

Our Stewardship of Attendance last week: (8:30am) 159 (11am) 174
Wednesday Service: (12:30pm) 84

General Offering Total for 2026: \$178,914.86
Total Expenses for 2026: \$176,336.28

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	8:30AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary-Online) 9:45AM: Discipleship Sunday (Social Hall) 11AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 5:30PM: Trivia Night Mission Trip Fundraiser (Social Hall)
Monday	8AM: Preschool 12:30PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall) 6PM: McMurray (Gym) 6:30PM: Adult Handbells (Balcony) 8PM: Taylor (Gym)
Tuesday	8AM: Preschool 9:05AM: Men's Bible (Social Hall) 6PM: Lackore (Gym) 6:30PM: Women's Bible Study (Agape Classroom)
Wednesday	8AM: Preschool 10:15AM: Women's Bible Study (Sr. High Room) 11:45AM: Lunch (Social Hall) 12:30PM: Lenten Wednesday Service (Sanctuary-Online) 1PM: Blood Drive (Gym) 5PM: Dinner (Social Hall); Cherub Choir (Choir Room) 5:25PM: Carol & Treble Choirs (Choir Room) 6PM: Lenten Worship Service (Social Hall) 6:10PM: Choir Chimes (Choir Room) 6:45PM: Wings of Worship (Gym Stage) 7PM: Adult Choir (Choir Room) 7:30PM: AA/AI-Anon meetings (Social Hall/Parlor)
Thursday	8AM: Preschool 11:45AM: Prime Time (Social Hall) 6PM: Lackore (Gym) 7PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Friday	
Saturday	1:30PM: Kean (Gym)
Sunday	8:30AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary-Online) 9:45AM: Sunday School for all ages 11AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary)

The Spirit of St. Stephen's Weekly for March 8 – March 15, 2026

Congregational Council approves causes to be featured monthly. **March - 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 by 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.

Christian Sympathy is extended to family of Sylvia Howell upon her death and to the family of Al Hornsby upon his death. May the peace and comfort of God's Word be with them assuring them of the knowledge and truth of the Resurrection.

Join us for our Lenten Wednesday Service, March 11th at 12:30pm in the sanctuary to enhance your weekly worship experience and to share God's Word. Lunch will be served at 11:45am in the social hall.

Blood Drive: St. Stephen's will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, March 11th. Please sign up and give the gift of life!!

First Communion Class will be offered by Pastor Jason and Pastor Ralph **TODAY** at 12:30pm. We will eat some pizza together and then delve into the day's curriculum and activities! If you have any questions, please contact one of the pastors!

March is National Nutrition Month. Kathy Bernard, who is a member of our church and is also 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 email: nutrition4mbh@gmail.com. Attendees will have a chance to win some fun prizes.

Our 2026 Flower Calendar is available for sign up! Please find the calendar in the narthex. Available dates include June 14, August 23, 30, September 6, October 11, & 25.

Mission Lexington: Our Christmas to Easter food drive is underway with 1,275 lbs. collected. Our goal is to donate 2,000 lbs. of food between now and Easter Sunday on April 5. Our yearly donations are 1,275 lbs. toward a goal of 8,000 lbs. Mission Lexington needs the following items: **Please No Glass Jars** laundry detergent, canned fruit, beef stew, canned chicken, peanut butter & jelly, mac & cheese, chili, pork & beans, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soups, rice, coffee, grits, sugar, flour, oatmeal, applesauce, breakfast cereals, dog & cat Food (Dry & Wet), laundry detergent, and pasta. If you prefer to make a monetary donation toward the purchase of food, please make your check payable to St. Stephen's and in the remark section put Mission Lexington. Thank you again for your support. Ron Redd 803-360-0241 Rredd7848@gmail.com

Jr. & Sr. High Youth: On March 29th we will go to Pisgah Lutheran Church for a seminar on Trafficking with Detective Sherban. 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 4pm. Anyone that wants to ride the bus should plan to leave SSLC at 3:45pm.

Prime Time: Be sure to sign up for the St. Patrick's Day luncheon which will be held Thursday, March 12th at 11:45am in the social hall.

Lutheran Men: will meet Monday, March 16th at 6:30pm 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

Preschool: Butter Braids for sale this week only! Reserve a few for your Easter brunch or an anytime treat AND support your favorite preschool! See Julie Tworzyanski or email preschool@sslc.org to order. Frozen loaves will be delivered to the church on March 26th. You don't want to miss out on these yummy pastries!!

Chat N Chew: Please join your church family on Tuesday, March 17th (Please note day of the week has changed for this month only!) at 5:30pm at Blue Marlin. Hosts: Don and Georgianna Dukes. The cost is \$20/person cash only for dinner and there will be a bar available. Please join us for a fun dinner filled with fellowship! Sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many to expect.

Music: Oh, Jonah! is coming!!! Save the date for the children's choir musical on Sunday afternoon, April 26 at 3:00pm. You'll hear from the sailors, the angels, the captain of the ship, the King of Nineveh, and of course Jonah and the whale. A reception will follow the production. **Music, Art, Faith Camp** will take place this summer June 8-12. Camp is for children going into 5K – those who are entering 6th grade. For registration forms contact Susan@sslc.org. We are searching for adults and youth helpers so please let Susan know if you are willing and able. Camp includes singing, drumming, recreation, art, and daily visits from symphony players to introduce children to instruments. This camp is open to the community.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, March 11: Blood Drive
Tuesday, March 17: LifeLine Screening
Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday Services 12:30pm, 5:30pm, 7pm
Friday, April 3: Good Friday Services 12:30PM, 5:30pm, 7pm
Saturday, April 4: Easter Eggstravaganza 10am
Sunday, April 5: Easter Services 6:30am, 8:30am, 11am; Lutheran Men's Breakfast 7am
Sunday, April 19: Young Family Night
Sunday, April 26: Children's Musical Performance 3pm