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<b>Next Service Readings</b>	Jeremiah 31:31-34		Romans 3:19-28		John 8:31-36
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### Fall Family Festival—today!

Interested in an opportunity for fun, food, and fellowship? Join us today, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, for a cookout lunch and trunk-or-treat experience in the lower parking lot. An Oktoberfest theme will be available for adults and craft events are planned for the kids. Please remember to bring your own lawn chair to sit on.

### Adult Bible Study

Please join the Adult Bible study at 9:30 a.m., in room 111. 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. 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 today, Sunday, October 20.** For more information, and registration forms, contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@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.

### GSLC Hike at Burke Lake Park

Join the GSLC hiking group's next adventure on **Sunday, November 3**, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will drive/carpool down to **Burke Lake Park** to take a lovely walk part way around the lake. What could be nicer than walking with friends along a beautiful lake shoreline with the fall sun glistening off the water? We will walk along very flat paved and unpaved trails. Please check out our Friday email blast for further details. Questions? Email the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)).

### Board of Servant Leaders—listening sessions

The Board of Servant Leaders is planning to hold in-person congregation listening sessions on **Sunday, November 3**, at 12:15 p.m. and on **Sunday, November 10**, at 11:00 a.m. Light snacks will be served at both sessions. The sessions will focus on one question intended to define long-term priorities. The question is: What is God calling the Congregation to be now and in the future? Please prayerfully consider these questions and be ready to provide your input. Stay tuned for details about meeting location. Questions? Contact Board Chairman Laura Blackburn through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)).

### Adjustments to November Services—save the dates

During the month of November Good Shepherd will have several changes to the worship schedule. The dates impacted are Sunday, November 10, Sunday, November 24, and Wednesday, November 27. Specifics for each service are as follows:

**Sunday, November 10**, will have an adjusted worship schedule. Only one service will be available at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary (traditional setting; no Matins OR Praise/contemporary this Sunday). There will be no Sunday School for kids or youth, but Adult Bible study will meet. More details soon

**Sunday, November 24**, will have a special "**Brunchgiving**" between the 8:00 a.m. Traditional worship and 11:00 a.m.

Contemporary/Praise worship services. Brunchgiving will take place in the Fellowship Hall with meal service ending at 10:45 a.m. Due to this event no Sunday school will be offered for kids, youth, or adults.

**Wednesday, November 27**, will be the Good Shepherd Thanksgiving Eve service. This service will be at **12:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary with a recorded service posted in the evening.

Questions? Contact the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)).

### Events This Week

**Worship Service: Sunday, October 27:** 8:00 a.m. (Traditional service in sanctuary) | 11:00 a.m. (Traditional service in sanctuary) | Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>) for more information.

**Sunday School: Sunday, October 27:** 9:30 a.m. (kids, youth, and adults).

**Choir Practice: Sunday, October 27:** 9:30 a.m. (Choir loft).

**Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, October 23:** 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference).

**Community Service: Monday, October 21:** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, October 23:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, October 24:** 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

**Word Workers: Wednesday, October 23:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (GSLC Room 203). Contact Melinda DeWan through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) for more information.\*

**Women's Morning Bible Study: Thursday, October 24:** 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 25:** 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) - registration closes October 23

Ladies, registration for the Women's Retreat in Winchester is ongoing. 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 that 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 days are October 23, November 14, 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>.



**Adopt-a-Highway, a family opportunity to serve for those 10 & up!** Join us on **Saturday, November 16**, for Adopt-a-Highway. Volunteers will be provided a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, with pickup beginning 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 donations can be made at:** <https://tinyurl.com/4dznmmm2> or via the QR Code.



**Hypothermia Shelter Meals - SIGNUP OPEN!** An opportunity to serve through supporting the hypothermia shelter meals program is fast approaching! Every Wednesday from the beginning of December through the end of March (17 weeks), we prepare, provide, and serve hot meals for 40 guests. **Would you like to know what it is like to prepare food for the Hypothermia Prevention Program?** The best way to think about preparing the food is to consider what you would bring if this were a picnic. You need to provide food in disposable containers and include any needed (sturdy) plates, bowls, cups, napkins, eating utensils. One consideration is that the clients often don't have a full set of teeth - shredded or ground meat is preferable to chunks of meat. The same is true about the fruit. This year the need is much greater as they are serving about 70 people. **We will be helping with that number by providing a minimum of 40 meals.** Serving in person is also back this year! Volunteers must be at least 18 years old to serve in the shelter. For more information and to signup visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4n5m8b9u> or scan the QR code.



**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 (3 1/2 tons) of food to families and students in need each week.** Please consider shopping from our urgent needs 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:** bar soap, jelly, peanut butter, diced tomatoes

**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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## Above & Beyond (update as of September 30)

Good Shepherd's Above & Beyond (A&B) program ended the fiscal year with only 2 funds not fully funded. The status of the two funds with remaining balances is: A&B HVAC Wishlist: \$200,000; Balance Remaining: \$165,000 | A&B Preschool Expansion Wishlist: \$68,000; Balance Remaining: \$19,769 \*

\*The preschool was also awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the Southeastern District (a group of Lutheran churches in the southeastern part of the country) to be used specifically for online marketing (Facebook, Google, etc).

## 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. Members and non-members who regularly attend GSLC are invited to join our online directory.

## 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)).