

Our Stewardship of Attendance last week: (8:30am) 131 (11am) 85
Wednesday Service: (12:30pm) 56

General Offering Total for 2026: \$474,495.60
Total Expenses for 2026: \$474,465.26

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 adults
11:AM: **Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

Monday 9AM: Preschool Camp
12:30PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall)
6:30PM: Lutheran Men (Social Hall)

Tuesday 9AM: Preschool Camp
9:05AM: Men's Bible (Social Hall)
12:30PM: Ladies Who Lunch (The Bistro)

Wednesday 9AM: Preschool Camp
11:45AM: Lunch (Social Hall)
12:30PM: Wednesday Eucharistic Service (Sanctuary-Online)
1PM: Blood Drive (Gym)
6:30PM: Men's Choir Dinner (Tavern on 6)
7:30PM: AA/Al-Anon meetings (Social Hall/Parlor)

Thursday 9AM: Preschool Camp
Church Office Closed
5:30PM: Chat and Chew (Zorba's)

Friday 9AM: Preschool Fun Friday

Saturday

Sunday **8:30AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary-Online)**
9:45AM: Sunday School for adults
11AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:30PM: Council Meeting (Office Conference Room)

Upcoming Events:

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
September 9: WNL Starts
September 20: Hymn Sing
September 27: First Communion Class; Blessing of the Animals

The Spirit of St. Stephen's Weekly for June 14 - 21, 2026

Congregational Council approves causes to be featured monthly. **June- 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 camps and also help fund camp scholarships for underprivileged kids.

Hospitalized: Stephanie Davis, Home; Brenda Barwick, Home; Greta Morris, Home; Beth Lever, Lexington Regional Rehabilitation Hospital

Christian Sympathy is extended to Ninette Burns and her family upon the death of her husband, Harry Burns. 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 Wednesday Eucharistic Service, June 17th 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. Registration forms are on the table outside of the narthex (near the Agape classroom) and online at sslc.org.

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!

Mission Lexington: Our Easter to Reformation food drive is underway with 1,170 lbs. of food collected toward a goal of 5,000 lbs. of food between now and Reformation Sunday, October 25. Our yearly donations are 2,745 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

Music: Thank you to everyone who supported **Music, Art, Faith** camp this past week. We had 70 children participate and it was a fabulous week of music making! **Romeo's** will meet for lunch on Thursday, June 25 at Bellis House of Pizza. The **Ladies Who Lunch** will meet on Tuesday, June 16 at The Bistro. The **men of the choir** will meet on Wednesday, June 17 at Tavern on Six. If you are considering piano lessons for you or your child contact Susan Wilson. There are a few spots open for the fall if interested. Lessons take place once a week at the church.

Chat and Chew: Join your church family on Thursday, June 18th at 5:30pm at Zorba's for dinner. Host: Sammy and Janette Hendrix. Please come enjoy a fun dinner filled with fellowship! Sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many to expect.

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 nonreaders. 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. Hours are 9:30am-11:00am 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!

St Stephen's WELCA is joining WELCA groups across the state in collecting Birthday Cake Boxes for families who use food bank services in their areas and may not have the means to celebrate significant milestones in the lives of their children. If you would like to make a birthday box containing the ingredients for a birthday celebration to be delivered to Mission Lexington, please place it in the bin in the office by **TODAY!**

Birthday Cake Box Instructions

- 9 x 13 Aluminum Pan (lid: optional)
- Box of Cake Mix
- Can of Frosting
- Colorful Sprinkles
- Can of Soda (ex: Sprite or lemon lime soda, to replace eggs and oil)
- Birthday Candles
- Paper Plates
- Napkins
- Plastic Utensils
- Balloons
- Birthday Banner
- Blank Birthday Card
- Anything else you would like to add

Include these directions: Replace eggs and oil with one can of soda. Follow the instructions on the cake box.

Is your child interested in painting? We have an incredible opportunity for them on July 27th and 29th from 1-3pm. Come paint an impressionist summertime hydrangea or sunflower with Dawn Corley. Your painting will be done with acrylic paint so please wear old clothing or something you don't mind getting paint on-the paint will not come out of fabric. We will be painting over two days, starting on day 1 and completing the painting on day 2. Materials will be provided. You will learn how to appreciate the natural details that will give your paintings your own special touch. You will want to come in prepared to learn how to produce a painting you are proud of. There is space for 8 children (ages 8 and up) so please RSVP to Shannon if you are interested!!