



# ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *It's time for Trunk or Treat which means we need your trunks!*

On Wednesday, October 28th we will plan to have Trunk or Treat in the big parking lot next to the cemetery! This is such a fun evening with our kids and we will have Bully Dog Street Eats available for dinner!

We would LOVE for you to decorate your trunks and/or dress up yourself and give out candy!  
Please let Shannon know if you plan to participate by Monday, October 26th!!

Bully Dog Street Eats will be here by 5 PM which is also when you can begin setting up your area! They offer hotdogs with lots of different toppings that look delicious! You can add a drink and chips to your hotdog order for \$3!  
You can begin eating at 5:30 PM.

We plan to start Trunk or Treat at 6 PM and should be done by 6:45 PM.

Thank you for making Trunk or Treat possible!!

And we can't have Trunk or Treat without little ghosts and goblins so...

Come one, Come all!! And hit the Trunk or Treat Trail!

Join us for a terrific evening as we Trunk or Treat in the parking lot next to the cemetery at 6 PM. Please keep the scary costumes to a minimum as we will have lots of little ones joining us!

Let Shannon (Shannon@sslc.org) know by Friday, Oct. 23rd if your family plans to attend so we can have an idea of how many are coming!

**Life is busy and schedules are crazy but everyone has to eat!**

If you consider yourself a part of our Young Family/Living Faith groups we are hoping we can get on your calendar for Family Night on Sunday, October 18th from 5-7 PM.

Our Sr. High Youth and Mrs. Shannon will provide care for the older children. The younger ones will play with Mrs. Reel! Our littlest ones will be in the downstairs classrooms while our 1st-5th graders may go on an outing to Virginia Hylton Park. We will provide dinner for the kids and possibly have a special dessert when we get back from the park.

Please RSVP by Sunday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> to Shannon and let her know how many to expect!

We will plan to meet again in February and April.

Our hope is to get these groups together and then offer other activities during the months in between. We know life is hectic and meeting weekly or monthly is nearly impossible! But we hope that by providing child care and dinner, this will alleviate some challenges. Please contact the pastors or Shannon if you have any suggestions or questions!

**October Love Offering:**  
**Newberry College Wolves Pantry**

Newberry College is 1 of 26 Lutheran (ELCA) colleges and universities in the US and the only Lutheran (ELCA) college in South Carolina. As members of the SC Synod, it has been and will continue to be a part of our mission to support Newberry College both with our prayers and our treasures. Donations this month will be designated to help fund the Wolves Pantry, established in September 2022 to address food insecurity on campus. Since its inception, the Wolves Pantry has expanded to offer several blessing stations across campus and has served over 1,500 students with food, personal hygiene products, and/or school supplies free of charge.

**This is Us**

Parents of high school and college aged youth should plan to join together  
Thursday, Oct. 29th at  
6 PM.

We will meet at Hazelwood  
Brewing Company.

Please let Shannon know if you  
will be there!



**A Ministry of Meals and Caring**

*One of the simplest ways we can show God's love to one another is by meeting a practical need. As a congregation, we have an opportunity to begin a Meal Ministry—a ministry designed to provide meals for individuals and families in our church who may be experiencing a season when a little extra help would mean so much.*

*Welcoming a baby is a wonderful and exciting time, but it can also be exhausting and overwhelming. There are also times when a family or individual may need a helping hand—a hospitalization, illness, surgery. Sometimes the most meaningful ministry is as simple as showing up with dinner. A meal may seem like a small thing, but when someone is tired, recovering, or adjusting to a new baby, that meal can communicate something much bigger: You are loved. You are remembered. Your church family is here for you.*

**How It Would Work**

*Meals could be homemade or purchased, depending on your time and circumstances. You could also join with someone to split the responsibilities. When a need is identified, volunteers could choose a date that works for them and provide a meal to the family.*

*While this ministry is being coordinated by WELCA, anyone in the congregation who is interested in helping is invited to please contact Kelley Mintz, either by email- [kelley.mintzsc@gmail.com](mailto:kelley.mintzsc@gmail.com) or phone 803-609-4971. We hope this can become an impactful way for our congregation to care for one another—not only in the big moments, but also in the ordinary moments when a little kindness can make all the difference Galatians 6:2 reminds us, “Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.”*

Lunch is offered each Wednesday beginning at 11:45 AM in the social hall prior to our WE! Worship service .



The cost of lunch is \$5. Join us for food and fellowship before we worship at 12:30 PM.



### **Jr. and Sr. High Youth Events:**

**Sr. High Youth: Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>** - See everyone Tuesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 AM for breakfast and devotions before school! Mrs. Shannon needs your CFA order by Sunday night, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>!!

**Sr. High Youth: Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>** - Spend the day at Carowinds and enjoy an evening of fright at Scarowinds. Tickets will be \$35. Please bring money for food and drinks! We will plan to leave the SSLC parking lot at 10 AM so you'll have lots of time to ride all the rides during the day and then time to do some of the Scarowinds mazes that night. We will plan to leave Carowinds at 9 PM and return home around 10:30 PM. There are other options you can pay for at Scarowinds but this ticket will cover the basic mazes. Friends are always welcome. Mrs. Shannon needs an RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be purchased the next day!!

