



**Next Service Readings**

Isaiah 53:4-12

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

**Adult Bible Study**

All are welcome to join the Adult Bible study at 9:30 a.m., in room 111, as we continue with an eight-session study of the *Images of the Spirit* by Dale and Sandy Larson. Join us and you will find more than just information on the Spirit – you will find an invitation into the work and life of the Spirit. Questions? Please contact Pastor Gary James ([pastorgary@gslcva.org](mailto:pastorgary@gslcva.org)).

**Women's Bible Study**

Would you like to join a Sunday Bible study? Join us at 9:30 a.m., in room 203! Heidi Cooper will be hosting a Sunday Bible study. The study is *God's Provision in a Wilderness World* by Lindsay Hausch. Join Heidi as she leads a discussion looking closely at the experience the Israelites had in the wilderness and see how the Creator is blessing us with His gifts in our everyday struggles. Interested? Contact Heidi Cooper ([heidi@gslcva.org](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org)) for the details. Books will be available.

**Workcamp 2025–Winchester, Kentucky (July 5-12)**

Next year GSLC High School youth will be traveling to Winchester, Kentucky, to participate in Group Mission Trips Workcamp where teens will serve others through home repair and more. **Registration is open to high schoolers AND college-age young adults!** A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due, along with registration forms, by **Sunday, October 20**. For more information, and registration forms, contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).

**Columbarium Concept Images**

Images of the Columbarium Concept will be available in limited hard copies at the Welcome Center in the church entry area. Samples of these images can be seen on the screens in the church entryway, the Friday eBlast, or via this link (<https://tinyurl.com/yc4fktsm>). Stay tuned for details about an October vote regarding the Columbarium concepts. Questions? Contact Walt Peter through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)).

**Concordia Seminary Music Series–Reformation Music**

Join the Concordia Seminary for a special Reformation service of sacred music entitled "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe." This **special service** of Sacred Music for Reformation, featuring Laudamus, the St. Louis Lutheran Chorale and Chamber Ensemble, will be on **Sunday, October 27**, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT. Interested? Check out the livestream at [csl.edu/live](https://csl.edu/live).

**All Saints Day Observance**

As part of Good Shepherd's All Saints Day observance on Sunday, November 3, we will use the rite known as "Commemoration of the Faithful Departed," an opportunity to name before God and one another those friends and family members whom God has called to himself in the last year. We invite you to provide names of those whom you would like to include in this rite. Please submit names by using our online form at [gslcva.org/worship/services](https://gslcva.org/worship/services), under the section "All Saints Day names."

**Submission deadline: Tuesday, October 29.**

Questions? Email the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) or call 703-437-5020.

**Men's Brotherhood–A look ahead**

**Monthly Breakfasts: Saturday, November 9** - Men's Breakfast **Saturday, November 9** - La Madeleine Restaurant, Reston. We will renew our GSLC Men's Brotherhood Speakers Circuit during this monthly meeting. Ken Harvey, a former four-time Pro Bowler, NFL Redskins linebacker, and five-time Hall of Fame nominee; current business entrepreneur; and author will be our speaker. Please save the date and plan to attend! | Men's Breakfast **Saturday, December 14** - La Madeleine Restaurant, Reston.

**Upcoming Events:** Other events currently in planning include visits to a brewery, billiards night, indoor and outdoor shooting ranges, blacksmithing - The Forge, baseball games, and hiking events.

**Preschool–Request for social media reviews**

Hello Good Shepherd families! If your child has ever attended Good Shepherd Lutheran School (GSL), we would be honored if you left a review on our Facebook (<https://tinyurl.com/492s689h>) and Google (<https://tinyurl.com/4y6avtsn>) pages. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support as we expand the preschool program. Questions? Contact preschool director Sarah Brazell ([preschool@gslcva.org](mailto:preschool@gslcva.org)) for more information.

**Events This Week**

**Worship Service: Sunday, October 20:** 8:00 a.m. (Traditional) | 11:00 a.m. (Traditional) | Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>) for more information

**Sunday School: Sunday, October 20:** 9:30 a.m. (kids, youth, and adults)

**Choir Practice: Sunday, October 20:** 9:30 a.m. (Choir loft)

**Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, October 16:** 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

**Community Service: Monday, October 14:** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, October 16:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, October 17:** 3:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at SLHS (lower parking lot) | Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).

**Life Groups**

**Young Adults**

**Sunday, October 13:** 12:00 p.m. (video teleconference or GSLC Conference Room)  
Contact John Purtilo through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) for more information\*

**Manic Mondays**

**Monday, October 14:** 7:30 p.m. (Cors's Home)  
Contact Brian Cors through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) for more information\*

**Women's Morning Bible Study**

**Thursday, October 17:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (GSLC Room 203)  
Contact Vicki Peter through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) for more information\*

**Men's Friday Bible Study**

**Friday, October 18:** 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street)  
Contact Jeff Kroese, Jeff Peterson, and Jim Smith through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) for more information\*

\* Please type the Life Group name in the email Subject line when requesting more information via email.

## Women's Retreat (November 8-10)

Ladies, registration for the Women's Retreat in Winchester is ongoing, stay tuned for information about the registration deadline. Once again, our leader will be author and speaker Donna Snow. Come and enjoy a weekend filled with faith, fun, and fellowship. Click on the [banner](#) on the top of our website to register or scan the QR code on the right. Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper ([heidi@gslcva.org](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org)) for more information.



