



ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Last call for Trivia Night to help raise money for the 2026 Mission Trip!

Step 1: Create a team of 6 people (or less). Could be church friends, friends outside of church, circle members, choir members, Lutheran Men, Prime Time, Living Faith - You get the picture! Just get a group together for a fun night and an opportunity for bragging rights!

Step 2: RSVP to Shannon with the names of your teammates and show her the money by March 2nd.

Step 3: Show up on Sunday, March 8th at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be served, and trivia will begin at 6 PM. Included in the price are 4 "mulligans" and 1 "doubler". You can use a mulligan to skip a question and may use one per round/per table. The doubler may be used once to double your score for one round.

For \$120 you get dinner for up to 6 adults at your trivia table, 4 mulligans, and the doubler!

Don't want to participate in the trivia competition? For \$10 you can enjoy dinner, fellowship with other folks, and still help raise money by bidding on the baskets and buying raffle tickets. See Shannon for tickets.

Have kids 10 or younger but still want to participate in Trivia Night? For \$10 per child, bring the kids, feed them dinner at 5:30 PM and at 6 PM they can go with our older youth to play while you play!

Come and take a chance at being the inaugural Trivia Night Champions!

All tickets/trivia tables must be purchased by March 2nd.

Summer 2026 Dates:

Music, Art, and Faith Camp (Susan Wilson)

June 8th-12th

Preschool Camp (Julie Tworzyanski)

June 15th-19th

Confirmation Camp (Pastor Jason)

June 21st - 26th

VBS (Shannon Burnett)

June 28th-July 1st

Lutheridge Day Camp (Shannon Burnett)

July 6th-10th

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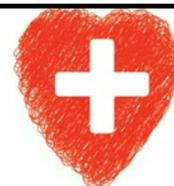
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH

1-6 PM

SSLC GYM

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING THE GIFT
OF LIFE!

IT'S A GIFT ONLY YOU CAN GIVE!



Give blood.

Give life. ♥

March Love Offering:

Operation Inasmuch

Operation Inasmuch is a national nonprofit that employs proven models to motivate, train, and equip churches to move more congregants out of the sanctuary seats and into the streets to serve the neediest in their communities. A day is selected each year in the SC Synod in the month of April on which to mobilize Lutherans around the state in completing projects that will serve the "least of these" around us. All love offering donations in March will go towards helping to finance the projects we undertake on that special workday. To find out more please see Pastor Jason.

SSLC Preschool News

The Preschool halls were full of love and learning in February, and the March winds are blowing in a month full of fun! We'll kick off this month with a reading challenge and dress-up fun to celebrate Read Across America week. St. Patrick's Day shenanigans are sure to find us as we celebrate all things green and the arrival of Spring! The story of Noah's Ark will surely be a favorite as we embark on animal adventures and welcome wildlife ambassadors from Carolina Wildlife Center for some hands-on fun and learning!

March's Spotlight Fruit of the Spirit: GENTLENESS

Bible Verse of the Month: "Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near."

– Philippians 4:5

Nursery Rhyme of the Month: Hey Diddle Diddle

Looking for ways to support our Preschool?!

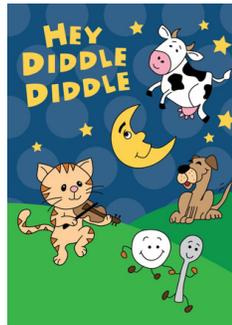
~Treat yourself and support our Butter Braid Fundraiser! See Mrs. Julie or email her at julie@sslc.org to inquire and place your order! Orders accepted through 3/09/26 with delivery on 3/26/26!

~Make donations of needed items:

New or gently used: -tricycles -scooters

Recycling item request: empty, clean 16.0 fl oz drink bottles
(These will be used for a special summer camp craft activity!)

~Pray for our Preschool Ministry and team! Your prayers and support mean so much!



Chat and Chew for March:

Date: Tuesday, March 17th

(**Please note day of the week has changed for this month only!)

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Blue Marlin

Hosts: Don and Georgianna Dukes

**Cost is \$20 cash. There will be a bar available.



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

Save the Date for Music, Art, Faith Camp

June 8-12, 2026

It's time to register!! It will be here before you know it! Camp is a great week of making crafts, singing, ringing choir chimes, drumming, and recreation. It's also a time to meet symphony players and learn about instruments. Camp is open to church members and the community and is for children going into Pre-K – Rising 6th graders. Contact susan@ssl.org for more information and registration forms.



Oh, Jonah! coming soon...

Oh, Jonah! is a musical that our children's choirs will perform on Sunday afternoon, April 26 at 3:00 p.m. It's sure to be a whale of a good time! It's not just the story about a whale swallowing a human, it's about responsibility, repentance, listening for the word of God, accepting people who are different, and believing there is mercy and compassion for all. The performance will be accompanied by Tammy Lorick and Matthew Jones. Save the date! You will not want to miss this! Come meet the sailors, the angels, the King of Nineveh, and the Captain of the Ship, and of course Jonah. And did you know the whale can sing?

