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Next Service Readings

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS November 10, 2024

Mark 13:1-8

Updates and more information at: gslcva.org/ Livestream: Facebook Live | YouTube | Vimeo

Preschool: Facebook

Hebrews 10:11-25

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Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School today, November 10, for kids or youth. Please see the adjustments to services article for more details.

Daniel 12:1-3

Adult Bible Study

Please join the Adult Bible study at 10:45 a.m., in room 111. Questions? Please contact Pastor Gary James (pastorgary@gslcva.org).

Board of Servant Leaders—listening session (second session today)

The Board of Servant Leaders is holding an in-person congregation listening session today, **Sunday, November 10**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Light snacks will be served. The session 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 this question and be ready to provide your input. Questions? Contact Board Chairman Laura Blackburn through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org).

Adjustments to November and December Services

During the months of November and December Good Shepherd will have several changes to the worship schedule. 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. | 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, 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. | Sunday, December 22, will have an adjusted worship schedule. Only one service will be available at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. | Tuesday, December 24, will have special Christmas Eve worship services at 4:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. Stay tuned for details. | Sunday, December 29, will have an adjusted worship schedule. Only one service will be available at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Questions? Contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org).

New Connections Class

Are you interested in learning more about the Good Shepherd community? Our Connections Class is coming up! We will be running a series of three sessions starting on Sunday, November 17, at 9:30 a.m. for anyone who is interested in learning more about our life and ministry and what we teach and preach. You will have the opportunity to sit down with other members to explore areas where you might like to get involved. The three sessions will be held: Sunday, November 17 | Sunday, December 1 | Sunday, December 8.

Interested? Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org). Stay tuned for additional details.

Voters' Meeting

A Voters' Meeting will be held following the 11:00 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 17. The meeting agenda includes votes to: approve a Bylaw change and a vote on the Columbarium Construction. Please review the Bylaw change, copies are available at the Welcome Center, and note that the vote for the Columbarium is to determine whether to allow the Columbarium to be constructed and maintained on the church campus. The Columbarium is not going to be funded by the congregational budget, but through individual donors and those interested in participating. Stay tuned for additional details. Questions? Please contact Board Chair Laura Blackburn through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org).

Events This Week

Worship Service: Sunday, November 17: 8:00 a.m. (Traditional) and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional)

Check out our website (https://gslcva.org/worship/services/) for more information.

Sunday School: Sunday, November 17: 9:30 a.m. (kids, youth, adults).

Choir Practice: Sunday, November 17: 9:30 a.m. (Choir loft).

Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, November 13: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference).

Community Service: Monday, November 11: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | Wednesday, November 13: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | Thursday, November 14: 3:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at SLHS (lower parking lot) | Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

Life Groups

Monday, November 11: 7:30 p.m. (Cors's Home)

Contact Brian Cors through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information*

Women's Morning Bible Study

Thursday, November 14: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (GSLC Room 203)
Contact Vicki Peter through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information*

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Thursday, November 14: 11:30 a.m. (Euro Bistro)

Contact Janet Hulme through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information*

Men's Brotherhood

Thursday, November 14: 6:30 p.m. (ASLIN Brewery in Herndon)

Contact Randy Terlecki through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information*

Men's Friday Bible Study

Friday, November 15: 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) for more information*

Helping Hands

No meeting in November or December

Contact Chris Miller through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information*

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

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 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.

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.

Angel Tree for Cornerstones is back! Good Shepherd is once again supporting Cornerstones' Gift Cards for Kids Drive with our Angel Tree program. This year Good Shepherd will be providing 151 gift cards for 60 children (27 families). Please visit the Angel Tree in the Narthex and select a tag from the tree. Each tag identifies a child and the type of gift card requested. Then purchase the requested gift card and return it along with the tag selected from the tree to the box on the table next to the Angel Tree. Children less than 10 years of age receive a total of \$50 in gift cards and those older than 10 years receive \$75 in gift cards. Gift cards must be physical cards - no e-cards please. All gift cards must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 1st.

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, to get up-to-date volunteer needs. Needs are on the rise. We are averaging well over 7,000 pounds (3 ½ 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). **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: diced tomatoes, pasta sauce, jelly, bar soap, snacks

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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Online Church Directory

GSLC'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. To sign up, send the name and email address for ONE PERSON in your family to the church office. Members and non-members who regularly attend GSLC are invited to join our online directory.

Confirmation Guardian Angel

Pastor James is seeking Guardian Angel volunteers to send notes of encouragement, cards and on occasion small items recognizing special occasions in the confirmand's personal and faith journey. Interested? Please contact Pastor Gary (PastorGary@gslcva.org).