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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Next Service Readings: Exodus 19:2-8a | Romans 5:1-8 | Matthew 9:35—10:8-23

Connections Class Begins 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. Our latest Connections Class begins today, **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 FUNday School for Kids Begins This Sunday

Kids, You're Invited! Join us for **Summer FUNday School**, an informal Sunday School this summer. Summer FUNday School will be held on **June 7, 14, and 28** at 10:45 a.m., following the worship service. FUNday School is geared for kids ages 2 through 5th grade. This informal time will focus on fellowship – hanging out, crafting, and playing. Come join the fun! Registration is not required, but it does help us plan: <https://tinyurl.com/3mzpr8ka>. Questions? Contact Michelle Tenhaeff (ChildMinsitry@gslcva.org) for more information.

Summer Adult Bible Study

A **Summer Adult Bible Study session** continues 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.

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

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, filled 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.

We need your help — urgently. Rainforest Falls VBS is one of our biggest and most meaningful outreaches of the entire year. Hundreds of children from our community come to hear about God's love in a fun, safe, joy-filled environment. But right now, we are **in danger of having to cancel VBS** as we don't have enough volunteers. We still have many open roles — crew leaders, station leaders, assistants, and more. Whether you can help during VBS week or in the weeks leading up to it, your time will make a huge difference. Questions? Contact the VBS Team (vbs@gslcva.org).



Kids and volunteers register at www.gslcva.org/vbs

Upcoming Events

Full listing of events and service opportunities at gslcva.org

Worship Services

Sunday, June 14: 9:30 a.m. (Traditional service)

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, June 10: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Life Groups

2GETHER4LUNCH: Thursday, June 11: 11:30 a.m. at Euro Bistro

Men's Bible Study: Friday, June 12: 7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m. at Panera (Elden Street)

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, June 13: 8:30 a.m. La Madeleine (Reston)

Community Service

Monday, June 8: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

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

Thursday, June 11: 2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at South Lakes High School (lower parking lot)

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>

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.

Women's Book Club – Save the Date!

Ladies of Good Shepherd, let's gather on **Sunday, August 2**, following the worship service, for a discussion of the bestselling novel *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi. We'll enjoy a brunch, and then we'll explore the book's themes and their connections to Scripture. Participation is simple! Purchase a copy of the book, read it by August 1, and then come to the Fellowship Hall on August 2. Brunch will be a potluck, and we encourage everyone to bring a favorite dish or dessert to share.

Additional details and sign-up information will be announced in July. Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org).

Financial Updates

For information about Good Shepherd's budget, updates on the Above & Beyond program, and more, see the other side of this page. Please remember Good Shepherd in your prayers and giving this summer.

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!

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	\$2,287
Lake Anne Fellowship House	\$3,414
Fellowship Square	\$3,090
Middle School Ministry	\$474
Faith Aid - Mustard Seed	\$3,634
Faith Aid - Fraher Family Support	\$2,068
Lutheran World Relief	\$2,260
Lutheran Bible Translators	\$3,500

Above & Beyond

Check out the latest **Above & Beyond Catalog** of giving and stewardship projects at gslcva.org/giving; in the church entry area; and on the Fellowship Hall Resource Table.

Fully funded items and remaining balances, as of May 31, are on the right.

For most current data, contact Business Manager Georgia

Thorstenson (georgia@gslcva.org).

Thank you to everyone who generously supports our stewardship programs. Stay tuned for details regarding the release of a special Summer Above & Beyond Catalog.

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SLHS Food Panty	Expansion Preschool Operations
Special Music in Worship	Columbarium & Garden Fund
Vacation Bible School	(2 benches & 1 passage)
Workcamp 2026	Dehumidifiers
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)
Meals of Hope	Principe de Paz Luterana
Sabbatical Support (1st interval)	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>)

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://womengivingback.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.