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Next Service Readings

Acts 8:26-40

| 1 John 4:7-21

| John 15:1-8

Vacation Bible School—Registration available

Scuba Vacation Bible School registration is now open. Come and join us for Scuba VBS, from **Monday, June 17, through Friday, June 21**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Check out our website (www.gslcva.org/vbs) to register. Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org) for details.

Lost and Found

Missing your sunglasses? an umbrella? gloves? a scarf? Items that have been left at our campus during recent months have been placed on a Lost & Found table in the narthex (church entryway). Items unclaimed by the end of April will be donated to The Closet. Questions? Email the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information.

Life Groups - Calendar



Manic Mondays

Monday, April 22: 7:30 p.m. (Cors's Home)

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

Word Workers

Wednesday, April 24: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (virtual)

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

Women's Morning Bible Study

Thursday, April 25: 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*

Men's Friday Bible Study

Friday, April 26: 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*

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

Connections Class—starts today!

Are you interested in learning more about Good Shepherd? Would you like to make a deeper connection with us and our ministries? If so, we would love to engage with you. The class will meet during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 a.m., and runs for 3 consecutive weeks. After completing the classes, you are invited to become a member of our congregation, should you choose to do so. No pressure! Can't make one of the sessions? No problem! We offer make up classes. Question? Contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) or Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org) for more information.



Big Serve Sunday—today!

Big Serve Sunday—Meal Packing Event. Join us today **Sunday, April 21** between services for this very special all congregation service event. We will be packing 10,000 meals through Meals of Hope! Packaged meals will go to local food pantries, including the South Lakes High School Food Pantry. This event will require 50-70 volunteers serving from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., or until 10,000 meals are packed.

A Walk in the World of Dementia

Join Good Shepherd as we host a dementia class on **Saturday, April 27**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Class size is limited to 15; signup required. Fee for the class is \$20 per person. Open to anyone interested in learning more about all sorts of dementia - Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, etc.; class is not suitable for dementia sufferers. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd. Please write **Dementia Class** on the Memo line.

To signup visit <https://tinyurl.com/4hrv62kz>.

Questions? Contact June McGurn through the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) and type "Dementia" in the email Subject line.

Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible study class has resumed and will be discussing Timothy Keller's *The Reason for God*. In the study, Keller addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics, and even ardent believers, have about religion. Through the use of real-life conversations, and potent reasoning, Keller explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one.

Questions? Contact Pastor Gary James (pastorgary@gslcva.org) for details.

Summer Worship Schedule, Offering Collection Update

Mark your calendars! Good Shepherd's Summer Worship Schedule will begin **Sunday, May 26** (Memorial Day weekend), and run through **Sunday, September 1** (Labor Day weekend). We will have one service each week, at 9:30 a.m., in the sanctuary.

With the change to the summer schedule, we will return to passing collection plates during the worship service, starting June 2.

Because we have not used this procedure for a few years, we will hold a brief training session in the sanctuary after each service on May 19. This training session is appropriate both as a quick refresher for experienced ushers and as an opportunity for anyone who would like to understand what ushers do and maybe join the usher team.

We will need more ushers for the offering collection to work efficiently. Currently, we have two ushers at each service and would like to schedule four. Most ushers serve once every four or five weeks.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Jim Micsan or Gary Budzier, or email the church office at gslc@gslcva.org. Please put the word "Usher" in the email subject line.

Events this week

Worship Service: Sunday, April 28: 8:00 a.m. (Traditional) and 11:00 a.m. (Praise) | Questions? Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>) for more information

Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, April 24: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Community Service: Monday, April 22: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, April 24:** 10:00 a.m.

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April 25: 3:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at SLHS (lower parking lot) | Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org)

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. Good Shepherd's next volunteer days are April 24, and May 17. 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>.



The Closet's Summer Fashion Show! Get ready to witness the magic of sustainable style at The Closet's Summer Fashion Show! You're in for an exciting showcase of unique and affordable fashion finds that will make you rethink your summer wardrobe. Discover the thrill of thrifting as they unveil a curated collection of pre-loved gems, from vintage classics to contemporary trends. Experience the joy of seeing one-of-a-kind pieces that express individuality, all while making a positive impact on the environment. Be inspired by creative styling ideas and learn how to mix and match thrifted treasures to create stylish ensembles for any occasion. Whether you're a seasoned thrift shopper or new to the thrifting scene, this event promises something special for everyone. Join The Closet for an evening of fashion, fun, and sustainable shopping! Bring your friends and embrace the thrill of the hunt as we celebrate the beauty of thrifted fashion together. Tickets are \$10.00 and go on sale on May 1. The fashion show takes place on **June 22 at 6:00 p.m.**, at 779 Center St., Herndon.

Weekend Grocery Packs for Dranesville Elementary! Weekend grocery packs are bags of food that children can prepare themselves over the weekend. Good Shepherd puts together 100 bags, once a month, for Dranesville Elementary students that are experiencing food insecurity. Want to help? Consider donating money, any amount, to the above and beyond request for Dranesville Elementary Weekend Grocery packs at <http://tinyurl.com/cruhbp78>. For more information on packing dates contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

South Lakes Food Pantry – continues to serve the community! Since the beginning they have distributed more than **1.5 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. 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. With a 40% increase in weekly family bags, we need a few more drivers to help when needed, deliver food to the school on Thursday afternoons. Bags will be loaded and unloaded at the school for you if needed.

LOADING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. We are averaging 190 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: jelly, popcorn, granola bars, boxed mac & cheese, bar soap.

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.

Interested? Please contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

Women's One-Day Retreat in Silver Spring

Sometimes, life is going along as expected, when suddenly an unavoidable U-TURN appears! What can you do? Jennifer Shaw has been there, more than once! Join us on **Saturday, June 1**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for this day of beautiful music and encouragement that will bring laughter and tears and leave you inspired to trust God in all circumstances and find blessings beyond measure in every twist & turn of life. Come and join a group of Good Shepherd ladies, who are planning to attend and will carpool from the church. Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org), for more information.

Sign up at: <https://www.mystandrew.org/events/u-turn-womens-retreat-day/>.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is looking for a Preschool and Extended Care Director

The successful Director will understand the vision of the Good Shepherd congregation and the purpose of the school. This spiritual leader will be responsible for the management of school staff, administration & finances, activities, marketing and public relations, curriculum, and school environment. The current day begins at 9:15 a.m. and ends for some as late as 3:15 p.m.; we are planning to begin an all-day schedule in 2025. If you have a heart for early childhood ministry, relevant experience, and want to join us on this exciting journey, please contact June McGurn at gslc@gslcva.org; please write "**Preschool Director**" in the email subject line.