

**Our Stewardship of Attendance last week:** (8:30) 155 (11:00) 154  
Wednesday Eucharist Service: (12:30) 46

General Offering Totals for 2021: \$680,121.85  
Expenses to date 2021: \$672,185.85

Freedom to Imagine Campaign: Pledged: \$1,039,288.19 from 129 Families  
Received: \$324,791.42  
Loan Balance: \$972,000.00

**Our weekly offerings are about returning back to God a portion of what he has first given us. We are able to be generous givers when God is at work in our hearts. St. Stephen's Activities for this week include:**

TODAY	<b>8:30AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary &amp; Online) – WELCA Sunday</b> 9:45AM: Sunday School for All Ages <b>11:00AM: Worship Services (Sanctuary)</b> 2PM: Grief Group (Social Hall); Jr. & Sr. Youth (Sr. High Room) 4PM: Youth Committee Meeting
Monday	9AM: Preschool 12:30PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall) 7PM: Lutheran Men (Social Hall)
Tuesday	9AM: Preschool 11:30AM: Prime Time Thanksgiving Luncheon (Social Hall)
Wednesday	9AM: Preschool 11:45AM: Wednesday Lunch (Social Hall) <b>12:30PM: Eucharist Service (Sanctuary &amp; Online)</b> 5:15PM: WNL Dinner 6PM: Confirmation Class (Agape Classroom); Adult Bible Study (Social Hall); Cherub Choir; Children's Choir; Adult Handbells (Balcony) 6:30PM: Tone Chimes (3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom) 7PM: Wings of Worship (Gym Stage)
Thursday	7:30PM: AA/AI-Anon meetings (Social Hall/Parlor) 9AM: Preschool 1:30PM: Social Hall Reserved 5:30PM: Taylor (Gym) 7PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	<b>8:30AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary &amp; Online) – Debt Retirement Meal</b> 9:45AM: Sunday School for All Ages <b>11:00AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary)</b> 12:30PM: Council Meeting (Gym) 2PM: Grief Group (Social Hall); 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Community Group (Sonic) 4:30PM: 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Community Group (Social Hall); J-Crew (Social Hall)

**The Spirit of St. Stephen's Weekly for November 14 – November 21, 2021**

Congregation Council approves causes to be featured monthly. **November - Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary** is 1 of 8 ELCA Seminaries and the only seminary found in the Southern region of the United States. The campus is found on North Main Street in the Eau Claire community of Columbia. LTSS has been educating and preparing leaders for the church since 1830 and continues that mission today. As members of the SC Synod of the ELCA it has been and will continue to be a part of our mission to support the seminary both with our prayers and our treasures. Please consider designating any donations over and above your regular giving to LTSS to help support the institution, the students, and their ministry present and future.

**Hospitalized:** Ronald Slice, Still Hopes Rehab

**Christian Sympathy** is extended to Brittany Stafford, Jamie Brunson and their family upon the death of their grandfather, Vernon Kyzer. May the peace and comfort of God's Word be with them and their family assuring them of the knowledge and truth of the Resurrection.

**Welcome** our newest members Bonnie Harris and Holly Wyman who joined at this past Wednesday Eucharist service. We are excited to have you both as a part of the SSLC family!

**Join us for the Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> Eucharist Service** held at 12:30PM in the sanctuary to enhance your weekly worship experience and to share God's Word in a unique, shortened, but spiritual time of worship. Lunch will be served at 11:45am in the social hall.

**Installation:** Please join us for the installation service for Senior Pastor Jason T. Antley on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in the gym.

**The Angel Tree** is in the hallway outside of the narthex. We are asking that you prayerfully consider taking an angel (or two) from the tree, record your name next to the corresponding number on the log, and then purchase a gift card for the recipient. We are collecting gift cards for those that are served through Lutheran Family Services. We are also asking that you provide a box of candy to go with your angel so that each resident can get a sweet treat and a gift card! All gift cards should be returned by **December 12<sup>th</sup>**! Thank you!

**Principle Payment Reduction Lunches are BACK!** These luncheons are held once a month September – May. All proceeds go directly to retire the debt. Meals are ready for take-out or eat-in after the 8:30 & 11:00 services. Join **Lutheran Men next Sunday** for: Country Fried Steak, Rice & Gravy, Black Eyed Peas, Rolls, and Dessert.

