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**Next Service Readings**      Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29      |      James 5:13-20      |      Mark 9:38-50



**Holly's 10-years of service reception**

Join us today, **Sunday, September 22**, following both services for a reception to recognize Community Service Coordinator & Youth Ministry Director Holly Vanderhoof's 10th anniversary on the staff of Good Shepherd. A continental breakfast will follow the 8:00 a.m. service and a pizza and salad lunch will follow the 11:00 a.m. Praise service. Please come and thank Holly for her devotion and service to Good Shepherd and the community.

**Adult Bible Study**

All are welcome to join the Adult Bible study at 9:30 a.m., in room 111, as we continue with an eight-session study of the *Images of the Spirit* by Dale and Sandy Larson. Scripture helps us understand who the Spirit is by giving us strong word pictures of the Spirit, and the Bible study class will look at eight of them. Join us and you will find more than just information on the Spirit – you will find an invitation into the work and life of the Spirit. Questions? Please contact Pastor Gary James ([pastorgary@gslcva.org](mailto:pastorgary@gslcva.org)).

**Women's Bible Study**

Would you like to join a Sunday Bible study? Join us at 9:30 a.m., in room 203! Heidi Cooper will be hosting a Sunday Bible study. The study is *God's Provision in a Wilderness World* by Lindsay Hausch. Join Heidi as she leads a discussion looking closely at the experience the Israelites had in the wilderness and see how the Creator is blessing us with His gifts in our everyday struggles. Interested? Contact Heidi Cooper ([heidi@gslcva.org](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org)) for the details. Books will be available.

**Red Rock Wilderness Overlook Hike (revised time)**

The weather has cooled off, so fall hiking will be super nice. Please plan to join Good Shepherd's hiking group on **Sunday, September 22**, as we explore **Red Rock Wilderness Overlook Regional Park** in Leesburg. Interested? **Meet in the church entry area at 1:15 p.m. after the 11:00 a.m. worship service and pizza lunch for Holly's 10th anniversary.** Bring along some water to drink and a little snack. **If you attend the 8:00 a.m. worship service or are driving from your home, please arrive at Red Rock Wilderness Overlook Regional Park main entrance at 1:45 p.m.** so we may start walking together.

If you cannot attend this hike do not worry. Another hike is being planned for **Sunday, November 3**, at **Burke Lake Park**. More details will be provided as the date approaches. Questions? Contact the hiking team (Jeannie, John, and Drew) through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)).

**Columbarium Concept Images**

Images of the Columbarium Concept will be available in limited hard copies at the Welcome Center in the church entry area. Samples of these images can be seen on the screens in the church entryway, the preservice slides, or the Friday eBlast. Stay tuned for details about an October vote regarding the Columbarium concepts. Questions? Contact Walt Peter through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)).

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

Ladies, registration for the Women's Retreat in Winchester is now open. Once again, our leader will be author and speaker Donna Snow. Come and enjoy a weekend filled with faith, fun, and fellowship. Click on the [banner](#) on the top of our website to register or scan the QR code on the right. Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper ([heidi@gslcva.org](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org)) for more information.



**Fall Family Festival**

With the changing of the seasons comes an opportunity for fun, food, and fellowship. Get ready for GSLC's Fall Family Festival on **Sunday, October 20**, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. A cook out lunch, trunk-or-treat, Oktoberfest experience, and crafts for kids are all planned for this event. Questions? Contact Heidi Cooper ([heidi@gslcva.org](mailto:heidi@gslcva.org)). Interested? Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/54w752df>.

**Above & Beyond – End of Year Update**

Thanks and blessings to all who prayerfully donated to all Above & Beyond funds. The preschool expansion had a remaining balance of \$20,095.21 (out of \$68,000). Stay tuned for additional details with the release of the fall catalog in the coming months.