May Music Midday returns on Tuesdays in May! We are thrilled to announce that Andy Marchant will be preparing our lunches before each of the concerts. More details will be coming! Our series begins on May 5 and we'll welcome soloist Tina Stallard, accompanied by pianist Sharon Rattray. This is a great way to hear some wonderful music and to meet some of our community friends who attend our concerts.



Romeos will meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3 at the Old Mill Brew Pub.



Ladies Who Lunch will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 5 at Carolina Wings.

An Inurnment service for Renate Elizabeth Chappell will be held Thursday, April 16th at 11:00 AM. Sunset Memorial Gardens
2648 Jefferson Davis Hwy.
Graniteville, SC 29829

Rev. Ralph Hill will be presiding.

Dress is casual.

A reception will follow at St. Paul Lutheran Church
961 Trail Ridge Rd.
Aiken, SC 29803

Please RSVP to Don Chappell
Text or call (803) 221-3643

Online Pictorial Directory

Did you know we have one?
Do you know how to access it?

If you answered no to either of these questions, reach out to Shannon and she will help!

If you are already using the directory and want to update your picture, Shannon can help with that as well!

Sr. High Youth Events:

March 3rd – 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 Feb. 2nd!



March 8th – Trivia Night Fundraiser

You may know a lot more than you think you know!!
Get a group together and join us for a fun night of trivia.

March 29th – Trafficking seminar with Detective Sherban at Pisgah Lutheran Church. St. Stephen's is helping to sponsor this event, so we hope to have a big turnout. Parents are encouraged to come. Please RSVP by March 25th. The program starts at 4 PM. Anyone that wants to ride the bus should plan to leave SSLC at 3:45 PM

Save these dates for April:

April 4th – Easter Eggstravaganza

April 12th - Tie dye t-shirts; ice cream bar with Jr. High; talk about Youth Sunday

April 14th – Sr. High Breakfast at SSLC (2nd Tuesday due to Spring Break)

April 19th – Family Night (Big kids keep little kids)

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!

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.

Dawn Corley (charlestonsilverlady6@gmail.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 Christmas to Easter food drive is underway with 1,275 lbs. of food toward a goal of 2,000 lbs. of food between now and Easter Sunday on April 05. Our yearly donations are 1,275 lbs. toward a goal of 8,000 lbs.

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 Vegetables		
Canned Soups	Rice	Coffee	Grits	Sugar	Flour
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.

Flowers for March

March 1st: Steve and Marian Fowler
March 8th: Rick and Katherine Loging
March 15th: Kay Keener
March 22nd: Chad and Lacy Geary
March 29th: Palm Sunday

Recyclers for March

March 1st: The Head Family
March 8th: The Taylor Family
March 15th: Gary and Julie Angus
March 22nd: Sarah and G Kolb
March 29th: Sarah and G Kolb

Ushers for March 1st and 15th

8:30 - Eric Wessinger, Ivan Black, 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 March 8th, 22nd, and 29th

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



March 2026 Lay Readers

	<u>8:30 AM Service</u>	<u>11:00 AM Service</u>
March 1	Vernon Hester	Shannon Burnett
March 8	Paige Johnson	Gay Clark
March 15	Anna Browder	Julie Harper
March 22	Terri Geary	Myra Strock
March 29	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>



March 2026 Greeters

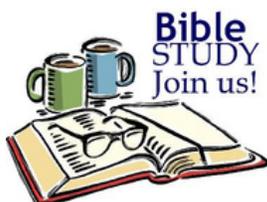
	<u>8:30 AM Service</u>	<u>11:00 AM Service</u>
March 1	Sandy Shealy	Chuck & Dawn Corley
March 8	David Able	Rick & Suzanne Swaffield
March 15	Steve & Marian Fowler	Gay Clark
March 22	Amy Shell	Christie Addy
March 29	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>

March 2026 Communion Assistants

	<u>8:30 AM Service</u>	<u>11:00 AM Service</u>
March 1	Marty and Jim Nantz	Cathy Mathias & Myra Strock
March 8	Craig Wheatley	Bill Cegelis
March 15	Danny Able	Ed Smith
March 22	Paul Austin	Heyward Addy
March 29	Tonya Reynolds	Shannon Burnett



Tuesday Bible Study @ 9:05 am:
 Would you like to be a part of a faith conversation stirred up by the previous Sunday's lessons? Join Pastor Ralph for an hour of "Table Talk" as we gather around the table to read and interpret together the Scripture from the previous Sunday. We'll touch on the theme of the Season, background for the lessons, shared questions, and personal gleanings as we read together God's Word. Bring your bible and a friend. Coffee will be served.



