



ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Important Parking Lot Update

St. Stephen's Family, whether you are a relative newcomer to Lexington or have been here forever, you likely have seen the tremendous growth that our downtown and Main Street corridor have undergone. More people than ever are visiting downtown for the variety of restaurants, shopping and events that Lexington has to offer. As a church that is situated right in the middle of this activity, our parking lots are being used more frequently by individuals in community who are not affiliated with SSLC. Our Church Council, Finance and Property Committees have been studying SSLC parking lot usage by non-church members and have an important announcement to share.

Our Church Council has voted to make our large parking lot, bounded by Butler St. and Meetze Ave., a paid parking lot available to the general public. To be clear, paid parking does NOT apply to SSLC members or other individuals visiting the church. Rest assured that you will continue to park in our church lots as you always have: freely! The intent of this decision is to generate a passive income stream with the goal of defraying the rising costs of property maintenance, especially parking lot paving and resurfacing.

In the coming weeks, we will install signage in the large parking lot that directs vehicles not affiliated with SSLC to pay for parking using the ParkMobile app on their phone. (The small lot on Church Street will remain private for the time being.) ParkMobile is commonly used by municipalities and private businesses to manage parking and allows users to conveniently pay for parking using their license plate number. We anticipate that rates will initially be ~\$5/day for non-SSLC vehicles but you do not need to worry about the app or the price as you will continue to park for free.

We are committed to being good neighbors in our community, and we believe that opening our main parking lot for broader use will be welcomed in a downtown with limited public parking. In the meantime, feel free to contact Council President Matt Martin (803-240-5938) or Parish Administrator Tonya Reynolds (803-359-6562) with any questions.

VBS 2026 - Rainforest Falls where we will explore the nature of God!

Join us June 28-July 1st!! We will have dinner at 5:30 PM in the social hall and VBS activities will begin at 6 PM in the gym.

We need several more group leaders so please let Mrs. Shannon know if you'd like to help!! Participants need to register **by June 7th** to get a t-shirt!! Registration forms are on the table outside of the narthex (near the AGAPE classroom) and online.



SSLC Preschool News

June Love Offering: Novus Way (Lutheridge/Lutherock)

People of all ages need time away to build relationships, to connect with peers and co-workers, to rest and find refreshment for life, to re-connect with nature and God's creation, and to be equipped as a leader. NovusWay (a partnership of Lutheran Camps including Lutheridge and Lutherock in NC and Luther Springs in FL) campuses are places where you can attend programs or plan your own retreat where you will find staffers that are highly trained in team building, group process, and faith formation. Love offering donations in the month of June will go to support these camp and also help fund camp scholarships for underprivileged kids.

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

***Day Camp is full but we can add you to a wait list!*

Chat and Chew for June:

Date: Thursday, June 18th

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Zorba's



Host: Sammy and Janette Hendrix

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.

This preschool year wrapped up with celebrations and a splash! There were exciting class parties and the very popular Water Days with water slides, water tables, water walls, mini car wash stations, bounce houses, chalk, bubbles, and popsicles!

We took time to show appreciation to our amazing teachers! Thanks to the Agape Sunday school class and church staff for treating the Preschool Team to delicious lunches and to McCullum's Perfect Scoop for treating our students and staff to Italian ice during Teacher Appreciation Week!

We ended the school year with around 180 family members and friends cheering on our 4K graduates in the gym! We will miss them, but we look forward to seeing all the places our preschool graduates will go!

It was a fun month to reflect on the year's memories and to celebrate tremendous growth!

While the halls are quieter for a bit, things will liven up again with Summer Camp on June 15-18 and Fun Fridays on June 19th and July 10th! Centered on Isaiah 40:26, "Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these?....," Summer Camp will take preschoolers on a space adventure that is out of this world!

The entire Preschool Team sends a tremendous "THANK YOU" to the church family! Throughout this school year, so many of you have offered various donations, provided unexpected treats, shared kind words, offered a helping hand, and participated in preschool fundraising efforts. We have felt the love and support and appreciate it so much! Thanks to Mrs. Shannon, Pastor Ralph, and Pastor Jason for keeping us safe by taking on crosswalk duty in the mornings and spending special time with our preschoolers in Chapel each week!

