

ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH PEOPLE OF CHRIST MAKING A DIFFERENCE

October 2025 Newsletter

It's time for Trunk or Treat which means we need your trunks!

On Wednesday, October 29th we will plan to have Trunk or Treat in the big parking lot next to the cemetery! This is such a fun evening with our kids and we will have Travelin' Dogs available for dinner!

We would LOVE for you to decorate your trunks and/or dress up yourself and give out candy!

Please let Shannon know if you plan to participate by Monday, October 27th!! Travelin' Dogs will be here at 5 PM which is also when you can begin setting up your area! You can begin eating at 5:30 PM. We plan to start Trunk or Treat at 6 PM and should be done by 6:45 PM.

Thank you for making Trunk or Treat possible!!

And we can't have Trunk or Treat without little ghosts and gobblins so *Come one, Come all!! And hit the Trunk or Treat Trail!*



Join us for a terrific evening as we Trunk or Treat in the parking lot next to the cemetery at 6 PM. Please keep the scary costumes to a minimum as we will have lots of little ones joining us!

Let Shannon (Shannon@sslc.org) know by Monday, Oct. 27th if your family plans to attend so we can have an idea of how many are coming!

Come join us for Homecoming 2025! Celebrating 195 Years of Ministry!

On Reformation Sunday, October 26th, St. Stephen's will celebrate its 195th birthday with a special Homecoming Sunday! Pastor Pat Riddle and Mrs. Jan will join us for worship and Pastor Pat will bring the sermon message. We will also have a special program between the services in the gym. At this gathering there will be a potluck brunch with the church providing the meat. Everyone who is planning to attend is asked to provide something to share. We are looking forward to this special celebration and hope you will make plans to join us!



Tuesday Bible Study at 9:05 am in the Fellowship Hall

Have you ever wanted to have dialogue about the lessons from Sunday's worship? Join Pastor Ralph and others as we discuss scripture and share faith conversations around the table from the previous Sunday's lessons. Bring your bulletin and/or bible.

Refreshments will be served.

The WNL Adult Class is learning about the biblical time-line and various characters and events. We are be using *The Bible's Big Story:*Our Story from Rev. Dr. Harry Wendt's Crossways International. Our goal is to explore and engage through conversation and study an overview of biblical chronology. Gather each Wednesday in the Social Hall for a meal beginning at 5:00 pm, and then join us from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Agape Classroom. All are welcome - hope to see you there!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

This school year is off to a terrific start! We spent the month of September getting into our preschool routines, celebrating many exciting color-themed days, and learning about the gift of self-control!

The month of October brings opportunities to celebrate farm life, fire safety, and all things Fall! We will welcome preschool families to our Fall Family Fair, including a dinner, Scholastic Book Fair, county-fair-style games, petting zoo, and bounce houses! Children will sing for their families and get to show them around their classrooms! We are excited about an upcoming fire truck visit and our Storybook Character Parade. Preschool families will be invited to join in the fun of Trunk-or-Treat! It is sure to be a month full of excitement!

October's Spotlight Fruit of the Spirit: Patience

Bible Verse of the Month: "Be humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant of each other." – Ephesians 4:2

Nursery Rhyme of the Month: Little Miss Muffet

The Preschool team is appreciative of the support and welcome that our church has given as school has returned. Church staff has provided lunch, offered words of encouragement, and helped out where needed! Special thanks to the Agape Sunday School Class for treating our preschool staff members with goody bags and gift cards! The love and support is truly felt and tremendously appreciated!

If you would like to support the Preschool, we are always in need of the following items: Lysol cleansing wipes, Lysol disinfectant spray, paper towels, hand sanitizer, glue sticks, Goldfish crackers, Cheez-its, Rold Gold pretzels, fresh fruit, and gift cards to treat our teachers!

We also welcome you to join our Substitute List! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Julie Tworzyanski at preschool@sslc.org.



St. Stephen's will be partnering with The Salvation Army again this year and serving as Red Kettle volunteers on Saturday, December 6th at Lowe's Foods on Augusta Highway (across from LHS).



