
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Opportunities for
Designated Giving
2020–2021**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Good Shepherd launched our “Above and Beyond” giving program in 2017 to enhance and grow our ministry programs further than our general budget can accommodate. Thank you to everyone who has generously responded to this effort over the years, as well as to those who continue to do so.

Gifts to the sustained Above and Beyond program are just one way for us to acknowledge our willingness to hear God’s call to do even more than we can imagine and trust in Him to provide.

These gifts may be given in celebration of a life milestone; in honor or memory of a person; to advance an area of ministry that has touched your life; or just to respond to an area of need identified by Good Shepherd’s ministry teams.

God calls us to generous stewardship and the sacrificial giving of our time and our treasure. We thank God for your generosity, in advance.

Sincerely, in Christ,
Jotham Johann
Senior Pastor



ABOVE & BEYOND UPDATE

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. This 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.

New opportunities

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Still to be fully funded

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Much has been accomplished, and there’s always more to do! Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

About the program



Good Shepherd's annual budget covers general operating expenses to support the ministries and programs of the church. It is funded by unrestricted, general funds—the generous, regular offerings of our members. To be fiscally responsible, our ministry plans are prioritized so that the general operating budget is balanced against projected offerings.

Gifts to the Above and Beyond effort help enhance and grow our ministry programs further than our general budget can accommodate.

Above and Beyond giving falls into two categories:

1. **Immediate opportunities** are those that do not extend past the current fiscal year. Ministry teams will make every effort to spend all available gifts during the current fiscal year. Once the desired Above and Beyond amount is reached, no more gifts will be accepted for that opportunity during the current fiscal year. These opportunities will be reviewed and updated each year. An example of this type of opportunity would be a gift to support Workcamp 2021.
2. **Long-term opportunities** are those associated with special projects. Because of their significance and magnitude, these opportunities are likely to span a number of years. Once sufficient funds have been received for the project, they will be spent and the fund will be closed.

Donors can specify which opportunities they wish to support, whether long-term or immediate. If a donor does not specify an opportunity, the Senior Pastor will determine where to allocate the gift. In the event GSLC does not have a Senior Pastor on staff, the determination will be made by the serving Pastor or by the Board.

To receive a tax deduction for federal tax purposes, a donor must release control over the gift to the church or designate it to a fund established in advance by the church. General offerings area considered Unrestricted Funds, and GSLC makes the sole determination on how to expend such funds. The funds supported by Above and Beyond gifts will be considered Temporary Restricted Funds. Such funds may only be used for the defined purpose unless released by the donor.

FAQs

What is a “designated gift”? A designated gift is a donation that is to be used for a particular purpose.

May I designate my gift to an opportunity that is not listed here? Maybe. When a designated gift is received, it goes into a specific, designated fund to support a particular opportunity or project. The fund has to be in place before you can donate to it. (This policy is in line with IRS regulations.) These designated, or restricted, funds are created by the Board of Servant Leaders. So if there is a project or opportunity you’d like to support and you don’t see it listed here, discuss it with the pastor or the appropriate ministry team leader. If they agree that the opportunity is aligned with GSLC’s mission and we have the resources to undertake it, a new designated fund will be established to receive the gift. If you make a designated gift and there is no fund for it, we will have to return your gift.

May I direct my gift to more than one opportunity? Yes. GSLC will allocate your gift according to your direction. Contact Business Manager Georgia Thorstenson, georgia@gslcva.org, for instructions on how to make your wishes known.

May I designate my gift for a GSLC staff individual? No. IRS regulations state that such gifts are not tax deductible to the donor and are taxable income to the recipient.

What happens to restricted, or designated, funds at the end of the year if they have not been spent? It depends. Some funds are “annual” and some are “multi-year.” Donations to multi-year funds will be accumulated and rolled over until the purpose of the fund has been satisfied. Donations to annual funds are meant to be spent by the end of the fiscal year in which the donation is made, and GSLC will do its best to conduct the activities that the funds are intended to support. If an “annual” Above and Beyond program is continued in the next fiscal year, unused Above and Beyond balances will be rolled over. If the program is not continued or if it is moved to the general budget, donors will be contacted for permission to redirect the gifts or have them returned.

When and how often can I make a donation? You can make a one-time donation, or you can give periodically at any time during the fiscal year (September 1 through August 31). Note, however, that gifts received toward the end of the fiscal year may not be spent before the new fiscal year begins.

How can I make a donation? You can submit a check, use an electronic funds transfer, or contribute with other types of financial instruments. You may also make a donation through our online giving portal at www.gslcva.org/online-giving. Contact Business Manager Georgia Thorstenson, georgia@gslcva.org.

