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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Attendance raised to 50 worshippers for indoor services

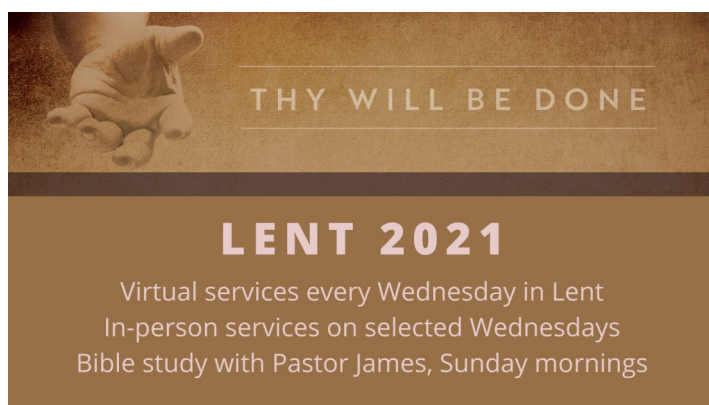
At its meeting this past Thursday evening, the Board of Servant Leaders decided to raise indoor worship attendance to a maximum of 50 worshippers. This adjustment is reflected in the registration forms for upcoming services. This decision is in line with the latest version of the GSLC Reopening Plan, which the Board accepted at the meeting. [Click here for a PDF of the updated plan.](#)

Board discussion session tonight

The Board of Servant Leaders will hold a discussion **tonight, at 7:00.** Topics: Covid-19 management and plans for worship in the months to come. The discussion session will be held on a videoconference platform. You will need to **register by 3 p.m.** to receive a link to the event. Note: This session will be recorded.

Next Sunday's readings

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38



Lent 2021: "Thy Will Be Done"

Sunday and Wednesday services this Lent will focus on the theme "Thy Will Be Done," with each week examining a different aspect of the theme. Lenten Wednesdays will feature sermons as monologues of biblical characters. Pastor James's Sunday morning Adult Ed class will also follow this topic.

The next Lenten Wednesday virtual service will be posted the evening of Wednesday, February 24, and we'll send out an email to let you know when it is ready. In this service, we remember that, at first, Moses did not think he could free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

But God gave him confidence to set his people free. In Lent we remember that God sent his Son to do his will and set all people free from the slavery of sin.

Adult Ed classes

Pastor James's new class begins today, focusing on the theme of each week's Lenten services. Register to receive a link to these classes. [Find the form](#) in the Adult Ed section on our "Grow" page.

Heidi Cooper's class: *God's Relentless Love: A Study of Hosea*, by Sharla Fritz. The book is available through [Amazon](#) or through [Concordia Publishing House](#). Contact the [church office](#) for information about participating in the class.

Register for upcoming in-person worship services

[Register for Sunday, February 28, 9 a.m.](#) Registration closes Tuesday, February 23.

Participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance. Attendance is limited to 50 worshippers. Participants are also encouraged to read GSLC's health guidelines and information about indoor worship before attending any indoor service. See links below.

[Register for Wednesday, March 3, 12:30 p.m. \(outdoor service\)](#)

Get the bulletin for Saturday services on the registration page or on our [worship page](#). Save it on your phone or tablet, or print it out.

[Register for Wednesday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. \(indoor service\)](#)

Attendance is limited to 50 worshippers. Registration closes at 11:55 p.m. on Monday, March 1.

[Informational video about indoor worship on Vimeo](#)

[Informational video about indoor worship on YouTube](#)

[Worship Guidelines](#) [Health Guidelines](#) [Indoor Worship Volunteer Tasks](#)

Connections Class

Thanks to everyone who signed up for our latest Connections Class, which begins today. This class is full, but we will be offering another session in a few months.

The Connections Class is for those among us who would like to find out more about our congregation and are considering becoming members. [Email the church office](#) if you'd like to be on the list for the next Connections Class. **If you wish to join the current session,** contact Pastor Johann: pastorjo@gslcva.org.