Thanks to Mrs. Susan for sharing music with our preschoolers!

Thanks to Mrs. Tonya for spearheading efforts to treat the preschool staff and support our various events throughout the year, as well as serving on our Preschool Advisory Board. In so many ways, our church staff has made sure that the preschool felt supported and valued all year long, jumping in to help whenever needed.

We are so grateful and blessed to have the support of our church family!

Now, on to the summer fun and preparing for next school year! Preschool's first day of the 2026-2027 year will be August 19, 2026. We have a few spaces remaining in our 3s and 4s classes that we hope to have filled very soon! Spread the word to all who are looking for a wonderful preschool experience!



Notes from Aloft

The summer months are for relaxing and spending time with family. The choirs don't rehearse in the summer but lots of planning takes place for the year ahead. During the summer soloists, instrumentalists, and small ensembles provide music for worship.



The Ladies who Lunch will meet on June 16 and the Romeo's will meet on June 25 for lunch. Both groups meet at 12:30 p.m. The lunch locations have not yet been determined.

The men of the adult choir will gather at Tavern on Six on June 17. Any gentleman interested in joining the choir is invited to join the men for dinner. Contact susan@sslc.org for information.

Thanks to all the volunteers who are making Music, Art, Faith Camp possible this year. The theme of the camp, June 8-12, is "Let My Light Shine". One of the highlights of camp is having guest musicians bring their instruments to introduce to the children. This year we will learn about the double bass, the bassoon, the hammered dulcimer, the oboe, and instruments of the percussion section. There are 63 children attending camp. Each day children create art, sing, participate in recreation, ring chimes, and enjoy bucket drumming. This would not be possible without a team of volunteers to help. We are grateful!!



Adult VBS Class June 28 – July 1 (Sunday-Wednesday):

All adults are welcome to attend St. Stephen's VBS Adult Class as we study and discuss the Christian faith. Supper is at 5:30 pm in the social hall, and the class will meet from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Agape Room, with fellowship time at 5:45.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. – Acts 2:42.

Please let Mrs. Shannon know if you plan to participate in the Adult VBS class!

The Church Library is sponsoring its annual Summer Reading Program from June 28 to August 2 with the theme Old Testament Stories. It is open to ages 18 months through the 6th grade. Parents may read books to young non-readers. Prizes will be awarded on August 9 to each child completing the program by reading 10 non-chapter books, five chapter books, or a combination. The library is located on the 2nd floor of the Educational Building down from the Balcony Choir. Hours are 9:30-11:00 each Sunday and before and during Vacation Bible School, June 28-July 1. Check out the wide variety of children's books in the library and make reading a part of your summer fun!



Jr. and Sr. High Youth Events:
Summer is a busy time for everyone but Mrs. Shannon will plan a day trip for both groups in July.



If anyone would like to help with VBS, let Mrs Shannon know ASAP!

ORDER OF ST. STEPHEN'S

	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>11:00 am</u>
June 7th	A: Shaun Wessinger C: Aaron Cegelis BB: Luke Wenzel	A: Ethan Kean C: Hudson Taylor BB: Aaron Head
June 14th	A: C: Luke Wenzel	A: Eli Maxheimer C:
June 21st	A: C:	A: C:
June 28th	A: C:	A: C:

If you find that your family is in town and your child is willing to help one Sunday morning, please reach out to Mrs. Shannon or use the Sign Up Genius link!

