



ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

WNL! RETURNS JAN. 7TH!

Dinner begins at 5 pm
Cherubs Choir 5 pm
Carol and Treble Choirs 5:25 pm
Wings of Worship 6:45 pm

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Class begins at 6:30 pm
Join Mrs. Shannon at 5:45 pm for
Jr. High Youth Group time before
Confirmation begins

WNL! ADULT CLASS

The Adult Class will meet in
the AGAPE classroom at 6 pm
All are welcome - hope to see
you there!

The Women's Bible study will start a new
Bible study

"Numbers: Learning Contentment in a
Culture of More" Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
and Wednesday mornings at 10:15 am
beginning January 13th and 14th.
Contact Kerri Brittingham for details.



Quarterly Family Night

Life is busy and schedules are crazy but
everyone has to eat!

If you consider yourself a part of our Young
Adult/Young Family/Living Faith groups we
are hoping we can get on your calendar for a
Quarterly Family Night on Sunday, January
18th from 5-7 PM. Parents will be going out to
eat with Pastor Jason and Pastor Ralph
(Dutch treat).

Our Jr. and Sr. High Youth and Mrs. Shannon
will provide care for the children. Our littlest
ones will be in the downstairs classrooms
while our 1st-5th graders will watch a
movie/do an activity in the Sr. High Room.
Please RSVP by Sunday, January 11th to
Shannon and let her know how many to
expect! We will have pizza for the kids.

We will plan to meet again April 19th.

We know life is hectic and meeting weekly or
monthly is nearly impossible! But we hope
that by providing child care and dinner, this
will alleviate some challenges. Please
contact the pastors or Shannon if you have
any suggestions or questions!

The SSLC staff would like to express
our most sincere appreciation for the
love offering that was collected in October
and November.

Your generosity is a true blessing and
we are all so very fortunate to serve
this congregation!

St. Stephen's is a special place
and our members are what makes it that way!

THANK YOU!!!!

SSLC Preschool News

Happy New Year! How can it be that the first semester is behind us? We are easing back into this school year, after a nice Christmas break, with a cozy Pajama Day! January will be a month to celebrate the season of winter and all of the fun that goes with it.

January's Spotlight Fruit of the Spirit: KINDNESS

Bible Verse of the Month: "Be kind and compassionate to one another; forgiving one another, just as God forgave you in Christ." – Ephesians 4:32

Nursery Rhyme of the Month: Jack & Jill

It's already time to register for the 2026-2027 preschool year! Priority Registration, for church members and currently enrolled families, begins on January 19th! Registration will open to the community on February 2nd! Classes are limited, so please spread the word and register early! We would love to have you or your loved ones join our Preschool Family! Visit the Preschool webpage at <https://www.sslc.org/st-stephens-preschool-ministry> to register online! Email Mrs. Julie at preschool@sslc.org if you have any questions about our preschool program or the registration process!

Thanks so much to many who included SSLC Preschool in their year-end giving and who gave throughout the year. Your gifts help to keep our ministry thriving and mean so much!



Chat and Chew for January:

Date: January 15th
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Belli's House of Pizza
(100 Old Cherokee Rd.)
Hostess: Marilyn Fattman



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.

Notes from Aloft

We had a wonderful Advent and Christmas season filled with beautiful music. Thank you to all our volunteers and our guest musicians for sharing time and talents! Thank you especially to our children's choirs for a very meaningful Christmas pageant.



Save the Date for Music, Art, Faith Camp

June 8-12, 2026

It's not too early to register. Camp is for children going into Pre-K – Rising 6th graders.

Contact susan@sslc.org for more information and registration forms.

Thanks to our Ladies Who Lunch for contributing gift cards to Sister Care for the Christmas season. Gift cards totaled \$645.00.

Choir Reminders....



The adult choir will resume rehearsals on January 14.
Children's Choirs will resume on January 7.
Choir Chimes will resume on January 14.
Handbell Choir will resume on January 12.



Jr. High Youth

Jan. 4th from 2-3:30 PM – Man Hunt, Steal the Bacon, S'mores
(please RSVP by Jan. 1st if you plan to come)

Jan. 18th – Family Night from 5-7 PM
(Big kids take care of little kids)
(See front page for more information and let Mrs. Shannon know if you can help!)

Jan. 23rd-25th – Middle School retreat
(Synod event – What is a Disciple?)
Details will be emailed out as soon as they are available.



Jr. High Youth will meet on the following Wednesdays before Confirmation at 5:45 in the Jr. High Youth room:
Jan. 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th

Sr. High Youth Events:

Jan. 6th – Sr. High Breakfast at SSLC

Tuesday Truth: Join us as for a **youth-led** scripture sharing and breakfast on the 1st Tuesday of the month. We know this won't work for all our Sr. High Youth because not everyone drives, schools start at different times, and everyone is spread out. However, if you can, join us in the social hall at 7:30 AM. You will be on your way to school by 8:15.

RSVP to Mrs. Shannon by Jan. 5th!

Jan. 17th – Snow tubing

If we have at least 10 youth interested in going, we will head to Moonshine Mountain Snow Tubing Park in Hendersonville. We do have to make reservations in advance, so please RSVP as soon as know you can go. Cost is \$40 (cash). The church will cover lunch/dinner depending on the time we tube.

Jan. 18th – Family Night (Big kids keep the little kids)

(See front page for more information and let Mrs. Shannon know if you can help!)

