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**Next Service Readings**

Proverbs 9:1-6

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Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

**2024 Voters' Assembly: Sunday, August 25**

Good Shepherd's annual Voters' Assembly will be held on **Sunday, August 25**, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The Board of Servant Leaders will present the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Copies of the proposed budget summary are available at the welcome center in the church entry area. Further information (e.g., budget narratives from the ministry areas, 2023 Annual Review & 2024 Plans document) will be distributed next week.

**Lake Anne Area Hike**

On **Sunday, August 18**, GSLC walkers and hikers are invited to take explore nearby Lake Anne to see some fun local sights. The paths are all paved along this route but there are rolling hills along much of it. There will be no official lunch arrangements but feel free to make plans on your own. Interested? We will meet in the church entry area following the 9:30 a.m. worship service to drive and/or carpool over to Lake Anne Plaza. We'll gather at the Robert E. Simon bench about 11:15 a.m. Please see the Friday eBlast for additional details about hiking options. Questions? Contact Jeannie Johns, John Purtilo, and Drew Lipman through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)). Be sure to include "hike" in the email subject line.

**Organ & Trumpet Concert**

Save the date! Join us on **Sunday, September 15**, at 1:30 p.m. for an organ & trumpet concert. Anne Lee, organ, and Hart Guonjian-Pettit, trumpet, will perform classical music songs at this special offering. Stay tuned for more details!

**Sight & Sound Theater – Production of "Daniel"**

Good Shepherd has 9 tickets remaining for "Daniel" at the Sight & Sound theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on **Friday, October 25**. A bus will take the group from church, leaving at 11:00 a.m., returning by about 9:00 p.m.. Cost are \$100 for adults and \$55 for children under 12. Payment includes the ticket, transportation, and a box dinner for the return trip. Don't delay! **Full or partial scholarships are available, thanks to a generous donor.** Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/4m5edx8x>.

**Women's Retreat (November 8-10)**

Ladies, mark your calendars for the Women's Retreat in Winchester. Once again, our leader will be author and speaker Donna Snow. Come and enjoy a weekend filled with faith, fun, and fellowship. Our craft event features wine corks, so please save those corks if you plan to do crafts with us. Stay tuned for details. Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper ([heidi@gslcva.org](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org)) for more information.

**Above & Beyond Summer Catalog (status update)**

Good Shepherd's summer edition of the A&B catalog includes a new request for Preschool Expansion Support, provides a status update on the funding levels of the four items with remaining balances, and lists all fully funded items. Hard copies of the catalog can be found at the Welcome Center of the church entry or in the office. Electronic copies can be found on our website [Giving](#) page.

Remaining balances exist on:

Preschool Expansion Support: \$68,000 (\$25,495 remaining) | The Seed Company: \$3,000 (\$1,000 remaining) | HVAC: \$200,000 (\$185,733 remaining)

Questions? Contact Business Manager Georgia Thorstenson ([georgia@gslcva.org](mailto:georgia@gslcva.org)) for more information.



**Budget (Expenses & Income) Report for July 2024**

Monthly	July 2024	Fiscal Year to Date
Budget requirements	\$98,162	\$1,079,782
Actual expenses *	\$89,601	\$1,047,965
Total Income (All Sources)**	\$96,282	\$1,039,847
Offerings minus expenses	\$6,681	(\$8,118)

*\*"Actual Expenses" line includes principal and interest payments on the church mortgage, staff salaries, facility costs, and all ministry expenses.*  
*\*\*"Total Income (All Sources)" includes offerings and LCEF interest.*

**Check Requests Due by This Wednesday**

If you have purchased supplies for GSLC please submit check request(s), along with the accompanying receipts, by **Wednesday, August 14**. Our fiscal year ends on Saturday, August 31, and we would like to have as accurate account and allocation of expenses for each ministry team this fiscal year. Questions? Contact Georgia Thorstenson ([georgia@gslcva.org](mailto:georgia@gslcva.org)) for more information.

**Reassessing Your Giving**

As we finish up the current fiscal year (FY2024) we will share our past year's activities with you in the Annual Review and provide a peek into next year's plans. At the Voter's Assembly on **Sunday, August 25**, we will recap our current year-to-date financial results and present the budget for FY2025, which will outline our financial objectives. You have blessed our congregation by your serving, giving, and sharing through your general giving and directed giving, including the Above & Beyond program. As you have seen in the weekly service announcements (yellow sheet) our general offering has been slightly below our expenses during the last half of FY2024. As the ministry teams prepare to launch their planned objectives, we would ask that you prayerfully look ahead into the next fiscal year and ponder if there are any new areas in which you would like to volunteer, consider adjustments in your giving, or unveil some "hidden" talent (singing, carpentry, filing, food pantry, etc.) that you would like to share.

## Planning Ahead: Confirmation 2025

Planning for Confirmation 2025 has begun. If your child will begin 7th grade this fall, and you would like them to enroll in confirmation, please let Pastor James ([PastorGary@gslcva.org](mailto:PastorGary@gslcva.org)) know by emailing him.

## Community Service

**Do you know of someone who 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.



**DO IT YOUR WAY 0.5K is back – September 29!** Stay tuned for more information on how you can join us for the fun, the energy-boosting treats, the live raffle, and the most rewarding 650 steps you'll take all year. All proceeds support the SLHS Food Pantry serving South Lakes and the elementary and middle schools in the SLHS pyramid. Registration details coming soon!

**Volunteers needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon. Congregation scheduled days have returned to The Closet!** Good Shepherd's next volunteer days are **August 16, September 9**. 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>.



**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 (3½ tons) of food to families and students in need each week**. Please consider shopping from our urgent needs (see list below) 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, to 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:** cereal, jelly, boxed macaroni & cheese, 1-lb bag of rice, canned beans

**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](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).

## Events This Week

**Worship Service: Sunday, August 18:** 9:30 a.m. (Traditional). Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>) for more information

**Note:** Sunday School resumes on September 8. **Adult Bible Study is available on Sunday, August 18,** at 11:00 a.m. in Room 111 (discussion on Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; and John 6:51-58)

**Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, August 14:** 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

**Community Service: Monday, August 12:** 2:00-4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, August 14:** 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, August 15:** 3:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry transport for distribution at SLHS (lower parking lot) | Questions? Contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org))

## Life Groups

**Men's Friday Bible Study: Friday, August 16:** 7:00-8:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Elden Street). Contact Jeff Kroese, Jeff Peterson, and Jim Smith through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) for more information. Please type the Life Group name in the email Subject line when requesting information via email.

**Please note:** Most Life Groups are on summer break. The Friday eBlast and the Sunday News & Announcements will have the most up-to-date information about Life Group meetings through the summer.