JCREW and Living Faith
 Be on the lookout for information from Pastor Jason regarding your March event!

BOLO
 "Be on the look out"

This is Us

This group will plan to meet March 26th at 6 PM. If you have a restaurant suggestion, please let Shannon know. Details will be emailed out once finalized!

Congratulations to Mr. Craig Wheatly on his selection as Saxe Gotha Conference South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission Man of the Year for 2025.

Congratulations to St. Stephen's Lutheran Men for earning an Outstanding Unit Award for 2025 at the Annual SCLMM Convention held February 21, 20126 at Living Springs Lutheran Church in Columbia. This award is the 13th consecutive unit award earned by St. Stephen's LMM.

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 March 5 (Thursday) @ 6:30 pm at the Mediterranean Café (327 W. Main).

Join us for a conversation starter, connection over a great meal (Dutch treat), and a Lenten devotion.

Contact Pastor Ralph for details.



Lutheran Men:

will meet Monday, March 16, 2026 at 6:30 in the social hall.

Marshall Hurlbert, President of South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission will be our guest speaker and talk on his vision for SCLMM this year.

Please join us. We would love to have you.

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



Saints and Sinners Sunday School –

The Saints and Sinners Class encompass adults of all ages. This year it is being co-taught by the Pastors. In addition to the 2nd Sunday Discipleship class in the Social Hall, our class currently is finishing up viewing and discussing Season Five episodes of The Chosen. We hope that you will come join us as we discover and grow in faith.

PRIME TIME PLANS:

March Lunch

Thursday, March 12th

11:45 AM

Join us for our annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon! Enjoy corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and beer bread.

Please sign up on the bulletin board by March 9th so we have a head count!

Daufuskie Island

March 20-22, 2026



Mark your calendars and save the date:

Thursday, April 9th - Lunch at Pauline's Dining Room in Orangeburg (a favorite for Pastor Jason)

Thursday, April 23rd - Walking Food Tour in Columbia

Thursday, May 21st - Spirit of Lake Murray cruise (tentative)



WE! Lunch

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

Congregation Council Members:

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

Class of 2028

- Gail Felton (803) 312-2960
- Christy Hooker (803) 429-3287
- Nick Kean (843) 819-9558
- Bobby Martin (803) 873-8404
- Richard Shealy (608-3492)

Youth Representatives:

Sophie Taylor, Margaret McCurdy

Mary Keisler, Treasurer (803) 960-9155

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



Wednesday Night Live
Adult Study Class –

Due to the Lenten Season, WNL class will not meet in March and will return April 15. All are invited to attend our mid-week Lenten activities: a meal at 5:00 pm followed by worship at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

To the Congregation -

Thank You!! I want to thank each of you for the love and support you gave me during my 1 year term as President of South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission. It has truly been a rewarding experience and the honor of my life. I also give our Lord and Savior honor and glory for his guidance, not only during the past year but throughout my life as well.

God Bless You all.

Ron Redd

First Communion Class

A first communion class will be offered by Pastor Jason and Pastor Ralph on Sunday, March 8th at 12:30pm.

We will eat some pizza together and then delve into the day's curriculum and activities!

If you plan to attend please RSVP to the church office no later than Thursday, March 5th so that we can know how much pizza to order. If you have any questions please contact one of the pastors!



March is National Nutrition Month. Kathy Bernard who is a Registered Dietitian will be holding a FREE nutrition presentation on March 28th at 10am in the Social Hall. Get some tips on how to achieve a healthier lifestyle by incorporating some of the "12 Fixes to Healthy". These commonsense solutions are beneficial to everyone. Please RSVP to Kathy via phone or text: 803-738-6710 or via email: nutrition4mbh@gmail.com. Attendees will have a chance to win some fun prizes.

St. Stephen's will host a Life Line Screening Tuesday, March 17th. Shannon has 4 complimentary screening certificates valued at \$85. Please reach out to her if you'd like to claim one that can be used towards the cost of this screening.

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!
800-324-9458 and use code: **HABC001**

LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention



Jr. High Youth

March 1st - Jr. High Roller Skating

Jr. High Youth will be going to Three Fountains Rink and Fun Center on Sunday, March 1st. We will leave the church at 2 PM and return around 5 PM. Cost of admission and roller skates will be covered.

Please bring money for snacks and games.

RSVP to Mrs. Shannon by Thursday, Feb. 26th if you plan to go!