Jan. 25th – Sr. High Progressive Dinner

If your family would like to host our group, please let Shannon know. We are looking for 3 stops - appetizers, dinner, and dessert! if you plan to attend this event, RSVP to Mrs. Shannon by Jan. 22nd.



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 Tuesday, 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, 10:45 am in the church parlor.

Drew Welch (DrewRoyWelch@gmail.com)

MISSION LEXINGTON UPDATE

Our end of the year totals for donations is 8.245 lbs. Our Advent donations totaled 2,521 lbs. Thank you to everyone who contributed in 2025.

Please note: NO GLASS JARS, PLEASE!

Mission Lexington needs the following items:

Mac & Cheese	Canned Fruit	Beef Stew	Canned Chicken	Peanut Butter & Jelly
	Chili	Pork & beans	Canned Fruit	Canned Vegetables
	Canned Soups	Rice	Coffee	Grits
Applesauce	Oatmeal	Breakfast Cereals	Pasta	Flour
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.

Flowers for January

January 4th: OPEN
January 11th: Joe Boles
January 18th: OPEN
January 25th: OPEN

Recyclers

January 4th: The Head Family
January 11th: The Taylor Family
January 18th: Gary and Julie Angus
January 25th: Sarah and G Kolb

Ushers for Jan. 4th and 18th

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 Jan. 11th and 25th

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



LOVE & SERVE

January 2026 Lay Readers

	<u>8:30 AM Service</u>	<u>11:00 AM Service</u>
January 4	Neil Brown	Cathy Mathias
January 11	Jane Kennedy	Johnnie Peechatka
January 18	Michael Ettlemeyer	Marilyn Fattman
January 25	Brant Taylor	Mary Gaskins



Lay Readers



January 2026 Greeters

	<u>8:30 AM Service</u>	<u>11:00 AM Service</u>
January 4	Marty and Jim Nantz	Myra Strock
January 11	Paul Austin	Cathy Mathias
January 18	Neil Brown	Bonnie Long
January 25	Julie & Adam Tworzyanski	Sarah Kolb

January 2026 Communion Assistants

	<u>8:30 AM Service</u>	<u>11:00 AM Service</u>
January 4	Lucy Austin and Jane Kennedy	Peggy Sherman and Jamie Early
January 11	Paige Johnson	Cathy Mathias
January 18	Bobby Martin	Heyward Addy
January 25	Ann Clark	Bill Cegelis



Tuesday Men's Bible Study @ 9:05 am: Join Pastor Hill for an hour of "Table Talk" as we gather around the table to read and interpret together the scripture from the previous Sunday's lessons. Conversations include the theme of the season, background for the lessons and shared questions and personal gleanings. Bring your bible and a friend. Coffee will be served.



Order of St. Stephen's



	8:30 AM Service	11:00 AM Service
January 4th	A – Caroline Hooker	A – Hudson Taylor
	C – Katy Hooker	C – Sam Taylor
	BB – Weston Hill	BB – Sophie Taylor
January 11th	A – Ethan Kean	A – Ben Brunson
	C – Connor Fink	C – Thomas Brunson
January 18th	A – Gracen Geary	A – Eli Maxheimer
	C – Connor Geary	C – Aaron Head
January 25th	A – Shaun Wessinger	A – Stone Lewis
	C – Jaime Wessinger	C – Audrey Lewis

Crossroads –

a group comprised of folks that fall in between our Living Faith group and our Prime Time adults – will have its next gathering on January 8 (Thursday) @ 6:30 pm at the Mediterranean Café (327 W. Main).

Join us for a devotion, connection over a great meal (Dutch treat), and a faithful look for the new year.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ralph through the office and/or sign up on the sign-up sheet located outside the narthex.



Saints and Sinners Sunday School -

The Saints and Sinners Class encompasses adults of all ages. This year it is being co-taught by the Pastors. Don't have a Sunday School class that feels like home? We'd love to have YOU with us! We hope that you will come join us for what promises to be an awesome time of conversation and learning.

Prime Time Events

Thursday, January 8th at 11:45 AM – Soup and Cornbread
Join us for our monthly luncheon! Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many to expect!

Sunday, January 11th –

Wild Lights at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden
Stroll through the Zoo and discover over 60 larger-than-life handcrafted wildlife lantern displays inspired by nature. This interactive event showcases stunning illuminations sure to dazzle guests of all ages. Don't miss this unforgettable experience! We will leave the church at 4:15 PM, stop and have an early supper and then visit the zoo. The zoo will cost \$25, and dinner is on your own. Tickets are limited so as people sign up, Shannon will purchase tickets. We need at least 5 people to make the trip!

Lutheran Men:

Please join us Monday, January 19, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the social hall for a meal and presentation by Dallas Shealy, Director of SC Lutheran Retreat Centers.

Come join us and bring a friend.
POC: Ron Redd 803-360-0241
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Youth Representatives:
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

This group will plan to meet January 29th at 6 PM. If you have a restaurant suggestion, please let Shannon know. Details will be emailed out once finalized!

Office Hours:

8 AM-4 PM Monday - Thursday

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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
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"Return Service Requested"

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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 (6:45 -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)

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

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

Lutheran Men: 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.

Preschool: 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

Prime Time: 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.

Crossroads: Comprised 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

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

Living Faith: 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.

Young Adults: 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 Ol' Men Eating Out): Meets monthly for lunch