



GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 12, 2021
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Next Sunday's readings

Jeremiah 11: 18—20

James 3: 13—4: 3, 7—8a

Mark 9: 30—37

Next worship services: September 19

Good Shepherd holds outdoor and indoor services weekly.

- Outdoor worship on Sunday, September 19, 8:30 a.m. - [Click here to register](#)
- Indoor worship on Sunday, September 19, 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.



Pop-Up listening session: Staffing Vision Committee

Come tell us what you think! Please join us for coffee and a pop-up Listening Session this Sunday, September 12, from 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - between the outdoor (8:00 a.m.) and indoor (9:45 a.m.) worship services. We'll meet outside the narthex, weather permitting, and we'll have the coffee brewed, plus a few chairs for those who might need them.

The Board of Servant Leaders (BoSL) commissioned the Staffing Committee to explore the congregation's desires to pursue additional opportunities, which might then be staffed in a range of ways - full time or part time called staff, full time or part time lay staff, and/or volunteers. Since DCE Andy Muich gave notice his responsibilities are now in the mix.

The Staffing Committee would love to have a small listening session with you about opportunities going forward, including but not necessarily limited to Andy's responsibilities when he left. If you are willing and able to meet with us Sunday morning, we'd love to hear what you think! If you're not free Sunday morning, don't worry! More listening sessions will follow. If you'd like to schedule a specific small group or one-on-one session with the committee, please contact Committee Chair June McGurn at junetralle@yahoo.com.

Church Celebration - honoring Andy Muich

We will be honoring Andy Muich with a church celebration in the lower parking lot today following the indoor worship service from 11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch and drinks will be provided. Please bring a lawn chair if you wish to have seating.

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>)

Adult Education

Ladies Bible Study: "Be Still and Know" - Starting Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., we will begin an evening Bible Study via Zoom, in lieu of a Sunday morning class. The first session looks at Psalm 46 in detail and examines storms of life. Then, in the following seven 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.

Adult Bible Study: The "Letters of John" - Starting Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 11:30 a.m., we will start a Bible Study via Zoom. The description of the study is as follows: There is widespread distrust of Christian faith and many church members are confused and uncertain. The certainty of Christian people is twofold: objective (that the Christian religion is true) and subjective (that they have been born of God and possess eternal life). Both are expounded by John, who takes it for granted that this double assurance is right and healthy. In the Letters of John (by John Stott - one of the world's leading and most-loved Bible teachers) we will study the nature of these certainties and the grounds on which they are built.

Sign up for Adult Education by completing the form on the website: [Click here to register](#).

Winter Schedule

Now that staff members and GSLC members are back from vacations, we will begin much discussion to determine our Winter Sunday morning schedules for (pre)Advent to Easter. This will include taking a congregational survey and holding a number of staff and core ministry meetings and worship team meetings.

Stay tuned for more information about a new worship and Sunday School schedule in October!

GSLC by the numbers

GSLC has been truly blessed to provide three weekly worship formats for worshippers. Outdoor Worship, Indoor Worship, and Virtual (Recorded/Livestream/Podcast) Worship services are available on a weekly basis for a growing number of people. As of August 2021 GSLC had over 200 YouTube subscribers, thousands of minutes of views of Facebook videos, hundreds of website podcast downloads, and hundred of impressions on Vimeo.

A breakdown of attendance and views by format follows:

August Snapshot of In-person, Listens, and Views

Indoor Worship Service	498
Outdoor Worship Service	239
Virtual (Recorded/Livestream)	892
Virtual (Website/Podcast)	104

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, georgia@gslcva.org, for the most up-to-date information on what giving opportunities remain.**

New opportunities

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

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) *Fully fund!*
- Installing ionizers (page 12) *\$11,950 of \$25,000 needed to fully fund!*

Remaining amount to be funded will go to new ionizer equipment for the remainder of the church plant, especially the Fellowship Hall.



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.

Face mask guidance

Following Fairfax County Public Health guidelines, Good Shepherd recommends that all worshippers wear face masks throughout the worship service. Worshippers and visitors to Good Shepherd are also asked to wear masks while they are anywhere in the building. These requests apply to everyone, regardless of vaccination status.

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, 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.

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.

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. Closed-toe shoes are recommended.

Dates: October 2 and October 23. Time: 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

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.

Check out N&A for registration details in the coming weeks. This is a fun, family opportunity for all ages!

Family Opportunity - BIG SERVE Saturday- Thank you! Thank you to everyone that pitched in to spread the mulch at the playground on Saturday. Look for more BIG SERVE events in the future!

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

South Lakes Food Pantry is now operating out of their new space on the lower level! 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 regardless of vaccination status.**

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: soup, canned vegetables, diced tomatoes, boxed mac & cheese, ramen, granola bars, snacks, pasta, jelly, boxed milk, pasta sauce

Volunteers needed: As we work out any kinks delivering from the new space downstairs, we may need some extra help loading on Thursday afternoons. We could always use a few more volunteers when our regulars take time off. Driving and pantry help is always welcome. Contact Holly Vanderhoof, holly@gslcva.org, if you can help.

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 regardless of vaccination status.** **Signup at:** <https://tinyurl.com/vv9czt8k>