St. Stephen's is tasked with covering shifts from 10AM-6PM. We need 2 volunteers (or more) per hour to ring the bell! This is a great way to earn service hours or just get out and enjoy the beginning of the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. Please contact Shannon if you'd like to help or click on the link below!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ABAC2DA3F58-51530067-salvation

Nurture and Outreach will meet Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 5:00 pm in the Social Hall.

We will discuss our plans for putting together the distribution of the Christmas gift bags.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Ron Redd 803-360-0241 Rredd7848@gmail.com.

Usable Glasses Give New Life

Refractive errors can be easily corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions living in low and middle income countries lack access to basic eye care services. Lions have recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and collect usable glasses to support the Lions Recycle For Sight Program. If you have usable glasses you'd like to donate, please put them in the container in the office.

Order of St. Stephen's

	8:30 AM Service	11:00 AM Service
October 5 th	A – Caroline Hooker	A – Carsyn Antley
	C – Katy Hooker	C – Merritt Jones
	BB – Weston Hill	BB – Emery Jones
October 12 th	A – Ethan Kean	A – Henry Jebaily
	C – Connor Fink	C – Jack Jebaily
October 19 th	A – Gracen Geary	A – Ben Brunson
	C - Connor Geary	C – Thomas Brunson
October 26 th	A – Katy Hooker	A – Sarah Ellis Stafford
(Reformation)	C – Shaun Wessinger	C – Mary Beth Stafford
	BB – Jaime Wessinger	BB – Sophie Taylor
	TB – Connor Geary	TB – Madelyn Burgess
	TB – Gracen Geary	TB – Jocelyn Summerall

Jr. High Youth (6th-8th grade)

October 5th - Kickball Bonanza

Join Pastor Jason for a trip to St. Luke's in Prosperity for an afternoon of kickball, fellowship, and food. You may see familiar faces of those that you met at Campfirmation!! Plan to leave the church parking lot at 2 PM. Please RSVP to Jason@sslc.org by Oct. 1st if you plan to attend.

October 19th - Marty Party at Zion

**Details will be emailed out/added to the Band App once Shannon gets them!!

October 26th - Big Air and Menchie's

Join us for an afternoon of fun! We will plan to leave the church at 3:30 PM, go to Big Air and jump for an hour and then go to Menchies' to cool down!

RSVP needed by Oct. 22nd.

If you are not using the BAND app please consider downloading it so you have access to the event calendar and see who else has RSVP'd!! Ask Shannon if you need help!

WELCA Circle Meetings:

All women of St. Stephen's are members of WELCA and warmly invited to engage with one of our five circles. Each circle offers wonderful opportunities centered around faith, fellowship, and service. Below are the monthly meeting times and key contacts for each circle. Please don't hesitate to reach out, we would love you to join us in May!

Lunch Belles, 1st Monday, 12:30pm at the Country Club of Lexington. Peggy Sherman (sshe695063@aol.com)

Sunshine Circle, 1st Monday, 6:30pm at rotating hostess home. Marty Nantz (no.1mimi@yahoo.com)

Circle 5, 1st Tuesday, 6pm in the church social hall or parlor. Kay Keener (the keeners@live.com)

Circle of Love, 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm in the church social hall. Suzanne Robinson (robinsons1@yahoo.com)

Circle 9, 1st Wednesday, 11am, at the church parlor or hostess' home. Drew Welch (DrewRoyWelch@gmail.com)

Crossroads

The Crossroads group is a group of people (approximately aged 50-70's) who are continuing their faith journey in a new stage of life!



We typically gather the first Thursday of each month (September -May) enjoy get-to-know discussions, a devotion and connection over a great meal (Dutch treat). The next meeting will be on the second Thursday, **October 9** @ **6:30 pm** at the Mediterranean Café (327 W. Main). Look for the sign-up sheet just outside the narthex. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Ralph with any questions.

