

The Spirit of St. Stephen's Weekly for May 31 – June 7, 2026

Congregational Council approves causes to be featured monthly. **May - South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers.** Since 1972, South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers (SCLRC) has been a ministry of the SC Synod. With their 501(c)(3) non-profit status, SCLRC partners with church groups, professional organizations, and many others to provide holy places for retreats, camps, and conferences. SCLRC has two sites (Camp Kinard in Batesburg-Leesville and Coastal Retreat Center in Isle of Palms) that annually serve hundreds of groups and thousands of individuals. While approximately 85% of funding comes from hosted events and synodical funding, the remainder comes from the financial support of congregations and individuals.

Hospitalized: Elaine Taylor, Home; Paulette Shealy, Home; Marie Juhl, Lexington Medical; Beth Lever, Parkridge; Harry Burns, Lexington Medical

Join us for our Wednesday Eucharistic Service, June 3rd 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.

VBS 2026 is right around the corner! We look forward to an amazing week at Rainforest Falls where we will explore the nature of God! Join us June 28-July 1st!! We will have dinner at 5:30pm in the social hall and VBS activities will begin at 6pm in the gym. We need station leaders, group leaders, and participants so register now! Registration forms are on the table outside of the narthex (near the Agape classroom) and online at sslc.org. **Register by next Sunday, June 7 to get a VBS t-shirt!** If you are interested in volunteering, please let Mrs. Shannon know!

Mission Lexington: Our Easter to Reformation food drive is underway with 845 lbs. of food collected toward a goal of 5,000 lbs. of food between now and Reformation Sunday, October 25. Our yearly donations are 2,420 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

Lutheran Men: Please join us Monday, June 15 at 6:30pm in the social hall for a meal and presentation by fellow member Craig Wheatley. Rredd7848@gmail.com 803-360-0241.

Blood Drive: On Wednesday, June 17th from 1-6pm the Red Cross will be here for a blood drive! Please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code SSLC to make an appointment. Thank you for giving the gift of life!

Music: Romeo's will meet for lunch on Thursday, June 25. The **Ladies Who Lunch** will meet on Tuesday, June 16. The **men of the choir** will meet on Wednesday, June 17. If you have ever considered joining the adult choir join us for dinner. Contact susan@sslc.org for more information. The **adult choir** end of season party for choir members and families will be at the home of Matt and Celeste Schnabel on Wednesday, June 3. **Music, Art, Faith volunteers** are reminded that set up for camp will take place at 2:00pm on June 7, followed by a brief meeting.

Upcoming Events:

June 8-12: Music Camp
June 15-18: Preschool Camp
June 17: Blood Drive
June 28-July 1: Vacation Bible School
July 6-10: Lutheridge Day Camp
August 2: Blessing of the School Year
August 19: First Day of Preschool

Our Stewardship of Attendance last week: (8:30am) 140 (11am) 209
Wednesday Service: (12:30pm) 67

General Offering Total for 2026: \$417,222.81
Total Expenses for 2026: \$462,234.89

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 11:AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 12:15PM: New Member Luncheon (Social Hall)
Monday	12:30PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tuesday	
Wednesday	11:45AM: Lunch (Social Hall) 12:30PM: Wednesday Eucharistic Service (Sanctuary-Online) 6PM: Adult Choir Party (Schnabel's Home) 7:30PM: AA/AI-Anon meetings (Social Hall/Parlor)
Thursday	11:45AM: Prime Time Luncheon (Social Hall) 7PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Friday	6PM: Burgess Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Saturday	7AM: Youth Mission Trip Departure 5PM: Burgess Wedding (Sanctuary)
Sunday	8:30AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary-Online) 9:45AM: Sunday School for all ages 11AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 2PM: Music Camp Set-up (Gym)