March 13th-15th - Jr. High Retreat (Synod event)

March 29th - Trafficking seminar with Detective Sherban at Pisgah Lutheran Church

St. Stephen's is helping to sponsor this event, so we hope to have a big turnout. Parents are encouraged to come. Please RSVP by March 25th. The program starts at 4 PM. Anyone that wants to ride the bus should plan to leave SSLC at 3:45 PM

Family Lenten Worship - March 4, 11, 18, and 25 (6 PM); No Jr. High Youth before

Order of St. Stephen's

	8:30 AM Service	11:00 AM Service
March 1st	A – Gracen Geary	A – Eli Maxheimer
**No Banner (Lent)	C – Connor Geary	C – Aaron Cegelis
March 8th	A – Luke Wenzel	A – Ben Brunson
	C – Alaina Wenzel	C – Catherine Sadler
March 15th	A – Ryan Kennedy	A – Henry Jebaily
	C – Jack Kennedy	C – Craig Lunsford
March 22nd	A – Caroline Hooker	A – Carsyn Antley
	C – Katy Hooker	C – Madelyn Burgess
March 29th	A – Ethan Kean	A – Sarah Ellis Stafford
	C – Andrew Tworzyanski	C – Gavin Gaskins

It's time to register for 2026 Lutheroad Day Camp!

***St. Stephen's Lutheran Church invites you to join us for
Lutheroad Day Camp!***

***This year, camp is scheduled for July 6th-10th -
Registration for campers entering 1st - 6th grade for
next school year (2026/2027) is now open.***

***The cost for one week of camp is \$165.00 for the 1st
child & \$135.00 for siblings.***

*****Register early.... space is limited!***

***Lutheroad Day Camp enables children to experience a
Christian camping environment without having to stay
overnight away from home. Each day will be full of fun-
filled activities including camp-style worship and bible
study, arts and crafts, music and songs, special events
and field trips! Camp will be from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.,
Monday - Thursday and from 9:00 a.m. to 12 pm on
Friday.***

***If you think your child(ren) would enjoy the fun-filled
and rewarding experience of attending Lutheroad Day
Camp at St. Stephen's, please contact Shannon for the
registration form. Receipt of the completed form and a
\$50.00 non-refundable deposit (per child) will enable us
to reserve a spot for your child(ren).***

See Shannon with questions!

(Shannon@sslc.org)

2026 Lenten Calendar

**Wednesday Lenten Worship Services:
March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th**

12:30 pm Worship in the Sanctuary

5 PM - WNL! Dinner; Cherub Choir

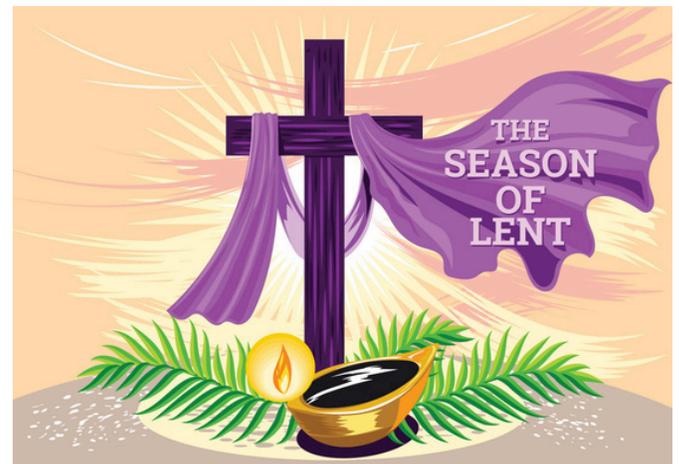
5:25 PM - Carol and Treble Choir

6 PM - Lenten Worship in the Social Hall

6:10 PM - Choir Chimes

6:45 PM - Wings of Worship

7 PM - Adult Choir



BIDDING BASKETS

Last year we had great success having Bidding Baskets donated from groups within the church! As you know, our youth go on a mission trip each summer and we are excited to be working in South Dakota this year at Lake Traverse Reservation. Ten youth will be going with 2 chaperones.

We are once again asking different groups within our church to make and donate "Bidding Baskets". These baskets could be themed (movie gift card, candy, popcorn, etc) or just a basket with a variety of goodies from local stores (Merle Norman, Blush Boutique, Home Depot, Lowes, etc). The baskets will be featured at our silent auction which will help us raise funds for our trip. It doesn't have to be fancy, just fun and something that our members would enjoy winning!

Please let Shannon know, at your earliest convenience, if you have any questions and then also let her know if your group will be providing a basket for our auction on March 8th! Thank you in advance for your support!

Please have all baskets to Shannon by Wednesday, March 4th!

Office Hours:

8 AM-4 PM Monday - Thursday

To Reach us:

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Sylvia Looney

Congregation Council Officers

President - Chad Geary
Vice President - Matt Martin
Secretary - Sarah Kolb
Treasurer - Mary Keisler

Mission Statement:

Gathering all generations to nurture
Christ-like discipleship

Our Vision:

To be a place of hope



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PEOPLE OF CHRIST MAKING A DIFFERENCE

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
119 North Church Street
Lexington, SC 29072

"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