Chat & Chew

Date: Oct. 16th

Time: 5:30 PM

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Location: Clara & Ray's

Hostess: Shirley Ebert

Please consider joining your church family for a fun dinner filled with fellowship! Sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many to expect!

SSLC Living Faith Group

This group is comprised of anyone who would consider themselves a "young adult". The definition of "young adult" is broadly defined and within the group encompasses folks of varying ages and family contexts. In short, if you want to join a group of folks that enjoy fellowship, living out their faith, and being active with other members of the congregation please come and join us!

Lutheridge Worship, Picnic, and Apple Picking – Sunday, October 12th

On Sunday, October 12th the group will leave the large parking lot at 8:00am for Lutheridge in Arden, NC. At Lutheridge we'll have a worship service with Holy Communion and then a picnic (both will be held under a pavilion awning that has chairs and picnic tables). Afterwards we'll head to a local apple farm. Please RSVP to Pastor Jason by Wednesday, October 8th if you are planning to come. Folks that attend are asked to bring their own picnic lunch, chairs, blankets, etc. that you'll need for your family to be most comfortable. Hope to see YOU there!

Lutheran Men:

Lutheran Men will meet Monday, October 20, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the social hall. Mr. Mike Burgess will be our guest speaker. The title of his talk will be:

The Last Full Measure of Devotion: Christopher Caughman and the Civil War.

Come join us for a meal and fellowship and bring a friend.

Point of Contact: 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? It could be really simple – by becoming a part of the Committee of 100 which is composed of members who contribute \$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 82 members in 2024. All contributions are welcome. Please consider this stewardship opportunity. Over \$17,000.00 was distributed to mission churches in 2024. Please make your check to:

Committee of 100 – place it in the offering plate or give it to Ron Redd and he will handle the details.



Greeters stand at the back doors of the Sanctuary and welcome guests, visitors, and members to the service. You usually arrive by 8:15 AM for the first service and 10:45 AM for the 2nd service. You will wear a nametag, and Shannon will create a schedule that of course can be tweaked if you are assigned a date you are not available.

If you would like to serve as a Greeter, please reach out to Shannon.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!! TIME TO ORDER PECANS TO HELP OUR PRESCHOOL!

Pecans will be sold Oct. 12th, 19th, and 26th at church. All orders must be placed by Monday, October 27th! Contact Julie (Julie@sslc.org) for more information. Order forms are available in the office and in the Narthex. You can pay with cash, check, or with a card (in-person). Golden Kernel Pecan Co. is locally owned and operated in Cameron, SC. Pecans will arrive mid-November.

Our Fundraising Package includes:

Jumbo Pecan Halves (16 oz) \$15
Large Pecan Pieces (16 oz) \$15
Small Pecan Pieces (16 oz) \$15
Butter Roasted Pecan Halves (2 lb) \$30
Butter Roasted Pecan Halves (14 oz) \$18
Praline Pecan Halves (14 oz) \$18
Honey Roasted Pecan Halves (14 oz) \$18
Chocolate Covered Pecan Halves (16 oz) \$20
Dark Chocolate Covered Pecan Halves (16 oz) \$20
Sugar-free Chocolate Covered Pecan Halves (16 oz) \$20

Notes from Aloft

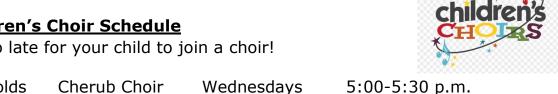
SAVE THE DATE: October 21 at 6:30 p.m.



The Imani Milele children's choir from Uganda, Africa, will be singing a concert at St. Stephen's. This ensemble has sung here before, and they are looking forward to coming back. If you haven't heard this choir, you're in for a treat!! With song and storytelling they present a very uplifting concert. A free will offering will be taken to support the choir's expenses.

| Fall Children's Choir Schedule

IIt's not too late for your child to join a choir!



12-4-year-olds 5K-2nd graders Carol Choir Wednesdays 5:25-6:10 p.m. 3rd-5th graders Treble Choir Wednesdays 5:25-6:10 p.m. 1st-5th graders **Choir Chimes** Wednesdays 6:10-6:40 p.m.

