



GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Next Service Readings: Hosea 5:16-6:6 | Romans 4:13-25 | Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Connections Class Begins Next Sunday

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. Our latest Connections Class begins **Sunday, June 7**, at 10:30 a.m., and runs through June 21.

Session One: Learn how Good Shepherd operates, and what ministries and opportunities we have for service and Christian education.

Session Two: Pastor Johann will give you an overview of what we preach and teach.

Session Three: Connect with a Good Shepherd member who will help you explore areas of our life and ministry where you might like to become involved.

Can't make one of the sessions? No problem! We offer make-up classes. After completing the classes, you are invited to become a member of our congregation, should you choose to do so. No pressure!

For more information, contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) or Director of Engagement Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org).

If you are transferring to Good Shepherd from another Missouri Synod Lutheran Church, you don't need to attend session two, unless you would like to.

Summer Adult Bible Study

A **Summer Adult Bible Study session** begins today after the worship service. The study is based on the documentary *Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World*. The class, led by Pastor James, will meet in room 111 following the worship service.

Confirmation, Special Music Next Sunday

Next Sunday (June 7), we will welcome five of our youth as they make public affirmation of their faith during the Rite of Confirmation. In honor of this occasion, our worship service will include music by the Sanctuary Choir and the Brass Quintet. A reception in the church entry area will follow the service. Please join us next week!

VBS Registration Open through June 7 for Kids; Volunteers Needed, Too!

Join us for Rainforest Falls VBS, June 22 through June 26, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

Volunteers are needed to make VBS happen! VBS is one of our largest outreaches during the year. We simply can't do it without the help of our volunteers. **We have many volunteer opportunities during VBS week and also in the weeks leading up to VBS.** If you can lend a hand, please register at www.gslcva.org/vbs. For more information contact the VBS Leadership Team at vbs@gslcva.org.



Register at www.gslcva.org/vbs by June 7.

Upcoming Events

Full listing of events and service opportunities at gslcva.org

Worship Services

Sunday, June 7: 9:30 a.m. (Traditional service)

Confirmation; brass and choir

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, June 3: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Life Groups

Men's Bible Study: Friday, June 5, 7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m. at Panera (Elden Street)

Community Service

Monday, June 1: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Wednesday, June 3: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Thursday, June 4: 2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at South Lakes High School (lower parking lot)

Saturday, June 6: 8:50 a.m.–11:30 a.m., Simple Gesture food collection, lower level

Missions

Helping Hands, Saturday, June 6: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., room 125

Events in July

At Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Four-week camp: Join us at Good Shepherd Lutheran School from **July 6–31** for a four-week camp bursting with **STEM fun, creative arts & crafts, and music-filled moments.** Perfect for ages **2–8**, this camp blends learning and play into an unforgettable adventure. Please contact Preschool Director **Sarah Brazell** for details.

Mini Melody Makers: Get ready to make some noise with your little ones at our new **four-week music program** designed specifically for infants and toddlers! Mini Melody Makers is a high-energy, parent-child class where you and your child can explore the joy of music together through rhythm, song, and play. It's the perfect way to bond while supporting your little one's early development.

Mini Melody Makers

Tuesdays & Thursdays (July 7–30)
9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m., room 102

Secure your spot today at <https://tinyurl.com/mwkm9sjk>

Sign Up for Good Shepherd's Online Directory

We encourage you to join Good Shepherd's online church directory. It's a great way to connect with other members and helps you match names with faces. We use the "Instant Church Directory" app – an OPT-IN only, so if you don't provide us with information on you and your family, you 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 (gslc@gslcva.org). 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!

Pastor Johann's Sabbatical and Vacation

Pastor Johann will be on Sabbatical and vacation from **August 24 through October 19**. Read about the sabbatical plan at the **"From the Pastor" blog** (gslcva.org/from-the-pastor), or contact the church office (gslc@gslcva.org) for more information.

Financial Updates

For information about Good Shepherd's budget, updates on the Above & Beyond program, and more, see the other side of this page. The summer issue of the Above & Beyond catalog will be out next week.

Please remember Good Shepherd in your prayers and giving this summer.