**Events This Week**

**Worship Service: Sunday, September 29:** 8:00 a.m. (Traditional) | 11:00 a.m. (Traditional) | Check out our website (<https://gslcva.org/worship/services/>) for more information

**Sunday School: Sunday, September 29:** 9:30 a.m. (kids, youth, and adults)

**Choir Practice: Sunday, September 29:** 9:30 a.m. (Choir loft)

**Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, September 25:** 7:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

**Community Service: Monday, September 23:** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Wednesday, September 25:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SLHS Food Pantry (pantry rooms) | **Thursday, September 26:** 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**

**Manic Mondays**

**Monday, September 23:** 7:30 p.m. (Cors's Home)

Contact Brian Cors through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) for more information\*

**Word Workers**

**Wednesday, September 25:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (video teleconference)

Contact Melinda DeWan through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) for more information\*

**Women's Morning Bible Study**

**Thursday, September 26:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (GSLC Room 203)

Contact Vicki Peter through the church office ([gslc@gslcva.org](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) for more information\*

**Men's Friday Bible Study**

**Friday, September 27:** 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](mailto:gslc@gslcva.org)) for more information\*

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

## Preschool—Request for social media reviews

Hello Good Shepherd families! If your child has ever attended Good Shepherd Lutheran School (GSLs), we would be honored if you left a review on our Facebook (<https://tinyurl.com/492s689h>) and Google (<https://tinyurl.com/4y6avtsn>) pages. We are so thankful you are part of this family, and we are hoping to see this family grow! Please note that you will need an account on these platforms to leave a review. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support as we expand the preschool program. Questions? Contact preschool director Sarah Brazell ([preschool@gslcva.org](mailto:preschool@gslcva.org)) for more information.

## 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.

**The "DO IT YOUR WAY 0.5K" is back.** Join the Good Shepherd team next **Sunday, September 29**, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza! The event will be full of fun, energy-boosting treats, a live raffle, and the most rewarding 650 steps you'll take all year. Signup today and be sure to select GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH team when you register! Love Your Neighbor "team" shirts will be provided while supplies last! All proceeds support the SLHS Food Pantry serving South Lakes and the elementary and middle schools in the SLHS pyramid.



To register visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yte6kus7>.

**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, October 5**, 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](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).

**Volunteers needed! The Closet of Greater Herndon. Congregation scheduled days have returned to The Closet! Good Shepherd's next volunteer day are October 1, October 23, November 14, and December 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.** Looking for additional drivers on Thursday afternoons. Bags will be loaded and unloaded at the school for you. Thursday afternoons, 2:50 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Interested? Please contact Holly ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).

**LOADING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** We are averaging 200 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, please allow 45-60 minutes for this volunteer need.

**URGENT NEEDS:** diced tomatoes, jelly, boxed mac and cheese, cereal, pasta, 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.

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## Southeastern District (SED) Fall High School Youth Gathering

This year's Southeastern District's Fall High School Youth Gathering is **Friday, November 1, through Sunday, November 3**, at Watermarks Camp in Scottsville, Virginia. Our theme is "God's Plan" which comes from Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope." This gathering with teens from all over the Southeastern District will seek to provide a weekend filled with challenging games, outdoor activities, passionate and relevant speakers, interactive Bible studies, powerful worship experiences, group bonding, intentional relaxation, and so much more. The cost for this retreat is \$185.00 which covers all meals including dinner on the way there and lunch on the way back. The registration deadline of **Saturday, October 5**, is fast approaching. For more information and to sign up contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).

## Workcamp 2025 – Winchester, Kentucky (July 5-12)

This year GSLC High School youth will be traveling to Winchester, Kentucky, to participate in Group Mission Trips Workcamp where teens will serve others through home repair and more. **Registration is open to high schoolers AND college age young adults!** A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due, along with registration forms, by **Sunday, October 20**. For more information, and to sign up, contact Holly Vanderhoof ([holly@gslcva.org](mailto:holly@gslcva.org)).

## Join the Choir

If you have a love for singing, we invite you to sing with the Sanctuary Choir. A commitment to sing every Sunday is not required. Join us every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the choir loft. Questions? Email Anne Lee ([anne@gslcva.org](mailto:anne@gslcva.org)).