



GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 18, 2021

Updates and more information at gslcva.org/

Next Sunday's readings

2 Kings 4: 42 - 44

Ephesians 3: 14 - 21

John 6: 1 - 21

Next worship services: July 25

Good Shepherd holds outdoor and indoor services weekly.

- Outdoor worship on Sunday, Jul 25, 8:30 a.m. — [Click here to register](#)
- Indoor worship on Sunday, Jul 25, 9:45 a.m. — [Click here to register](#)

Note: Effective today outdoor services for which fewer than 20 participants have registered by noon on Saturday will be canceled. We will email all registrants through Sign-Up Genius, if the service is to be canceled.



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.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

"All aboard!" VBS is back and this summer you're invited to hop aboard for mountains of fun at *Rocky Railway* – Good Shepherd's Vacation Bible School! On this epic, faith-filled adventure, kids will discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. We are working hard to make plans for a safe and successful in-person VBS and can't wait to welcome you back this summer.



[Register here \(Attendees and Volunteers\)](#)

[Information about VBS](#)

Note: Volunteers are needed. Please be contact [Holly Vanderhoof](#) for VBS volunteer information.

Director of Christian Education – transition

Starting on August 1 a transition of all functional areas under the Discipleship Ministry will occur. Interim roles are as follows:

- Interim Youth Director (MSM, HSM, and related ministries) - Holly Vanderhoof
- Confirmation - Pastor James (Lead) and Pastor Johann (Backup)
- Sunday School for Kids - TBD. If you have a heart for young people, please let us know.

Midweek Recharge: "Weak = Strong"

Can you confess, "I am in need?" I hope that you can. But can you also confess, "I am needy, and that is a good thing, because then will I know the strength of God." It is through the tough times and difficult seasons that God reveals to us that His grace is enough. His strength is enough, more than enough, as we are weak and needy alone and strong and powerful in Christ. God's grace, his favor, his kindness is all we truly need.

This audio is from our podcast channel. Find all of our podcasts by searching for GSLCVA on your favorite podcast app.

[Listen to the Midweek Recharge \(Sermons & Devotions page\)](#)



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>)

Preschool Director—"The Happy Place"

We are excited to be welcoming new and returning families to our preschool in September! Our Christ-centered program is offering smaller classes this year as we consider the children’s needs while complying with the Department of Education’s policies. Each class will have two loving, trained teachers to celebrate and nurture each child’s development in their learning and play.

Our friend and former church Administrative Assistant, Donna Carrens, called the preschool “The Happy Place!” Indeed, it is where Jesus’ love surrounds the children, families, and staff.

Susie Hardwick will be retiring as Director in August, and would like to discuss the essentials of the job description, and the new options of leadership and scheduled hours. She would especially enjoy sharing how this opportunity furthers the many joys of ministering in His love as the Director of Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Please prayerfully consider talking with Susie about this opportunity and contact the preschool at (703) 437-4511 for additional information.

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.

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) **El Centro de Partas El Pozo: \$1,300 needed to fully fund!**

Still to be fully funded

- Outdoor worship support (page 5) **Fully funded!**
- Music for Sanctuary Choir (page 5) **Fully funded!**
- Community Service projects (page 8) **Fully funded!**
- Building Contingency fund (page 12) **\$780 needed to fully fund!**
- Installing ionizers (page 12) **\$14,725 of \$25,000 needed to fully fund!**



PRAYER GATHERINGS

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective

WEDNESDAYS
7:00 PM

Register at
gslcva.org/prayer-gatherings

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.

Congregational directory update

The GSLC office is in the process of updating the "GSLC Members and Friends Directory." In order to make the directory as accurate as possible, we need updated contact information from the congregation. If any contact information has changed in your household, please email the church at gslc@gslcva.org with the updates. Information we would like to have on each member includes: family member names, mailing address, household phone number, and household email address. We welcome additional contact information such as personal email address and personal cell phone number. Thank you for your help.

Women's retreat

Ladies, mark your calendar for the annual women's retreat this November 12-14, in Winchester, VA. Once again, after a long hiatus, we will be enjoying a weekend of Bible study, fun and fellowship at the George Washington hotel in lovely downtown Winchester.

"Households of Faith" is the theme for this year's conference. With 2100 scripture references to households, we may need to move in for the week just to explore this topic from a scripture lens. Led by Sally Hiller, we will explore the meaning of "Household", the importance of a spiritually vibrant household, and how we as followers of Jesus build such a household.

Plenty of room is available so consider inviting a friend, your sister, you mom or your daughter. This event is for all women over 21. Sign up information with costs and rooming options will be published in early August. We can't wait to have you with us!

For questions, contact Heidi Cooper at: heidi@gslcva.org.

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. Active COVID protocols will be followed in most cases and are subject to change.

Rocky Railway VBS Volunteers needed! Can you lend a hand for a day or a week? Visit www.gslcva.org/vbs for sign up and more information.

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. *If you are interested in helping, email Holly Vanderhoof, holly@gslcva.org, to get up-to-date volunteer needs.*

Revised volunteer guidelines: masks required if you have not been vaccinated.

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

Low on food for next week's pack! URGENT NEEDS: boxed milk, jelly, canned veggies, microwave popcorn, granola bars.

Volunteers needed: We could always use a few more volunteers in the summer when our regulars take time off. Driving and pantry help is always welcome. Contact Holly Vanderhoof, holly@gslcva.org, if you can help.

Volunteers needed for July 31! Family Opportunity - Gleaning for Cornerstones! Help collect donated food from local farmers every weekend at the Reston Farmer's Market at Lake Anne for Cornerstones. Meet at the Snap at Market tent when you arrive. Volunteers under the age of 16 must have adult supervision. Closed-toe shoes are recommended. **11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Dates: July 31, August 7, October 2 and October 23.

Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/k28jkxx2>

The Closet of Greater Herndon. New volunteer opportunities! The Closet requires volunteer support, including prepping clothing or hard goods for sale, working on the sales floor in a variety of jobs, or working outside accepting and sorting donations. When you arrive at The Closet you will be matched with a job based upon need for that day and your capabilities. **Revised volunteer guidelines: masks required if you have not been vaccinated. Signup at:** <https://tinyurl.com/vv9czz8k>

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. Volunteers under the age of 16 will need adult supervision. Closed-toe shoes are recommended for safety. Dress for the changing weather! Dates: August 7, October 2 and December 4. For more information and to sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/ajyhph8h>