

Our Stewardship of Attendance last week: (8:30am) 101 (11am) 138
Wednesday Service: (12:30pm) 76

General Offering Total for 2026: \$192,677.00
Total Expenses for 2026: \$177,679.90

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: Sunday School for all ages 11AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday	8AM: Preschool 12:30PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall) 6PM: McMurray (Gym) 6:30PM: Lutheran Men (Social Hall); Adult Handbells (Balcony) 8PM: Taylor (Gym)
Tuesday	8AM: Preschool; LifeLine Screening (Gym) 9:05AM: Men's Bible (Social Hall) 5:30PM: Chat-N-Chew (Blue Marlin) 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) 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 6PM: Lackore (Gym) 7PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Friday	Prime Time (Daufuskie Island)
Saturday	
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 15– March 22, 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.

Hospitalized: Lu Bickley, Home; Denise Fulmer, Home; Ron Redd, Lexington Medical; Louise Newton, Lexington Medical

Join us for our Lenten Wednesday Service, March 18th 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.

Congratulations to Lillie and Whit Spence on the birth of their daughter, Hazel Roxanne Spence on March 6th!

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.

Easter Eggstravaganza (aka our Easter Egg Hunt) will be Saturday, April 4th at 10am in the gym. If your child/children plan to attend, please email Mrs. Shannon (Shannon@sslc.org) so we can have an estimate of how many children will be coming! Toddlers-5th grade are welcome to hunt eggs!

Holy Week Worship Services:

- Maundy Thursday, April 2nd Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar 12:30pm, 5:30pm (Family Service) & 7 pm
- Good Friday, April 3rd Tenebrae 12:30pm, 5:30pm (Family Service) & 7pm

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 have a seminar on Trafficking with Detective Sherban at 4pm in the gym. Parents are encouraged to come. Please RSVP by March 25th.

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

J-Crew: Next Sunday, March 22nd from 3-4:30pm, our 1st-5th graders will gather in the gym for a Lenten themed scavenger hunt, activities, and snacks. Chaperones are encouraged! Please RSVP to Pastor Jason by Thursday, March 19th. Hope to see you there!

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.

Summer 2026 Dates

- Music, Art, and Faith Camp (Susan Wilson) June 8th -12th
- Preschool Camp (Julie Tworzanski) 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

Music: May Music Midday is fast approaching. Join us on May 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 12:15pm for a catered lunch prepared by Chef Andy Marchant, followed by a free concert in our sanctuary. We'll start the season with soloist Tina Stallard and pianist Sharon Rattray presenting "Sacred and Sublime", featuring a variety of solo pieces for soprano. More information will be forthcoming regarding lunch reservations. **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@ssl.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.

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, 10:45am in the church parlor. Drew Welch (DrewRoyWelch@gmail.com)

Upcoming Events:

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