Will I receive a statement for my designated gift? Yes. Both your regular, general offering and designated gift contributions will be reported on your statement of giving, which is made available each January.

Giving opportunities



WORSHIP

Outdoor service support

Contributions to this Above & Beyond fund will fund the singer at our twice monthly outdoor communion service and will allow us to continue to provide a security presence in the parking lot.

Outdoor service support: ~~\$5,000~~ \$3196.68 still to be funded

Instrumental and Vocal music

The Music Ministry would like to continue to add to its library of instrumental and vocal music. Supporting these funds will allow us to purchase new music.

Instrumental music: ~~\$500~~ fully funded!

Vocal music: ~~\$800~~ \$700 still to be funded

Handbell music: ~~\$600~~ \$500 still to be funded

NOTE: Funding numbers correct as of February 25. Contact Georgia Thorstenson, georgia@gslcva.org, for updates.

Choral section leaders, virtual service singers: ~~\$16,000~~ *fully funded!*
Brass Ensemble/Special music: ~~\$6,000~~ *fully funded!*

WORSHIP: TECHNOLOGY

Cable routing and installation

Over the past four months, Good Shepherd has purchased cameras, computer, audio mixers, controllers, and monitors for the integrated video/audio recording system between the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. (See list of “fully funded” items below.) This system will give us a “live stream option” when the time comes to do that—but a critical piece of this project still needs to be done: Cables need to be routed safely and securely through walls, ceilings, etc., to connect all of this equipment. With funding we could start this important next step within the next few months.

Cable routing, installation: \$7,000



Upgraded visual projection

One of the shortfalls we are working diligently to address is the difficulty many worshipers have in seeing, reading, and enjoying what is projected on the sanctuary screens. This funding opportunity would include a significant upgrade to that system, including new, high-powered laser projectors that will be specifically calibrated for the varying lighting conditions at Good Shepherd. They will integrate seamlessly into the existing system and provide sharp, clear, and bright images to a much broader area of the sanctuary. Additionally, the projectors are designed to take full advantage of the other exciting upgrades that are currently in progress.

This system upgrade will provide the framework to bring the high-quality video and visual imagery to our in-person worship that has become a staple of our virtual worship services.

Projection upgrade: \$30,000



Recording and editing equipment – all fully funded!

Hard drives: \$3,700 fully funded!

Dedicated editing computer. \$4,500 fully funded!

Desk: \$1,100 fully funded!

Audio editing software: \$495 fully funded!

Video editing software: \$299 fully funded!

Fellowship Hall camera 1 (4k, allows for more wide shots): \$5,500 fully funded!

Fellowship Hall camera 2: \$2,695 fully funded!

Sanctuary microphones (2020): \$7,000 fully funded!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Laurel Learning Center summer pool passes

This fund helps provide the Laurel Learning Center with summer passes for the pool. Passes include swim time as well as instruction for children in need who many not otherwise have access to an opportunity such as this. *Laurel Learning pool passes: \$3,600*

Jennifer Mitchell Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is named after a Herndon High School senior who died in a car accident in 1990. It was established to recognize graduating seniors who have attained a solid record of achievement despite economic, family, linguistic, or other difficulties that would have impeded less dedicated and determined students. Good Shepherd, along with four other congregations (St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, St. Thomas à Becket Catholic Church, and the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston) and individual donors, contributed nearly \$13,200 to the fund in 2020. Help support our part in this worthy scholarship. *Jennifer Mitchell fund: \$1,500*

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Lake Anne Fellowship House

Lake Anne Fellowship House provides quality housing for low-income seniors in our area. Help us provide monthly financial support so that their residents can receive help with medications, doctor appointments, and many other needs that they may have. *Lake Anne Fellowship House: ~~\$6,000~~ \$790 remains to be funded*



Weekend Grocery Packs: \$4,300 *fully funded!*

Grocery gift cards for Dogwood Elementary: \$1,500 *fully funded!*

Dogwood Elementary support: \$1,000 *fully funded!*

Cornerstones: \$12,000 *fully funded!*



MISSIONS

El Centro de Partas El Pozo

El Centro de Partas El Pozo is a small medical facility that offers free pregnancy support, nutrition, and midwifery delivery to women in Guatemala. Medical Missionary Joy Woodie (sister of our own Jen Pelletier) runs the clinic, which offers 24/7 support and deliveries and referrals to local hospitals when necessary. Donations will help with expenses for Joy, the facility, and the center's Guatemalan certified midwife.

El Centro de Partas El Pozo: \$2,000



Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz

This fund will help Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, still recovering from hurricane devastation. Read about this church in a [Lutheran Reporter](#) article.

