



GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Board of Servant Leaders: Results

Six members of Good Shepherd ran for four openings on the Board of Servant Leaders (BoSL). The Nomination Committee of the BoSL is pleased to announce that Kathy Eickelberg, Allen Hodges, June McGurn, and John Stoothoff have been elected to serve. Thank you to everyone who voted, and thanks to the other candidates who ran: Sam Blackburn and David Nestleroth.

BoSL members remaining on the Board are Leta Kent, Ted Lillestolen, and Vicki Peter. Current and incoming BoSL members will meet on May 20 to effect the transition to the new Board of Servant Leaders. We thank Josh Linder, Will Metts, Jim Micsan, and Anne Morgan for their faithful service as they complete their two-year terms on the Board.

Pastoral Call

As we gather on May 2, at 1 p.m., for a call meeting to consider calling Pastor James as Specific Ministry Pastor, please see the link below to his resume. You will be considering a call for Pastor James, keeping in mind some of the context which Pastor Johann will explain at the beginning of the meeting:

- 1) Pastor James's responsibilities among us are very part-time and that will not change, if you were to call him and he were to accept. He is very much retired from a lifetime of much service, as you see in his resume. Since this is not a full-time position, we are not applying provisions of our Constitution and Bylaws for a search and nomination process, which assume a full-time or near full-time position.
- 2) After the pandemic, Pastor James may be called upon to cover vacancies in congregations that need a temporary pastor's guidance and ministry, as he was often called on to do, pre-pandemic. If he is called to GSLC and accepts, his call would still be based with us during those short assignments.
- 3) This is a "cash-poor" call, so our agreement with him for compensation will be on a contractual basis.
- 4) Many conversations have taken place with the LCMS District President, the Circuit Visitor, and the leadership of Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church, Ashburn (OSW), where Pastor James's current call resides.
- 5) If you call Pastor James and he accepts, we would avoid the awkward situation wherein Pastor James continues to serve at GSLC but is a member of OSW. Both Pastor James and Sister Jill have participated in a recent GSLC Connections Class and are about to transfer their membership to GSLC. It is their desire that they become members of this congregation. You have "won" their hearts.

[Resume: Pastor Gary James](#)

[Register here.](#) The call will take place via a videoconferencing platform and will be recorded.

Changes to worship services and return-to-campus plan

As COVID-19 restrictions continue to shift, the Board of Servant Leaders, Worship Team, and staff have continued to manage evolving health concerns with the appropriate state and local regulations. As we begin a return to campus several changes regarding in-person worship will be forthcoming.

For this and other COVID-19 related updates:

[Click here for the blog post "Changes to worship services and return-to-campus plans"](#)

[Click here for the COVID-19 Responses, Policies, Updates blog page](#)

Adult Ed opportunities

Pastor James's next class: "Acts: The Gospel throughout the World." Pastor James is leading 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 are held on a videoconference platform, Sundays at 11:30 a.m. 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 or email the church office.

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 outdoor worship: May 1

Good Shepherd will hold an outdoor worship next Sunday at 9 a.m.

[Register here.](#)

For all who wish to attend outdoor services

Participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance. Attendance is now capped at 70 parking spots.

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

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."

Some Above & Beyond opportunities remain

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 upgrade **Fully funded!**
- New mission projects (page 10)

Still to be fully funded

- Outdoor worship support (page 5)
- Music for Sanctuary Choir (page 5) **Fully funded!**
- Community Service projects (page 8)
- Building Contingency fund (page 12)
- Installing ionizers (page 12)



Midweek Recharge: The Sins of Omission

Sins aren't merely the sins we have committed. In fact, the sins of omission, or "what we have left undone," are just as serious. We share in the responsibility for a broken world that continues to show its fragility and volatility. The Gospel and the forgiveness offered through the Risen Lord is what covers the sins of commission and omission and renders us "perfect" before God. In this Midweek Recharge, Pastor Johann details how, when spurred by His grace and love, we fight the good fight, make a difference, and work courageously for justice and mending in a world that truly needs a Savior and His forgiveness and community.

[Watch the Midweek Recharge \(YouTube\).](#)

The Midweek Recharge will also be available as a podcast! Search for all of our podcasts by typing GSLCVA in your favorite podcast app. Or find them at gslcva.org/news-resources/sermons-devotions.

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.

New: Adult confirmation class begins today

For those of you fairly new or unfamiliar to the Lutheran lens and approach as Christians, Pastor Johann is starting an adult confirmation class, today, for six sessions. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings, at 11:30 a.m. For those who want to learn even more than what is offered during these six sessions, Pastor Johann will offer two extra sessions. Sign ups have closed, so please contact the church office if you would like to learn more about the Lutheran lens.

Midweek Recharge

The Sins of Omission



Devotion by the Pastor

Music by Dan Lamaestra, pianist

Retirement celebration and farewell

Susie Hardwick is retiring this summer from her position as Preschool Director, Todd Grivetti, our organist, is leaving us for a new position as of May 2; and Grace Linder, our Communications Assistant in charge of social media, is heading to medical school in June. We would like to honor them with a small farewell party in the church parking lot on Saturday, May 15, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (rain date: May 16). We will serve cupcakes and drinks. If you would like to attend, please register at the link below no later than May 9, indicate how many people will be in your party

[Click here to register for the retirement celebration and farewell party](#)

[Click here for COVID-19 guidelines on outdoor gatherings](#)

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 and a Simple Gesture. Cornerstones is looking for volunteers to help with sorting and moving 6,000 - 12,000 pounds of food donations provided by A Simple Gesture. Multiple dates are available through the remainder of the calendar year. The first-shift volunteers help with accepting and sorting the food donations. The second-shift volunteers continue sorting and help with packing and loading donations for the pantry or storage. All activity takes place outdoors in the parking lot of their Food Pantry at 11484 Washington Plaza West, Reston. Volunteers required to complete a COVID-19 questionnaire prior to service. Masks are required and social distancing rules will be followed for the safety of all participants. Volunteers under the age of 16 will need adult supervision. Closed-toe shoes are recommended for safety. Dress for the changing weather! [Sign up at: https://tinyurl.com/ajyh8h](https://tinyurl.com/ajyh8h).

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: jelly, diced tomatoes, and boxed milk.

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. The Capital Area Food Bank is delivering food for Lake Anne residents as part of the Senior Brown Bag program. They are seeking volunteers to help sort food donations and deliver to the doors of residents' apartments.

Lake Anne Fellowship House: Wednesday, April 28, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/1siay8c4>

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.

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