We are happy to have Mrs. Kerri Brittingham helping with our Cherub Choir this year, I along with Mrs. Laura Beck helping with our Carol Choir.

Wings of Worship, for children in 1st-6th grade, has resumed under the direction of Rhonda Marchant. This liturgical dance ensemble rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:45-7:30 p.m. The group will be participating in worship on November 2, All Saints Day.



The adult handbell choir has two positions open. If you have rung in I the past or have an interest in ringing please consider joining. The group rehearses on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Contact susan@sslc.org for information.

Romeo's will meet on Tuesday, October 28 at 12:30 for lunch. The Ladies who Lunch will meet on Thursday, October 23.



Ham and Turkey Gift Card donations:

Nurture and Outreach is seeking donations of \$25 that will be used to buy gift cards for those in need. The gift cards will then be used to purchase a ham or a turkey for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. Please make checks payable to St. Stephen's and in the remarks section put "ham and turkey fund".

Point of Contact: Ron Redd Rredd7848@gmail.com 803-360-0241.

MISSION LEXINGTON UPDATE

Our Easter to Reformation Food drive is underway with 3,059 lbs. toward a goal of 6,000 lbs. of food between now and Reformation. Year to date food is 5,129 lbs. Our 2025 goal is 12,000 lbs. of food.

Please note: **NO GLASS JARS, PLEASE!**

Mission Lexington needs the following items:

Canned Fruit Beef Stew Canned Chicken Peanut Butter & Jelly Mac & Cheese Chili Pork & beans Canned Fruit Canned Vegetables Rice Coffee Grits Flour Canned Soups Sugar Applesauce Oatmeal Breakfast Cereals Pasta Cornmeal mix Dog Food (Dry & Wet) Cat food (Dry and Wet) Laundry Detergent

Please place your food donations in the red food barrels next to the elevator in the admin wing or in the red barrels in front of the Agape Sunday School Class.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation toward the purchase of food, please make your check payable to St. Stephen's. In the remarks section write for Food purchase Mission Lexington

Remember even one can of food will feed someone who is hungry.

Thank you again for your support. Point of contact: Ron Redd 803-360-0241 Rredd7848@gmail.com.

Congregation Council Members:

Class of 2025

Christie Addy (803) 358-0120 Lisa Catalanotto (803) 960-6132 Deon Fink (803) 513-9041 Chad Geary (803) 404-2554 Myra Strock (803) 543-7130

Class of 2026

Neil Brown (803) 238-6998 Matt Martin (803) 231-3047 Betsy McCall (803) 730-0570 Sarah Kolb (803) 931-2022 Stephen Lunsford (843) 343-5161

Class of 2027

Lucy Austin (803) 917-5757 Kerri Brittingham (803) 318-4599 Bill Galardi (803) 530-8418 Roy Windham (803) 507-7951 Lance Young (864) 557-0182

Youth Representative:

Andrew Tworzyanski Elizabeth Kolb

Mary Keisler, Treasurer (803) 960-9155

WE! Lunch

A light lunch is offered in the Social Hall at 11:45 AM on Wednesdays.

The cost of the lunch is \$5. Come enjoy lunch and then worship with us at our 12:30 Eucharist Service.

This is Us

Parents of high school and college age youth should plan to join us October 30th at 6:00 PM.

Location is TBD...

Please email Shannon (Shannon@sslc.org) if you plan to attend! Invite another member who falls in this age group and come out to enjoy the food and fellowship!



Adults 60(ish) and older meet monthly for food, fellowship and fun. This group is a wonderful mix of people who also travel for day and overnight trips.

Our luncheon this month will be at Julia's German Stammsitch on Thursday, Oct. 9th. We will plan to leave the church at 11 AM, enjoy lunch and then visit the Veteran's Memorial Park on Hampton St. in Columbia on our way back to Lexington. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Monday, Oct. 6th.

