



# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 19, 2021  
Updates and more  
information at  
[gslcva.org/](http://gslcva.org/)

### Next Sunday's readings

Numbers 11: 4 - 6, 10 - 16, 24 - 29

James 5: 13 - 20

Mark 9: 38 - 50

### Next worship services: September 26

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.



### Sunday Spark—returns today!

The Sunday Spark for kids is returning today! With the return to campus and format changes the Kids' Message, when available, will be included in the Livestream Service. The family fun page and grade specific lessons are now included in the Sunday morning "livestream service" email. For those who chose to worship via our Virtual Recorded worship service a time stamp will be included with the release of the afternoon podcast and videos annotating the location of the Kids' Message in the worship service.

### High School Ministry (HSM)

HSM630 Kickoff! High School Ministry invites teens in grades 9—12 to join us from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. at the fire ring in the church parking lot. Bring a chair or blanket—s'mores will be provided! Come hear what's in store for HSM630 this year and enjoy some fellowship! Please e-mail Holly Vanderhoof for more information: [holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org).

### Big SERVE Saturday

Thank you to everyone who participated in Big SERVE Saturday last week. We had three service projects to include: Mulching the Preschool Playground, Helping Hands Ministry, and Food for Neighbors donations for the SLHS Food Pantry. We could not have done any of these events without our volunteers—thank you!

### 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/Gie08Xc\\_sCY](https://youtu.be/Gie08Xc_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](mailto: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](#).

Registration Concerns: We have heard from some that technical issues have stopped them from signing up for the Adult Bible Study with Pastor James. Due to these issues we have moved the start date to September 26. If you are unable to register please email Jeff Donahue: [jeff@gslcva.org](mailto:jeff@gslcva.org).

# GSLC by the numbers

GSLC has been blessed to provide three weekly worship formats: Outdoor Worship, Indoor Worship, and Virtual Worship (Recorded/Livestream/Podcast). A breakdown of attendance and views by format follows.

As always please fill out the attendance/welcome cards so we can continue to adequately provide resources for all worshippers.

## 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](mailto: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](https://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.

### 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. 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](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org).

## 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.

## 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.

**Dates: October 2 and October 23. Time: 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. Check out N&A for registration details in the coming weeks. This is a fun, family opportunity for all ages!

**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](https://lssnca.org/take_action/afghan-allies.html)

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](mailto: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:**, diced tomatoes, boxed mac & cheese, spaghetti, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned beans, rice, cereal

**The Closet of Greater Herndon. New volunteer opportunities!** The Closet now requires proof of COVID 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/vv9czt8k>