accepted through **Monday, November 14.** (Delivery to Cornerstones is November 16).

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/8hkz9ff2> to signup.

The Closet's annual Everything Christmas Sale. Mark your calendars - Friday, November 5 from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 6 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. This year's sale will be at the Herndon Moose Lodge, 779 Center St, Herndon, only two blocks from The Closet. This should be your first place to shop for holiday decorating, unique gifts, and even toys!

Volunteers are needed from November 1 - 5 to prepare for the event and to assist during the event. You can sign up to volunteer at [The Closet's Everything Christmas Volunteer Signup](#). *The store's guidelines regarding masks and COVID vaccinations will apply at the Everything Christmas event.*

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](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, diced tomatoes, boxed mac & cheese, oatmeal, boxed milk, canned meat, granola bars, popcorn or other snacks.

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 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>