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**Next Service Readings**

Jeremiah 17:5-10 | 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 | Luke 6:17-26

**Above & Beyond—fall catalog**

Good Shepherd's current Above & Beyond (A&B) catalog has 31 items for giving opportunities. Please prayerfully consider supporting these items and thank you to all of those who have previously supported these items. Electronic copies of the catalog can be found on our [Giving webpage](#) and hard copies are available in the church entry area and office. Questions? Contact Georgia Thorstenson ([georgia@gslcva.org](mailto:georgia@gslcva.org)).



**California Wildfires**

The needs of our neighbors in California are growing every hour as wildfires completely destroy homes and communities including houses, schools, churches, grocery stores, businesses ... all reduced to ashes. Our partners at Lutheran World Relief are already preparing a response, including sending LWR Quilts and Kits to affected families. The destruction and need are overwhelming. Right now, the number one need is financial gifts so that the team at Lutheran World Relief can reach our neighbors as quickly as possible. Are you interested in giving? Please donate at [Lutheran World Relief \(https://tinyurl.com/4zbpzej\)](https://tinyurl.com/4zbpzej).

**Blood Drive**

GSLC wants to host a blood drive on **Sunday, March 30**. To book the Bloodmobile we need **at least 35 people** to indicate they're interested in donating whole blood, red blood cells or plasma. We have until **Friday, February 14**, to collect signatures. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/3vfjwcb>. We need at least 26 more signatures in order to proceed.

**Congregational Care & Nurture Ministry**

**NEW - Weekly Indoor Walks** - Weather keeping you indoors? Pressed for time? Not feeling up to a hike? Gather in the church entry area after the 11:00 a.m. service and we'll walk in the Good Shepherd hallways. Walk a little, walk a lot. Walk with friends, whatever the weather! For more information contact June McGurn through the online church directory or contact the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)).  
**NEW - Medical Equipment Lending Bank** - Good Shepherd has a new lending bank of medical equipment such as walkers, canes, and a wheelchair, to name just a few. You can also donate your used equipment in good condition! For information contact June McGurn through the online church directory or contact the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)).

**Good Shepherd's Annual Chili Bingo—Next Sunday!**

Join us on **Sunday, February 16**, at 12:30 p.m., following the 11:00 a.m. service, we will have food, fun, and fellowship! We need lots of help! (This is a big event.) Bring chili, cornbread, salad, or dessert and/or help with set up or clean up. Or volunteer to be a judge. You don't have to enter your chili in the contest, but why wouldn't you? It's your shot at being crowned the Chili King or Chili Queen-or at least a runner up! If you want to enter the contest, bring a large batch of chili (to serve 12 or more) for judging and eating. Register at (<https://tinyurl.com/2se2tkpj>).



**GSLC Hiking Group—Next Adventure**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's hiking group is venturing to [Reservoir Park](#) (22211 Water Vista Drive, Ashburn) on **Sunday, February 23**, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The Visitor Center, our meeting spot for anyone driving directly to the park, has restrooms and interesting displays. We will meet at 12:15 p.m. in the church entry area and drive over to the park. If people wish to meet the group at Reservoir Park, please arrive by 12:45 p.m. so we may hike together. Dress in layers so you can adjust for the weather. Hope to see you there! Jeannie, John, and Drew. Questions? Contact the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)).

**Events This Week**

**Worship Services: Sunday, February 16:** 8:00 a.m. (Traditional service) | 11:00 a.m. (Traditional service)  
Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>) for more information.  
**Sunday School: Sunday, February 16:** 9:30 a.m. (kids, youth, and adults)  
**Choir Practice: Sunday, February 16:** 9:30 a.m. (Choir loft)  
**Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, February 12:** 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)  
**Community Service: Monday, February 10:** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, February 12:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, February 13:** 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at SLHS (lower parking lot) | Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).

**Lent—Ash Wednesday and Midweek Services**

Lent starts on **Wednesday, March 5**, with the GSLC Ash Wednesday services. The theme for Lent is *The Hand of the Lord*. Join us for all our Lenten services.

The schedule for the start of Lent is as follows:

- **Wednesday, March 5 (Ash Wednesday):** 12:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.\* (sanctuary)  
\*The 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed and recorded.
- **March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9 (Lenten Midweek):** 12:00 p.m. (sanctuary)\*  
\*These services will be recorded and posted on Wednesday evenings.

Stay tuned for details on our Holy Week schedule in the coming weeks.