Good Shepherd preschool reopening in March, enrolling for September

For information and forms, contact Preschool Director Susie Hardwick

preschool@gslcva.org
703-437-4511

Or visit our website

www.gslcva.org/preschool



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."

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.

Nominations open for upcoming Board of Servant Leaders election

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for candidates to fill four upcoming vacancies on the Board of Servant Leaders. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, March 5. Members of this year's Nominating Committee are BoSL Vice Chair Ted Lillestolen; Board Members Leta Kent and Vicki Peter; Bob Neil; and Pastor Johann.

Documents about responsibilities for the Board and for Board members and the nomination form are available on [our website](#). You'll also find information about Board Member qualifications to consider when thinking about a person you might like to nominate as a candidate.



To submit names of potential candidates, print out the nomination form ([found on the website](#)), fill it out, and email a PDF (scan) of it to the church office (gslc@gslcva.org), mail the form to the church, or drop it off in person. The office will forward all nomination forms to the Nominating Committee.

The schedule for the nomination, slate publication, and election process is also online.

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.

The Closet of Greater Herndon volunteer need. The Closet is looking for volunteers to help sort and price toys onsite Sunday, February 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m. No customers will be present to enable safe social distancing. Masks are required to participate. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well. Walk-ins are always welcome but advance notice is appreciated. Contact Laura Greenspan at lauragreenspan@comcast.net for more information and to let her know if you'll be able to help.

Fellowship Square. Fellowship Square is seeking healthy adults (age 18+) to deliver food donations to Fellowship Square residents' apartments. This role requires physical activity: walking, bending, stooping, reaching, and lifting up to 25 lbs. COVID-19 precautions and safety measures will be followed. Please see the sign-up links for details.

Lake Anne Fellowship House. Wednesday, February 24, 2-4 p.m. Sign up at tinyurl.com/1siay8c4

We need your help! North County Hypothermia Shelter- openings in February and March! Good Shepherd will once again be supporting the Fairfax County Hypothermia Shelter every Wednesday, December through March. Because of Covid-19 related restrictions, volunteers will not be serving food. Meals should be delivered between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m. to the Hypothermia Shelter, located in the North County Human Services Building, 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, just ¼ mile from the Embury 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. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/26v73zph>

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: cereal, diced tomatoes, pasta sauce

Volunteers needed: Looking for a way to help the community and have some in person contact? Try volunteering for the pantry! Volunteers needed for pantry collections and drivers needed to transport packed bags to South Lakes High School. Contact Holly Vanderhoof, holly@gslcva.org, if you can help.

Pedal to the Metal Bike Remodel. Do you have a bike that has been outgrown or is simply unused? Moss Building Design would love to take any size bike off your hands and put it to good use! With the help of their community business partners, Moss Building Design will take your donated bikes and get them in tip-top shape. Their nonprofit partners will then distribute the bikes to families in need within their organizations, just in time for spring! Bicycle donations will be accepted between until March 5 (the sooner the better). Please email [Hello@MossBuildingAndDesign.com](mailto>Hello@MossBuildingAndDesign.com) to make arrangements to drop bikes off at Moss or arrange for pickup at your home. *Thank you to Jeannine Miller and the Moss team for sharing this service project with Good Shepherd.*

The Giving Tree. The Giving Tree is back through March! Support the North County Hypothermia Shelter with items for their clients. **Needs (all items must be new with tags):** wool socks, hats, mittens, gloves, sweat pants, sweatshirts, washcloths and toiletry items (travel size). As the weather turns colder these items will, in some cases, be necessary for homeless people to make it through the winter. **Due to COVID-19, the Giving Tree will operate in conjunction with the no-contact donation times of the SLHS Food Pantry. We will collect items Mondays 2-4 p.m. and Wednesdays 10 a.m.-noon. You may also send items directly to the church.**

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/2L2C8DMEZS00V?ref=wl_share. For more information contact Helping Hungry Kids, HHK@corefoundation.org