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 Easter to Reformation food drive is underway with 845 lbs. of food toward a goal of 2,000 lbs. of food between now and Reformation Sunday. Our yearly donations are 2,420 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 June

June 7th: Benjie Rhoad

June 14th: Judy Hope

June 21st: Brant and Jennifer Taylor

June 28th: Glenn Neeley

Recyclers for June

June 7th: The Head Family

June 14th: The Taylor Family

June 21st: Gary and Julie Angus

June 28th: Sarah and G Kolb

Ushers for June 7th and 21st

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, Heyward Addy

Ushers for June 14th and 28th

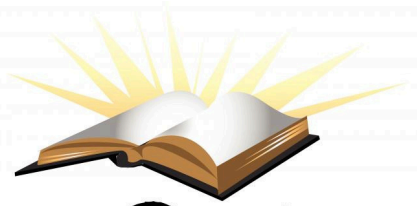
8:30 - Reuben Eargle, Sandy Shealy, Jim Nantz, Daryl Hooker, Rick Logging

11:00 - Otis Rawl, G Kolb, Mike Burgess, Myra Strock, Roy Windham, George Mathias



LOVE & SERVE

June 2026 Lay Readers



Lay Readers

	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
June 7	Bill Carroll	Johnnie Peechatka
June 14	Anna Browder	Ray Smith
June 21	Jane Kennedy	Marilyn Fattman
June 28	Neil Brown	Julie Harper

June 2026 Greeters



	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
June 7	Marian and Steve Fowler	Brittany Herring
June 14	Bill and Jerrie Galardi	Christie Addy
June 21	Neil Brown	Shannon Burnett
June 28	Sandy Shealy	HELP NEEDED

June 2026 Communion Assistants

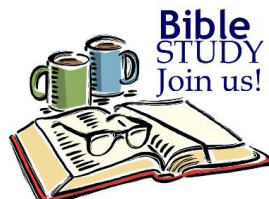
	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
June 7	Tonya Reynolds & Jane Kennedy	Myra Strock & Bill Cegelis
June 14	Ann Clark	Jamie Early
June 21	Sandy Shealy	Shannon Burnett
June 28	Marian Fowler	Bill Cegelis



Tuesday Bible Study @ 9:05am

continues over the summer. It is a meaningful way to connect with each other and with Scripture from the previous Sunday. Led by Pastor Ralph (except for several Tuesdays when he will be away), each person gives input and contributes to the conversation. A sheet with the lessons will be provided or you can bring your bulletin from Sunday. All are welcome!

Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."



This is Us

We hope everyone enjoys the summer and we will get back together in August!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH, church family! I am blown away by your generosity, words of encouragement, and outpouring of love! Your contributions will enable me to cover the costs of my 2-month mission to Bolivia this summer! I am also excited to be able to further contribute, on behalf of St. Stephen's, to the needs of the boys at the Bolivia Life Center by supplying them with toiletries, vitamins, and first aid supplies. I am so incredibly grateful for each of your gifts and cannot wait to serve God's children in Bolivia. I look forward to sharing so many stories of His faithfulness with all of you when I return! Thank you for supporting me in this journey and helping me see it through!

Sincerely, Carlee Tworzyanski

Crossroads –

Our Crossroad group will be taking the months of June and July off. Look for details later about a start-up for the Fall!

SUMMER BREAK

Lutheran Men:

Please join us Monday, June 15, 2026 at 6:30 in the social hall for a meal and presentation by fellow member Craig Wheatley.

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 –

Summer Sunday School for Saints and Sinners starts in June: Join Pastors Jason and Ralph for pastor-led faith conversation. We continue to view and discuss segments of Season Five of The Chosen. We will meet in the upstairs Adult SS Classroom at 9:45am each Sunday morning. All are invited. Come and share your presence and insight as we learn and engage in faith discussion together!



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!

Red Cross Blood Drive
June 17th (1-6 PM)
Give the gift of life!

Register today at
www.redcrossblood.org

Congregation Council Members:

Class of 2026

Neil Brown (803) 238-6998
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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

PRIME TIME PLANS:

Wednesday, June 3rd

Prime Time Committee Planning Meeting at
9:45 AM.

Feel free to share any ideas with Shannon or
the committee members so we know what
you want to do!

Thursday, June 4th at 11:45 AM –

Hotdogs, chili, bagged chips, and ice cream
bar. Please sign up on the bulletin board so
we know how many to expect!

(Please note a change in the date. Shannon
will be on the mission trip on the 11th so we
are moving our luncheon up one week)



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.



Office Hours:

8 AM-4 PM Monday - Thursday

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Sylvia Looney

Congregation Council Officers

President - Matt Martin
Vice President - Stephen Lunsford
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