We will be traveling to Narroway Productions on Friday, Oct. 10th to see Lord of Light. If you are interested, please sign up as only 12 tickets have been reserved. Tickets are \$35. If more than 12 want to go, Shannon can check on ticket availability.

The Gallery Tea Room in Newberry: Friday, October 24th

We will leave the church at 10 AM and have tea at 11 AM. Cost will be \$40 per person. We will be served assorted tea sandwiches, scones with Devonshire cream, seasonal fruit, petite desserts, and tea. Please sign up no later than Wednesday, Oct. 15th.

Our WNL! programs are in full swing!

Dinner will be served from 5 - 5:45 PM in the social hall.

5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Cherub Choir – 2-4 year olds

5:25 - 6:10 p.m. Carol Choir - 5 year olds-2nd grade

5:25 - 6:10 p.m. Treble Choir - 3rd-5th graders

5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth (6th-8th grade)

6 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:10 - 6:40 p.m. Choir Chimes (1st-6th graders)

6:30-7:30 p.m. Confirmation (7th and 8th grade)

6:45 – 7:30 p.m. Wings of Worship (1st-6th graders)

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir



Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, Oct. 15th from 1-6 PM

Please help save a life! Blood supplies are at a critical low and only you can help!

Visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code SSLC in the top right corner. Choose a time that works best for you and give the gift of life!



Sunday School at SSLC

Women Digging Deeper

This Sunday school class for women will begin September 7th. We will gather and discuss the scripture readings for that day. We will meet in the Parlor. This class will be a group think for facilitating and discussing. Our hope is the Word will sink in deeper as we dig deeper in the Word!

Adult Sunday School: Join a pastor-led class this fall as we watch and discuss the fourth season episodes of *The Chosen*. We meet in the Adult SS Class on the second floor. As a bonus, every second Sunday we also participate in the *Second Sunday Discipleship* time each month in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Our <u>Social Hall</u> will be used for a space for parents that don't want to go to SS but want to send their kids! It will also be for parents that teach SS and don't want to commit to another class and for folks that aren't parents that just want the opportunity to enjoy fellowship. This is a great opportunity to build community! No curriculum—unless one is desired!

Our **AGAPE Class** will continue to meet and is a Bible Study based class led by lay leaders of the congregation.

<u>Discipleship gatherings on 2nd Sundays starting in September—</u> <u>Less like a Hippo...More like a Honeybee</u>

On the 2nd Sunday of the month, all Sunday School classes (except 2'and 3's)will meet in the Social Hall. Our focus will be on being contributor oriented vs consumer oriented in our faith. Activities for our intergenerational audience will be provided by the pastors and Shannon as they will be leading these classes! It's sure to be a fun time and an opportunity to gather together as a community of faith!

If you would like to begin a new Sunday school class or small group, please see the Pastors or Shannon. We would love to help form and support you with resources!

SSLC J-Crew



Friday, October 10th – Trip to the State Fair

Growing

All 1st-5th graders are invited to meet at the SC State Fairgrounds on Friday, October 10th at 12 PM. Since the kiddos have that day off from school, we'll use that time to have some fun together at the fair! Please RSVP to Pastor Jason by Wednesday, October 8th so I'll know how many are going. For this trip, all kids will need a parent/ grandparent to come along with them. That way everybody can get their own ticket(s)/ride voucher(s) and we'll have extra eyes and hands to make sure we keep the kiddos safe.

OCTOBER 2025 NEWS & NOTES FOR ST. STEPHEN'S WELCA CIRCLES

TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION: GROWTH ...

Our St. Stephen's WELCA Mission calls upon us to support our growth through learning experiences that strengthen us for our ministry.

UPDATES:

St. Stephen's WELCA Joint Business Meeting held September 9, was an evening filled with opportunities to get to know each other a little better thanks to a super fun ice breaker – who knew how many of us like chocolate mint chip ice cream? And there was the grand opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of delicious salads and desserts! With reports from the SC WELCA Convention to a business meeting that elected officers and approved a 2026 WELCA budget, the evening was a great example of how blessed we are to have each other as we walk through our journeys of faith.

