



GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Next Service Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12 | Romans 7:15-25a | Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Summer FUNday School for Kids – Last Session Today

Kids, You're Invited! Join us today for the for final session of **Summer FUNday School**, an informal Sunday School. 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).

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 the lower level Gathering Space following the worship service.

**Board of Servant Leaders
Installed Today**

During today's service, we will install the Board of Servant Leaders. Members of the new board are Tony Esse (Chair), Paul Devine (Vice Chair), John Purtilo (Secretary), Robert Fekete (Member), Andrew Otterbacher (Member), Dan Pelletier (Member), Bernie Schoch (Member). We pray that God will guide their leadership throughout the coming year.

Rainforest Falls VBS –Thank You!

A special thank you goes out to all our Rainforest Falls volunteers for a great week at Vacation Bible School!

More than 70 volunteers helped us with decorating, leading stations, leading crews, and showing God's love in action.

We had 77 kids from Good Shepherd and our community come and learn about God's enduring love. It was such a special week.

Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Full listing of events and service opportunities at gslcva.org

Worship Services

Sunday, July 5: 9:30 a.m. (Traditional service)

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, July 1: 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Life Groups

Men's Bible Study: Friday, July 3: 7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m. at Panera (Elden Street)

Community Service

Monday, June 29: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Wednesday, July 1: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms)

Thursday, July 3: 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: This camp (July 6-31) will burst 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 **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>

Waffles, Ice Cream, and the Perfect Brew

Join us on **Sunday, July 26**, immediately following the worship service, for a Waffles, Ice Cream, and Coffee Social!

Enjoy a freshly baked waffle the traditional way or create your own waffle sundae with a variety of delicious toppings.

We'll also be serving specialty coffee beverages, including espresso, affogato, and freshly brewed coffee.

Come relax, enjoy great conversation, and share in fellowship with friends old and new. Everyone is welcome!



Festive Sundays

Beginning next month, Good Shepherd will begin celebrating "Festive Sundays" throughout the church year. A Festive Sunday is a significant day in the church year or a special occasion, such as Confirmation or the reception of new members.

Festive Sundays will include special music (choir and/or brass) during worship and might also feature significant fellowship after or between worship services.

Festive Sundays being planned: New Members Day; Voters' Assembly; Reformation and Fall Family Festival; Christmas Eve; Transfiguration Sunday and Chili Bingo; Palm Sunday; Easter.

Save the Date: Women's Book Club

Ladies, let's gather on **Sunday, August 2**, following the worship service, for a discussion of the 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! Read the book by August 1, and then come to the Fellowship Hall on August 2. Brunch will be a potluck. Bring a favorite dish or dessert to share. Sign-up information coming soon. Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper (heidi@gslcva.org).

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 Summer Above & Beyond program, and more, see the other side of this page.

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

Budget (Expenses and Income)

*Actual expenses 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	May 31	Fiscal Year to Date
Budget needs	\$95,150	\$856,350
Actual expenses*	\$100,698	\$919,238
Total income (all sources)**	\$83,858	\$875,354
Offerings minus expenses	(\$16,840)	(\$43,884)

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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
NEW: Helping Hands	\$2,000
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
Sabbatical Support: 2nd interval (2027)	\$6,500
NEW: HVAC system upgrade, Phase 2	\$69,120

New Above & Beyond Catalog

Our **Summer Above & Beyond Catalog** is now available digitally at gslcva.org/giving. Hard copies are available in the church entry area and church office. It includes **new giving opportunities**: Helping Hands and HVAC upgrade, Phase 2.

Fully funded items are listed below. Items with remaining balances, as of June 8, are shown in the table on the left. For most current data, contact Business Manager Georgia Thorstenson (georgia@gslcva.org).

Thank you to everyone who generously supports our stewardship programs.

FULLY FUNDED

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: Congregation scheduled days are back! Good Shepherd's next volunteer days are **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: pasta sauce, oatmeal, jelly

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.