



GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 30, 2021

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Next indoor worship: June 6

Good Shepherd will hold indoor worship on Sunday, Jun 6 at 9:00 a.m. — [Registration coming soon.](#)

Stay tuned for announcements about changes in COVID-19 guidelines for indoor worship services, starting on June 6.

Change in guidelines for indoor and outdoor services

The Board of Servant Leaders (BoSL), in consultation with the pastor and church leaders/committees, has approved guidelines pertaining to facility use and Sunday morning indoor and outdoor worship services. An update will be provided detailing all pertinent guidelines in the coming week detailing everything that is changing for services starting on June 6.

Indoor worship changes

Starting on June 13 Indoor worship service will be offered weekly at 9:45 a.m., with livestream capability. The changes in COVID-19 guidelines, starting on June 6, will apply. Stay tuned for announcements in upcoming articles, through the registration form, and on our worship pages (www.gslcva.org/ministries/worship) and COVID Response and Updates (www.gslcva.org/covid-19-response-and-updates).

Outdoor worship changes

Outdoor worship services are changing and will be held on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. **This new service day and time will begin on Sunday, June 13.**

Because of the positive response to the “lawn chair seating” option that was offered at the outdoor service on Easter, this option will be offered at all Sunday morning outdoor services. The configuration of the seating will change a bit, and details about those changes will be shared in upcoming articles, through the registration form, and on our worship pages (www.gslcva.org/ministries/worship). Information about adjustments to communion distribution, registration deadlines, masking and distancing guidelines, and so on will also be shared within the coming weeks. (Please note that the music for Sunday morning services will be provided by a keyboardist and singer, as has been the case for the Saturday morning services.)

Our outdoor service has been a valued part of our multiple worship service options since it began last summer. We are pleased to continue to offer it for those among us who would prefer not to worship indoors just yet.



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.

Be sure to save the date for this year’s VBS:

Monday, August 2 through Friday, August 6, 2021 (9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.).

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

[Information about VBS](#)

Next Sunday’s readings

Gen 3: 8 – 15

2 Cor 4: 13 – 5:1

Mark 3: 20 – 35

Midweek Recharge: Bittersweet Gifts

In this Midweek Recharge, Pastor Johann discusses the uncertainty of saying goodbye and farewell to our pets. We do not know what eternity awaits our pets only that God has given them to us as a special blessing, to love, cherish, and enjoy as our companions. When saying farewell we know that God loves all his creatures and we thank Him for these great gifts as we commit them to His care.

[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.



Retirement celebration and farewell

Donna Carrens, our administrative assistant, has left her position for medical reasons and **Julie Schorfheide**, our Communications Director is retiring from her position at the church. We would like to honor them with a small farewell party in the church parking lot on **Saturday, June 12, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (rain date: June 13)**. We will serve cupcakes and drinks. If you would like to attend, please register at the link below no later than June 6, indicate how many people will be in your party.

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

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) *\$790 needed to fully fund!*
- Installing ionizers (page 12) *\$14,850 of \$25,000 needed to fully fund!*



Preschool Director Opportunity

Would you enjoy sharing the love of Jesus with young children, families and staff? Are you enthusiastic about serving in a ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, directing a Christ-centered preschool program that welcomes all God's children? Do you have education and experience in early childhood education (or related field), with a desire to nurture age-appropriate practices in children's learning through play? Are you proficient in planning and management of administrative tasks such as budgeting, banking, and staff records? Maintaining social media? Would you strive to follow all safety regulations and comply with state requirements? Above all, do you feel God is calling you to joyfully serve the church and preschool?

Please contact Susie Hardwick (703-437-4511 or preschool@gslcva.org) if you would like to learn more about being the next director of Good Shepherd's 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."

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. The next class will be held on June 7 at 7:00 p.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, Woman2Woman. Heidi Cooper started a new study *Equipped: The Armor of God for Everyday Struggles* on Sunday, May 16, running through June 27. Classes through June 13 will be at 10:30 a.m. and at 11:15 a.m. starting June 13. Please contact Heidi Cooper for more information (Heidi@gslcva.org).

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.

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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. Please check for revised volunteer guidelines when choosing a volunteer opportunity. Active COVID-19 protocols will be followed in most cases and are subject to change.

The Closet of Greater Herndon. New volunteer opportunities! The Closet is in need of 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 The Closet's needs that day and your capabilities. **Revised volunteer guidelines: masks are required if you have not been vaccinated.** **Signup at:** <https://tinyurl.com/vv9czt8k>.

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 must complete a COVID-19 questionnaire before volunteering. Masks are required, and physical distancing rules will be followed for the safety of all participants. Volunteers under the age of 16 must have adult supervision. Closed-toe shoes are recommended. Please plan to dress for the changing weather!

11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dates: June 19, July 31, August 7, October 2, and October 23.

Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/k62jkxx6>

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 2:00 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

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: peanut butter, jelly, canned veggies, dried beans (1-2 lb. bag).

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

Cornerstones Fresh Produce Drive. Stop by Good Shepherd on Friday June 25 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and help us stuff the Cornerstones bus with fresh produce. Produce collected will be distributed to Cornerstones' clients the following day.

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. 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, VA 20190. Volunteers required to complete a COVID19 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! Dates: August 7, October 2, and December 4. Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/ajyhph8h>

Helping Hungry Kids (HHK) HHK is providing weekend grocery packs to students in need at area elementary schools. 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