**Mission Lexington:** Our end of the year food drive is underway with 1,202 lbs. of food collected. Our goal is to collect 5,000 lbs. between now and the end of the year. The total food collected for this year is 15,056 lbs. Our goal for 2021 is 15,000 lbs. Please place your food donations and plastic or paper bags in the food barrel next to the elevator in the admin wing or in the box in front of the men's class room. The following items are the most needed: Canned Fruit, Beef Stew, Canned Chicken, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Chili, Pork & Beans, Canned Soups, Rice, Grits, Sugar, Flour, Oatmeal, Applesauce, Cereals, Coffee, Dog & Cat Food. The following holiday items are needed too: stuffing mix, instant potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, candied yams, and chicken/turkey/beef broth. Remember even one can of food will feed someone who is hungry. **Holiday Hams and Turkeys for Mission Lexington:** Nurture and Outreach is seeking donations to purchase turkeys and hams to donate to Mission Lexington during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday. Please prayerfully consider donating \$20.00 toward the purchase of hams and turkeys. Write a check to St. Stephen's and in the remarks section of your check, please mark it for ham and turkey purchase and place it in the offering plate. We will make a ham and turkey purchase close to Thanksgiving and another purchase closer to Christmas. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Ron Redd: 803-360-0241 Rredd7848@gmail.com.

**J-Crew:** All 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to meet at the church on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-6pm to roast hot dogs and smores. Contact Pastor Jason by Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> to RSVP! Thanks and hope to see YOU there!

**Jr. (6th-8th) and Sr. (9th-12th) Youth Event: TODAY at 2 PM**

Join us for a fun afternoon focusing on THANKFULNESS! We will watch some short videos, play some games, and take time to be together and connect! Bring a snack to share!

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Community Group:** Join Mrs. Shannon on Sunday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-6 PM for a Thanksgiving scavenger hunt and a trip to Lick for ice cream! RSVP by Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> so she has a head count! Shannon Burnett (Shannon@sslc.org)

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Community Group:** Join us Sunday, Nov.21<sup>st</sup> at 2PM at the Lexington Sonic for food, fellowship, and an opportunity to help make care packages for our college friends! Please RSVP by Thursday, Nov, 18<sup>th</sup> so we have a head count! Tonya Reynolds (tonya@sslc.org) and Julie Tworzyanski (jtworzyanski@windstream.net)

**Prime Time:** Please join us this **Tuesday at 11:45 AM** for a Thanksgiving luncheon! The turkey will be provided! Please bring a side to share! We will also have some adorable Pilgrims and Indians joining us! Please sign up on the Prime Time bulletin board so we know how many folks to expect.

**Lutheran Men:** Please join us Monday, Nov. 15, at 7:00 in the social hall for a meal, fellowship, and a program presented by fellow member John Mackintosh. The topic will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Rev. Dr. Ernest L. Hazelius (1777-1853). He is the only Pastor with a historical marker in our cemetery. Come and bring a friend! Ron Redd 803-360-0241 Rredd7848@gmail.com

**Committee of 100:** How would you like to be a part of bringing Jesus Christ into someone's life? Actually it could be really simple – by becoming a part of the Committee of 100 which is composed of members who contribute a special \$100.00 in a given year to help support newly organized mission churches in the SC Synod as they struggle to become self-supporting. St. Stephen's has led the way in this program since 1980 – having 79 members in 2020. Please consider this stewardship opportunity. Over \$19,000.00 was distributed to mission churches in 2020. The Make your check to: Committee of 100 – drop it in the offering plate or give it to Ron Redd and he will handle the details. Ron Redd 803-360-0241 Rredd7848@gmail.com.

**Chat N Chew:**

Date: November 18, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Sun Ming Restaurant located at 7501 St. Andrews Road (Irmo)

Host: Jim and Marty Nantz

Please join our group for good food and wonderful fellowship with your church family. Sign up on the church's bulletin board! Hope that you can join us!

**Operation Christmas Child:** It's November so that means that it's Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing time! It's such a wonderful cause and even when things are different than they used to be, I want to make sure that we have as many options as possible to help make this Christmas extra special for a child in need. Last year, we did the online option and it was very successful considering the Pandemic. This year, I will continue to offer the online option <https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanpurse.org/view/9b069e19-156c-4c71-ab2a-6adbe63df101> But I will also have a display of shoeboxes in the hallway for you to grab on your way out today so that you and your family can pack a shoebox together. Be sure to include \$9 for shipping (cash or check - made out to Samaritan's Purse). There is a list of items to give you some ideas and the labels to include as well. Be sure to drop off your shoebox to the main office no later than **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Ashely Lackore will be delivering them to Lexington Baptist Church where they will be shipped out to children all over the world and the best part about it is that they will learn the Gospel of Jesus Christ through your kind gift. SPREAD JOY to a child in need this holiday season! If you have any questions - contact Ashely Lackore - 803-446-1303.

**Upcoming Events:**

Nov. 21: Christ the King Sunday; Debt Retirement Meal

Nov. 28: First Sunday in Advent; Pastor Jason's Installation

Nov. 30: Holden Evening Prayer Service

Dec. 5: Cocoa & Carols at the Nativity

Dec. 12: Children's Christmas Service

Dec. 19: Blue Christmas Service