



GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 10, 2021
Updates and more information at gslcva.org/

Next Sunday's readings

Isaiah 53: 4 - 12

Hebrews 5: 1 - 10

Mark 10: 35 - 45

Next worship services: October 17

Good Shepherd holds outdoor and indoor services weekly.

- Outdoor worship on Sunday, October 17, 8:30 a.m. - [Click here to register](#)
- Indoor worship on Sunday, October 17, 9:45 a.m. - [Click here to register](#)

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.



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>)

Women's retreat

Ladies, **THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TODAY!** Get ready 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, your mom or your daughter. This event is for all women over 21. We can't wait to have you with us!

Sign up information with costs and rooming options can be seen on the website - [Click here to register](#).

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

All Saints Day observance—submit names

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have an All Saints Day observance in worship on Sunday, November 7. We will use the rite known as "Commemoration of the Faithful Departed" as an opportunity to name before God and one another those whom God has called to himself in the last year. Requests to add an individual will be provided to the congregation, for three weeks, as an insert to the bulletin starting on October 17. Contact the church office for additional help or questions. **Submission deadline: Monday, November 1.**

Wednesday Bible Stories - new feature

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is pleased to announce the release of our new midweek feature, Wednesday Bible Stories. Over the next few weeks we will be exploring the Bible and sharing the story on our social media ([Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)) as well as the Friday Blast. Each week our story will progress and provide teachings as we explore biblical concepts. Join us as we see the Bible through pictures, quotes, and thoughts. Our story starts out with Genesis 1 - 2 and "In the beginning."

Youth Confirmation

Confirmation for 7th and 8th grade students is starting back up. For those who choose to take part in the confirmation program please register by contacting Michele Clair at michele@gslcva.org for more information.

The first session is scheduled with Pastor James on October 14 and will be an in-person class starting at 6:45 p.m.

HSM630 Fall Retreat!

Registration deadline - October 10! Join us for our High School Fall Retreat - In The Making - November 5-7 at Camp Caroline Furnace. The cost is \$125 which includes lodging, meals (except for Friday dinner and Sunday lunch), and a retreat themed t-shirt. Visit <https://gslcva.org/ministries/youth/> for more information and registration.

High School Ministry (HSM)

HSM630! High School Ministry invites teens in grades 9-12 to join them for The Great Pumpkin Hunt on October 24 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Contact Holly Vanderhoof at holly@gslcva.org for more information.

HSM630 stay connected!

High School students—download the GroupMe app and scan the code below to join our HSM630 Group Chat. This is a great way to stay connected to the latest information about the youth group.



Adult Education

Ladies Bible Study: "Be Still and Know" - Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Bible Study via Zoom, in lieu of a Sunday morning class. The first session looked at Psalm 46 in detail and examines storms of life. The remaining sessions, study narratives from the Gospels as Jesus meets various women who are experiencing their own storms and explore the perspective of each woman as He provides refuge, strength, help, and hope. Sign up by emailing Heidi Cooper: heidi@gslcva.org.

Connections Class

Are you interested in learning more about the life and ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC)? On October 18 at 7:30 p.m. GSLC will be holding the first of 3 sessions of our Connections Class via Zoom. Session one's theme is "Engage" - learn more about us. Session two's theme is "Explore" - learn more about what it means to be Lutheran. Session three's theme is "Connect" - discover ways in which you can connect with us and our ministries. Session two will be held on October 25 and the third session will be scheduled soon.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information, email Heidi Cooper at heidi@gslcva.org or call the church office.

Fall Family Fun Festival

Join us, young and old, for a cook out style lunch and a "Trunk-or-Treat." Our grill masters will be serving up Brats and Hot Dogs for all. Please feel free to add to the fun and bring a side dish to share! Hot and cold ciders, waters, and desserts will be provided.

After the feast we will have the "Trunk-or-Treat." Join in the fun and decorate your car trunk and put out candy for the kids, who can show off their costumes in exchange for some treats! If decorating and candy are not your thing, crafts will be available for the kids. All are welcome, and cards do not need to be decorated in order to join in the fun and fellowship.

If you are interested in attending check out the [SignUp Genius registration](#) or email Heidi Cooper at heidi@gslcva.org for assistance.

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.

September Attendance

GSLC is pleased to announce the continued growth of our worship services. Our indoor worship service, outdoor worship service virtual (recorded/livestream), and virtual (website/podcast) offerings have provided multiple ways to worship each and every Sunday. Please see below for a snapshot of our September attendance:

Indoor Worship Service: 376 Outdoor Worship Service: 211
Virtual (Recorded/Livestream): 843 Virtual (Website/Podcast): 234

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.

COVID-19 guidance

Effective September 26 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) will follow Fairfax County Government COVID-19 guidelines. These will apply to all employees, members, and visitors participating in indoor activities including worship, Christian education, youth activities, meetings, and office work. General information can be found at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid-19-information-portal>.

The current guidelines mandate masks for everyone, regardless of vaccination status. GSLC will make an exception for worship officiants while speaking from the chancel, musicians while singing from the choir loft, and worshippers when partaking in communion. Office workers may remove their mask when alone in a private office. Masks may also be removed for eating and drinking in the building. Separate seating areas in the sanctuary for unvaccinated worshippers will be discontinued.

Although not mandatory, the guidelines recommend physical distancing (6 feet), frequent handwashing, and staying home when ill.

Community Service and COVID-19. Active COVID protocols will be followed in most cases and are subject to change.

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. **October 23. 11:15 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.**

Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/k28jkxx2s>

Save the date! Do it Your Way 0.5K for South Lakes

High School Food Pantry – October 17. Join us October 17 at Lake Anne from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. to support the pantry as part of the Good Shepherd team. This is a fun, family opportunity for all ages! Scan the code for more information and to register.



South Lakes Food Pantry is now operating out of their new space on the lower level! *If you are interested in helping, email [Holly Vanderhoof](mailto:holly@gslcva.org), holly@gslcva.org, to get up-to-date volunteer needs.*

Revised volunteer guidelines: masks required regardless of vaccination status.

NO-CONTACT Donation curbside drop offs:

Mondays: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 10 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

URGENT NEEDS: jelly, spaghetti, boxed milk

Thanksgiving Meals! It's that time of year again when we help provide area families in need with a Thanksgiving meal. Each meal is \$50 and includes a \$25 grocery gift card. Stay tuned for online donation information and let us do the shopping. Meals will be delivered the week of the week of November 15.

Angel Tree. With the holidays around the corner we will once again support Cornerstones' clients with Angel Tree gifts. Due to COVID-19 we will be asking for store specific gift cards. Look for a signup genius soon to sponsor a child or adult! Gifts will be delivered the week of November 15.

The Closet of Greater Herndon. New volunteer opportunities! The Closet now requires proof of COVID-19 vaccination from all staff and volunteers who work/volunteer at The Closet. This measure is being taken to protect the health and safety of the store's customers, volunteers, and staff. *Masks required regardless of vaccination status.* Signup at: <https://tinyurl.com/vv9czz8k>

Lutheran Social Services Nations Capitol Area (LSSNCA). LSSNCA walks with those in need and mobilizes community partners to provide services that offer hope and rebuild lives. Within a two month period they are expecting to resettle potentially 800 Afghans. Refugees have been housed at the Dulles Expo Center, while they wait to resettle, and gifts to LSS will help provide transportation, temporary housing, and other immediate needs.

For more information visit: https://lssnca.org/take_action/afghan-allies.html