Prince of Peace: \$1,000

Volga Valley Russian Church

Pastors Leif Camp and Yaroslav Boychenko, who visited Good Shepherd in November 2019, are associated with this LCMS-partner Church in Russia congregation. The Mission

Team would like to help this congregation with a small gift.

Volga Valley church: \$500



Missionaries in Africa:

~~\$5,000~~ **fully funded!**

Food for the Poor: \$7,000

fully funded!

Bethania Kids: \$2,500

fully funded!

Lutheran Braille

Workers: \$1,000

fully funded!

SED mission support:

~~\$6,000~~ **fully funded!**

LEARNING and DISCIPLESHIP

All items have been fully funded!

Kids, Youth Ministry Enhancements: ~~\$3,000~~ *fully funded!*

Senior Youth ministry: ~~\$1,000~~ *fully funded!*

Workcamp 2021: Wilmington, Delaware (July 11-17): ~~\$2,000~~ *fully funded!*



LIFE AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Building Contingency fund

The Property and Facilities Team anticipates that we'll have to replace the roof and various HVAC components in the coming years. Help us build up this fund so that when a problem arises that can't be ignored, we can deal with it right away.

Building Contingency fund: ~~\$50,000~~ just \$3,700 remains to be funded

HVAC ionizers

The Properties Team has determined that the best way to minimize the concentration of COVID-19 and other viruses and undesirable air-borne particles in our building is to install ionizers into each of the ventilation systems for our various HVAC zones.

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First priority: adding the ionizing units to the sanctuary's two ventilation systems. Next, adding a unit to the office wing's system.

Other ventilation zones include the music room, the Fellowship Hall, the preschool, and the rooms on the lower level used for Sunday School and Adult Ed classes.

Note: These units are not to be considered an alternative to social distancing, wearing of masks, and sanitizing space after use — protocols that we already have in place. They simply reduce the concentration of particles in the air over a period of time and therefore decrease the likelihood of spreading the infection.

Even when COVID 19 is no longer a pressing issue, these units will continue to help improve air-quality in the building and potentially provide a health benefit.

Ionizer units for sanctuary, office wing: ~~\$11,600~~ \$6,200 remains to be funded

Ionizer units for remainder of building: \$25,000 (estimated)

Congregational celebrations:: ~~\$5,000~~ fully funded!

Opportunities to Give: Time and Talents

Most of the information in this catalog is about sharing our treasure. But God has given talents to share, and the choices we make about how we spend our time are part of stewardship as well.

One way we share is by serving. Good Shepherd's Time and Talent Survey, is available as a PDF online, at gslcva.org/time_talent. Download the PDF, fill it out, and return it to the church office. Even if you've filled it out before, you might have new interests or other updates. Take a look at the form, and consider how you might share your time and your talents to serve at Good Shepherd and promote God's kingdom.



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Photocopier and toner: ~~\$350~~ *fully funded!*



*A Christ-centered
preschool welcoming
all children
ages 2½ through 5*



About Good Shepherd



Our vision

We will be a congregation known for building up God's people through His Word for His world.

Worship

During worship, God comes to us through his gifts of Word and Sacrament. What a joy to respond with prayer and songs of praise. Our worship services give us opportunity to listen to God's word and meditate upon it, thus feeding our faith; and express our concerns for our friends, families, community, and the world through prayer.

Serve

We are called to actively share the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and deed. One way we share is by serving one another and our neighbors in our community and throughout the world. We list many Community Service Opportunities in our weekly bulletins, monthly newsletter, and online.

Grow

We are committed to spiritual growth through the weekly gathering for prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, and through lifelong learning. In addition to growing in knowledge, we want to grow in love and service to others within and beyond our church community.

Connect

As we grow in our love for Jesus and our neighbors, as we serve our neighbors near and far, we help and encourage one another, challenge one another, and share one another's joys and sorrows.



Above & Beyond donation form



Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

I/We would like to donate to the following items from this Giving Opportunities catalog to sustain/expand Good Shepherd's ministry for Christ:

Item(s) (as described in the catalog—e.g., "Dogwood Gift Cards"):

Donation amount(s): _____

Return your donation, with this form, to the church office (1133 Reston Ave., Herndon, VA 20170). For more donation options, see the FAQ section on page 3 of this booklet.

This form is also available online (http://www.gslcva.org/uploads/AB_halfpage2020.pdf).

NOTE: If you would like to have your gifts credited to calendar year 2020, they must be received at the church office or postmarked before December 31, 2020. Contact Business Manager Georgia Thorstenson, georgia@gslcva.org, for further information.

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through His Word
for His world*



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