**Life Groups**

**Men's Brotherhood: Saturday, February 8,** at 8:30 a.m. at La Madeleine Restaurant (Reston). For more information contact Randy Terlecki through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org))\*  
**Manic Mondays: Monday, February 10:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Cors's House). For more information contact Brian Cors through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org))\*  
**Word Workers: Wednesday, February 12:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (video teleconference). For more information contact Melinda DeWan through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org))\*  
**Women's Morning Bible Study: Thursday, February 13:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (GSLC Room 203). For more information contact Vicki Peter through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org))\*  
**2GETHER4LUNCH: Thursday, February 13: February meeting cancelled.** For more information contact Janet Hulme through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org))\*  
**Men's Friday Bible Study: Friday, February 14:** 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street). For more information contact Jeff Kroese, Jeff Peterson, and Jim Smith through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org))\*  
\*When contacting the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) please type the Life Group name in the email Subject line for more information.

## First Communion—5th and 6th Graders

Pastor James will hold First Communion instruction classes for children in grades 5 and 6 beginning **Sunday, March 9**. Class sessions will be held during the Sunday School hour, from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., and parent(s) will be asked to attend with their child. We will meet for 5 sessions, using a curriculum designed to prepare students to receive Holy Communion. Classes will meet every Sunday, including Sunday, April 6. If you have a 5th or 6th grader and are interested in having them participate in the instruction, please notify Michele in the church office or Pastor James by calling the office (703-437-5020), or emailing Michele ([michele@gslcva.org](mailto:michele@gslcva.org)) or Pastor James ([PastorGary@gslcva.org](mailto:PastorGary@gslcva.org)). Please type "First Communion" in the email Subject line when requesting more information via email.

## Middle School Gathering

Middle Schoolers: Come be a part of the Middle School Youth Gathering, **Friday, March 21, to Sunday, March 23**, at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Williamsburg, Virginia. This year's theme is **MAKE IT MATTER**. Make It Matter shows how much difference a life empowered by the Word can make; how Jesus is the power source for a life that matters; how God designed us to impact the world together; and how trusting in God's plan is the key to real impact. We are so excited to experience Make it Matter; we believe that over the course of the weekend, kids will truly see the radical difference God makes in the lives of His people. **Registration is due by Saturday, February 15**. Cost: \$150 (includes registration, t-shirt, all meals, 2 nights lodging). For more information contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).



## 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. Questions? Contact Brian Cors through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) for more information.

## Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Are you interested in either attending or volunteering for VBS? Join us from Monday, June 16, through Friday, June 20, for VBS. The theme this year is True North - Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. For more information contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
**SUMMER CAMP 2025**

Registration is NOW OPEN for our 6-week Summer Camp in Herndon, VA. Half-day, full-day, and aftercare options now available!

**CAMP THEMES**  
**JUNE 23RD-AUGUST 1ST**  
WEEK 1: UNDER THE SEA ADVENTURE  
WEEK 2: LITTLE SCIENTISTS WEEK  
WEEK 3: OUT OF THIS WORLD SPACE CAMP  
WEEK 4: MUSIC MAKERS  
WEEK 5: DINO DISCOVERY  
WEEK 6: AROUND THE WORLD IN 6 DAYS  
**REGISTER TODAY!**  
VISIT: [GSLCVA.ORG/PRESCHOOL](http://gslcva.org/preschool)  
CALL: 703-437-4611  
EMAIL: [PRESCHOOL@GSLCVA.ORG](mailto:preschool@gslcva.org)  
SARAH BRAZZELL, DIRECTOR

## Good Shepherd Lutheran School (GSLs) Summer Camp 2025

We are now accepting applications for GSLs Summer Camp 2025! This camp is open to the public, so please tell your family and friends about this exciting 6-week camp for preschoolers with half-day, full-day, and aftercare options.

Each week features a different learning theme with hands-on activities and water play! For applications, visit our webpage ([gslcva.org/preschool](http://gslcva.org/preschool)) under the “forms” section.

For more information contact Preschool Director Sarah Brazzell ([preschool@gslcva.org](mailto:preschool@gslcva.org)).

## Board of Servant Leaders (BoSL)

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities at Good Shepherd? Are you interested in serving on the Board of Servant Leaders (BoSL)? Please consider being a candidate for the Board of Servant Leaders. We're looking for individuals to serve a 2 year term on the BoSL. Additional information on the nomination process and on board member qualifications and responsibilities can be found on the GSLC website under **Forms & Documents**. If you're interested or have questions contact Rob Fekete, Vice-Chair, through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)), referencing “BoSL” in the subject line, 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.

**Good Shepherd's upcoming scheduled volunteer days at The Closet are February 18, March 18, and April 2.** 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 sign up or visit <http://tinyurl.com/5n7kbmb2>.

**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 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](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, diced tomatoes, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti

**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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