And congratulations to our 2026 Officers:

President: Mary Nantz

Vice President: Anna Yonge Secretary: Kathy Bernard Treasurer: Lenna Young

SAVE THESE DATES:

November 2, 2025....

WELCA invites you, your family, and your friends to join in a showcase of inspirations and fun as we look forward to the season of celebrations ahead.... Many details coming soon!

November 16, 2025....

Plan to join in WELCA Sunday. Volunteer now to participate by contacting Marty Nantz.

Mark your calendars....

- Seasoned with Joy, A Holiday Showcase Sunday, November 2, 2025; 1-3 pm, Social Hall
- St. Stephen's WELCA Leading WELCA Sunday, both services...
 Sunday, November 16, 2025 Look for email regarding volunteers needed
- SC WELCA Retreats
 Camp Kinard, March 6-7, 2026
 Isle of Palms, May 27-29, 2026
- 2026 SC WELCA Convention June 19-20 Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Newberry
- Triennial Gathering July 16-19, 2026; Virtual



Publications to check out:

The Ripple (SCWELCA Newsletter) – click here for 2019 Summer Ripple

Complete resources from Women of the ELCA - Resources - Women of the ELCA

Are you looking for a daily devotional? Daily Grace is an on-the go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day.

Click here to learn more and sign up Daily Grace, Reflections of Faith - Women of the ELCA

Save the Date: Pancakes and PJs with Santa

Wear your Christmas PJs, fill your belly with pancakes, and visit with Santa!

FEATURING

Personal pictures with Santa and a Christmas craft for each child

When: Sunday, December 7th from 4:30-5:30 PM (immediately following the Lexington Christmas Parade

Where: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church Gym

Benefiting: Our Youth that will be going to Lake Traverse Indian Reservation in South Dakota for our 2026 Mission Trip



Please RSVP to Shannon by Dec. 1st (Shannon@sslc.org)

Ticket cost is \$20 per child (one adult admitted free per child); additional adults \$10

(Check or cash accepted; a separate link will be sent out in November to purchase tickets online)

Sr. High Youth (9th-12th grade)

October 5th - Kickball Bonanza

Join Pastor Jason for a trip to St. Luke's in Prosperity for an afternoon of kickball, fellowship, and food. You may see familiar faces of those that you met at Campfirmation!! Plan to leave the church parking lot at 2 PM. Please RSVP to Jason@sslc.org by Oct. 1st if you plan to attend.

October 11th - Hiking with Mr. Neil Brown

Plan to leave the church at 8 AM. We will take the bus to DuPont State Recreational Forest in Pisgah Forest and hike for several hours! Plan to bring a water bottle and some snack bars! RSVP to Mrs. Shannon or via the BAND App by Oct. 5th.

October 19th - Marty Party at Zion

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October 26th - Deceased Farms

We will leave the church at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$25 *cash*! Please RSVP to Mrs. Shannon by Oct. 23rd!

If you are not using the BAND app please consider downloading it so you have access to the event calendar and see who else has RSVP'd!!Ask Shannon if you need help!

We can't wait to bring the best parts of the @elcagathering to Lutheridge next summer! High school participants will experience camp activities like pool, crafts, campfires, challenge tower, and hiking; and Gathering activities like worship, speakers, and house band music. We are also excited to offer concurrent continuing education for youth leaders! Put it on your calendar: July 12-17, 2026 at Lutheridge! Registration will open in November.