Budget (Expenses and Income)

*Actual includes principal & interest on mortgages, salaries, facility, and all ministry expenses

**Total income includes offerings and LCEF interest

YTD spending exceeds YTD budget because of unanticipated issues: much more than the usual heating and snow/ice removal costs; mold and debris removal; and storm water filtration repair. We thank God for His provisions.

Monthly	April 30	Fiscal YTD
Budget needs	\$95,150	\$761,200
Actual expenses*	\$98,676	\$823,104
Total income (all sources)**	\$88,721	\$791,496
Offerings minus expenses	(\$9,955)	(\$31,608)

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Fund	Remaining Balance
"Spiritual First Aid" Seminar	\$3,350
Senior Youth Ministry	\$1,474
Cornerstones	\$3,327
Lake Anne Fellowship House	\$3,479
Fellowship Square	\$3,135
Meals of Hope	\$340
Expansion Preschool Operations	\$14,244
Middle School Ministry	\$474
Dehumidifiers	\$2,800
Faith Aid - Mustard Seed	\$3,974
Faith Aid - Fraher Family Support	\$2,068
Lutheran World Relief	\$2,454
Lutheran Bible Translators	\$3,500

Above & Beyond

Information about our Above & Beyond stewardship program, as well as the current catalog, is on our website at gslcva.org/giving. Look for an updated A&B catalog next week!

As of May 27, 16 items have been fully funded (see the list below). Giving opportunities remain, and they are shown in the table at the left, with the current balances. Contact Georgia Thorstenson (georgia@gslcva.org) if you have questions.

Thanks to all who have generously supported this program.

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SLHS Food Panty	Sabbatical Support
Special Music in Worship	(1st interval)
Vacation Bible School	Columbarium & Garden Fund
Workcamp 2026	(1 bench)
Workcamp Van Rentals	Evergreen Lutheran School
Choral Section Leaders	LCMS: Osiro (Kenya)
Dogwood Elementary Gift Cards	LCMS: Payne (Tanzania)
Dogwood Elementary Support	LCMS: Wood (Indonesia)
	Principe de Paz Luterana
	LCMS Ministry: Armed Forces

Community Service

Do you know someone who needs help finding resources in our area? For a list of comprehensive services, please call or visit 2-1-1 Virginia, 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. (<https://211virginia.org>)

A Simple Gesture Food Collection: Every other month, A Simple Gesture delivers collected food to the South Lakes High School Food Pantry along with other local food pantries. Help us intake, sort, and shelve donations on **Saturday, June 6 from 8:50 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.** This effort involves 50-70 volunteers from the area and is a great way to help serve the food pantry and love your neighbor in the process. If interested in volunteering, please contact Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

Volunteers Needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon: Good Shepherd's next volunteer days are **June 11, July 6, July 29, and August 20.** The Closet needs volunteers to maintain day-to-day operations. Please consider donating some time to this valuable resource in our community.

Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/5n7kbmb2>

South Lakes Food Pantry continues to serve the community! What a significant difference you've made in the community with your support of this incredible ministry. We average well over **7,000 pounds (3½ tons) of food and toiletries to families and students in need each week.** Please consider shopping from our urgent needs list or donating money to the pantry for food purchase. Contact: Holly Vanderhoof (holly@gslcva.org).

No-contact donation curbside drop offs: Mondays 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 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 on Thursdays: Bags will be loaded and unloaded at the school for you. Thursday 2:50 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Interested? Contact Holly (holly@gslcva.org).

Urgent needs: Boxed mac & cheese, canned meat, bar soap, diced tomatoes, jelly, peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal

Women Giving Back: Support 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. Visit <https://womensgivingback.org> for details.

Cornerstones Volunteer Opportunities: Cornerstones offers multiple ways to serve, including Farmers Market Gleaning, Career Mentors, Financial Literacy Mentors, Interpreters, Front Desk Assistants, Pathways to Sustainable Employment Program, and so much more. Interested? Visit <https://www.cornerstonesva.org/volunteerops/> to sign up for a volunteer hub and learn more about these opportunities as well as their virtual volunteer orientation sessions.