## Community Service

**Do you know of someone who needs help finding resources in our area?** For a list of comprehensive services in our area please call or visit: 2-1-1 Virginia. 2-1-1 Virginia is a source of information about community and social services available in Fairfax County and statewide. When you dial 2-1-1, a trained professional will listen to your situation and suggest sources to help using one of the largest databases of health and human services in Virginia.

**Volunteers needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon. Congregation scheduled days have returned to The Closet! Good Shepherd's next volunteer day are October 23, November 14, and December 9.** The Closet **needs** volunteers to maintain day to day operations. Please consider donating some time to this valuable resource in our community. Scan the QR code to signup or visit <http://tinyurl.com/5n7kbmb2>.



**Family Opportunity 10 & up! Adopt a Highway.** Due to inclement weather the Adopt a Highway clean-up has been rescheduled. Join us on Saturday, November 16, at 8:30 a.m. for a light breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Pickup begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. It takes approximately 1.5 to 2 hours of your time, and service hours can be earned. It's a beautiful stroll along Reston Parkway because of helpers like you! Help us keep God's creation beautiful! **For safety reasons, volunteers must be at least 10 years old and accompanied by an adult if they are under 16. Please bring your own gloves.**

**Thanksgiving Meals.** Help us support Cornerstones clients with a nice Thanksgiving meal this year. We have shoppers lined up and ready to go! You can provide a full meal with a \$60 donation which includes non-perishable food and a \$25 grocery gift card. Meals will be assembled on November 17 and delivered to Cornerstones on November 20. **Online payment link and donation deadline will be available soon!**

**South Lakes Food Pantry – continues to serve the community!** Since the beginning they have distributed more than **TWO MILLION POUNDS** of food & toiletries to our neighbors in need. What a significant difference you've made in the community with your support of this incredible ministry. *If you are interested in helping, email Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)) to get up-to-date volunteer needs.* Needs are on the rise. We are averaging well over **7,000 pounds (3½ tons) of food to families and students in need each week.** Please consider shopping from our urgent needs (see list below) or donating money to the pantry so that they can purchase food for the pantry.

### NO-CONTACT Donation curbside drop offs:

Mondays (2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.)

Wednesdays (10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.)

Donations may also be shipped to the church: SLHS Food Pantry,  
c/o GSLC, 1133 Reston Ave., Herndon, VA 20170

**DRIVERS NEEDED.** Looking for additional drivers on Thursdays. Bags will be loaded and unloaded at the school for you. Thursday afternoons, 2:50 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Interested? Please contact Holly ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).

**LOADING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** We are averaging 200 bags each week, not including the additional donations of fresh produce and meat from Trader Joe's. Volunteers would meet at the church lower parking lot at 2:30 p.m., please allow 45-60 minutes for this volunteer need.

**URGENT NEEDS:** mac & cheese, diced tomatoes, jelly, bar soap, canned meat.

**Women Giving Back.** Women Giving Back supports women and children in crisis on a first step to stability by providing quality clothing at no cost, assisted by a caring and committed community. From grassroots humble beginnings, Women Giving Back has grown into an organization that serves more than 24,000 women and children in need every year. To learn more about Women Giving Back and how to volunteer visit: <https://womengivingback.org>.

**Cornerstones Volunteer Opportunities.** Cornerstones offers a multitude of volunteer opportunities to serve members of our community. Opportunities include Farmers Market Gleaning, Career Mentors, Financial Literacy Mentors, Interpreters, Front Desk Assistants, Pathways to Sustainable Employment Program Volunteers and so much more. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mvzzu4ue> to sign up for a volunteer hub and learn more about these opportunities as well as their virtual volunteer orientation sessions.

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## Confirmation Guardian Angel

As we begin the new confirmation year with six new students joining the class, Pastor James is seeking Guardian Angel volunteers. Guardian Angel volunteers remain anonymous until the Confirmation rehearsal night. They are asked to send notes of encouragement, cards and on occasion small items recognizing special occasions in the confirmand's personal and faith journey. Everything done is done as a volunteer as the Guardian Angel is most comfortable. Interested? Please contact Pastor Gary ([PastorGary@gslcva.org](mailto:PastorGary@gslcva.org)) to be a part of this rewarding experience.

## Join the Choir

If you have a love for singing, we invite you to sing with the Sanctuary Choir. A commitment to sing every Sunday is not required. Join us every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the choir loft. Questions? Email Anne Lee ([anne@gslcva.org](mailto:anne@gslcva.org)).

## Online Church Directory

Good Shepherd's online church directory is a great way to connect with other members, and to help you connect names with faces. Our directory – using an application called "Instant Church Directory" – is OPT-IN only, meaning that if you don't provide us with a name and email address, you and your family will NOT appear in the directory. To sign up, send the name and email address for ONE PERSON in your family to the church office. This person will add other family members and their contact information to the application, along with a photo of your family. We strongly encourage you to join, as the directory provides you and the Good Shepherd family with so many benefits. Members and non-members who regularly attend GSLC are invited to join our online directory. Please let us know if you'd like to join our directory community!!