Flowers for October

Oct. 5th	Kelly Hawsey	
Oct. 12th	Steve and Marian Fowler	
Oct. 19th	Tom and Brenda Janson	
Oct. 26th	WELCA—Drew Welch	

Recyclers

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Oct. 5th	The Head Family	
Oct. 12th	The Taylor Family	
Oct. 19th	Gary and Julie Angus	
Oct. 26th	Sarah and G Kolb	

Ushers for October 5th and 19th

8:30 - Eric Wessinger, Ivan Black, Pat Bowen, Bill Carroll, Aaron Rawl, Vernon Hester, Deon Fink,
Blaine Richardson, Chad Geary

11:00 - Alon Cox, Roy Welch, Brian Paeth, Doug Harper, Matt Martin

Ushers for October 12th and 26th

8:30 - Reuben Eargle, Sandy Shealy, Ron Redd, Steve Fowler, Jim Nantz, Daryl Hooker **11:00** - Otis Rawl, G Kolb, Mike Burgess, Myra Strock, Roy Windham, George Mathias

Greeters

October 5	Marty and Jim Nantz	Myra Strock
October 12	Neil Brown	Cathy Mathias
October 19	Paul Austin	Chuck and Dawn Corley
October 26	Julie and Adam Tworzyanski	Sarah Kolb

Lay Readers

October 5	Steve Fowler	Julie Harper
October 12	Shannon Burnett	Lisa Catalanotto
October 19	Ginger Macaulay	Megan Carrero
October 26 – Reformation	Bobby Martin	Bill Cegelis

Eucharistic Ministers

October 5 (Rail Communion)	Marian and Steve Fowler	Peggy Sherman and Bill Cegelis
October 12	Paige Johnson	Jamie Early
October 19	Bobby Martin	Myra Strock
October 26	Lacy Geary	Cathy Mathias



Office Hours:

8 AM-4 PM Monday - Thursday

To Reach us:

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Sylvia Looney

Congregation Council Officers

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Mission Statement:

Gathering all generations to nurture Christ-like discipleship

Our Vision:

To be a place of hope

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

119 North Church Street

Lexington, SC 29072

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"Return Service Requested"

For our guests our Ministries includes. . .

Sunday School: Classes for Nursery age-adults; meets at 9:45 each Sunday

Wednesday Night Live! (WNL!): A time for fellowship over dinner and then faith development through Confirmation and Adult Bible Study; Jr. High Youth (5:45-6:30 PM); Musical groups for children - Cherubs (5:00-5:25 pm), Carol Choir (5:25-5:55); Treble Choir (5:25-6:10 pm) and Choir Chimes (6:10-6:40 pm); Wings of Worship Liturgical Dance (6:30-7:30 pm)

The Adult Choir: Rehearsal on Wednesday at 7:00 PM (No Summer Rehearsal)

Handbell Choir: Rehearsal on Monday at 6:30 PM (No Summer Rehearsal)

<u>Junior High (6th, 7th & 8th grades) & Senior High Youth (9th - 12th grades):</u> meet regularly for planned activities

J-Crew: (1st - 5th graders) meet monthly for planned activities

<u>Lutheran Men:</u> Meet on the 3rd Monday each month at 6:30PM in Social Hall for a meal and informative speaker

WELCA: Various groups of women meet monthly, commit themselves to grow in faith, affirm their gifts, and support one another in ministry and action.

<u>Preschool</u>: An extension of the ministry for our church & the community for children 15 months to 4 years of age. Class hours are 9:00AM - 12:00 Noon Early bird drop-off available

<u>Prime Time:</u> Adults 60 and older meet monthly for food, fellowship and fun. This group is a wonderful mix of people who also travel for day and overnight trips. A monthly luncheon is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

<u>Crossroads:</u> Compromised of adults between "This is Us" and "Prime Time" that get together for fellowship on the first Thursday of the month and for service projects throughout the year

<u>This is Us:</u> This group has children in high school and college and gets together the last Thursday of the month for fellowship and food.

<u>Living Faith</u>: This group is comprised of folks somewhere between our Sr. High Youth and our This is Us group, encompassing people of varying ages and family contexts. Activities alternate between adult only and family friendly.

<u>Young Adults</u>: This group is for young adults (college age and up) and newly married couples just starting out that will gather together to build community and offer opportunities for fellowship.

Ladies Who Lunch: Meets monthly for lunch

R.O.M.E.O. (Retired OI' Men Eating Out): Meets monthly for lunch