If you are going to the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer, Mrs. Shannon needs your help **Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>** from 5-7 PM. We will be watching the kiddos so parents can go enjoy dinner. If you are not going to the Gathering, and still want to come help watch kids to earn service hours (grades 8-12), let Mrs. Shannon know. And if you are in Jr. High and want to come hang out at the church while your parents go eat, we will have something for you to do as well. RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Jr. and Sr. High Youth: Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>** - Trunk or Treat Putt-Putt Course: Since you are a little to old to Trick or Treat, come play a game or two of putt-putt! Bully Dog Street Eats will be here for dinner! Get a group together and come have some fun!

Also, if you have a youth (current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader) that is interested in participating in the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN June 28-July 2, 2027 please talk to Shannon and get the information that was shared at the interest meeting. **Everyone must sign up by Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>!**

***We will be heading to Winterplace, WV for a 2027 ski trip January 1st - 4th! If you have a youth that is interested, please reach out to Shannon ASAP!!***



# Order of St. Stephen's

|                       | 8:30 AM                                                                                              | 11:00 am                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>  | A – Caroline Hooker<br>C – Katy Hooker<br>BB – Jaime Wessinger                                       | A – Eli Maxheimer<br>C – Aaron Head<br>BB – Sam Taylor                                                     |
| Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup> | A – Ethan Kean<br>C – Shaun Wessinger                                                                | A – Carsyn Antley<br>C – Craig Lunsford                                                                    |
| Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup> | A – Liam Crawford<br>C – Jackson Rawl                                                                | A – Betsy Sadler<br>C – Catherine Sadler                                                                   |
| Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> | A – Parker Rate<br>C – Gracen Geary<br>BB - Connor Geary<br>TB - Jaime Wessinger<br>TB - Katy Hooker | A – Ben Brunson<br>C – Thomas Brunson<br>BB - Shannon Burnett<br>TB - Madelyn Burgess<br>TB - Jack Jebaily |

## Saints and Sinners

### Sunday School Class

Join the pastors as they co-teach during the new year. This Fall each class will focus on the Minor Prophet preached about during the previous WE worship. We meet in the Adult SS Class on the second floor.

We will also participate in the *Second Sunday Discipleship* time on the second Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall – with a focus on the Fruits of the Spirit. All are welcome!

If you would like to begin a new Sunday school class or small group, please see the Pastors or Shannon. We would love to help form and support you with resources!

**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 continues with 4,362 lbs. of food toward a goal of 5,000 lbs. of food between now and Reformation Sunday, October 25. Our yearly donations are 5,937 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                 |
| Applesauce            | Oatmeal         | Breakfast Cereals      | Pasta                 |
| Dog Food (Dry & Wet)  |                 | Cat food (Dry and Wet) | Laundry Detergent     |
| Canned sweet potatoes | Cranberry Sauce | Cornbread mix          | Gravy mix             |
|                       |                 |                        | Stuffing              |

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 October***

October 4: Pat Caughman  
October 11: Josh and Kate Call  
October 18: Marty Nantz  
October 25: Bishop's Installation

### ***Recyclers for October***

October 4: The Head Family  
October 11: The Taylor Family  
October 18: Gary and Julie Angus  
October 25: Sarah and G Kolb

### **Ushers for October 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**

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 October 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

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



## October 2026 Lay Readers



|                       | <u>8:30 AM</u>   | <u>11:00 AM</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Lisa Catalanotto | Gay Clark       |
| Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup> | Ryan Johnson     | Myra Strock     |
| Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup> | Anna Yonge       | Becky Sons      |
| Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> | Jamie Early      | Julie Gies      |

## October 2026 Greeters



|                       | <u>8:30 AM</u>          | <u>11:00 AM</u>       |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Ginger Macaulay         | Chuck and Dawn Corley |
| Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup> | Bill and Jerrie Galardi | Cathy Mathias         |
| Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup> | Sandy Shealy            | Carolinda Getz        |
| Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> | Marty and Jim Nantz     | Gay Clark             |

## October 2026 Communion Assistants

|                       | <u>8:30 AM</u>                  | <u>11:00 AM</u>          |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Marian Fowler and Marti Hartley | Jamie Early and Ed Smith |
| Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup> | Michael Ettlemeyer              | Cathy Mathias            |
| Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup> | Tonya Reynolds                  | Myra Strock              |
| Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> | Jane Kennedy                    | Peggy Sherman            |



**Weekly Tuesday Morning Bible Study**  
continues at 9:05 am in the social hall.  
Pastor Ralph will lead a discussion time of  
"Table Talk" as we gather around the table  
to read and interpret together the Scripture  
from the previous Sunday's lessons. Bring  
your bulletin and/or bible. Bring a friend.  
Refreshments will be served.



## Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, Oct. 14th from 1-6 PM

Please consider giving the gift of life! Blood  
supplies are at a critical low and only you  
can help!

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor  
code SSLC in the top right corner.



Be part of something bigger!  
LHS Students in Action (SIA) is  
a group of leaders who unite the  
school in charity work.  
This drive is being sponsored by  
Brooklyn Davenport.  
Please contact Brooklyn with any  
questions!

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### WNL! PROGRAMS

DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM 5-5:45 PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL.

5:00 – 5:30 P.M. CHERUB CHOIR (2-4 YEAR OLDS)

5:30 – 6:10 P.M. CAROL AND TREBLE CHOIRS (K-5TH GRADERS)

5:30 - 6:00 P.M. JR. HIGH YOUTH (6TH-8TH GRADE)

6 P.M. ADULT BIBLE STUDY; CONFIRMATION

6:10 – 6:40 P.M. CHOIR CHIMES (1ST-5TH GRADERS)

6:45 P.M. WINGS OF WORSHIP

7:00 P.M. CHOIR

**wednesday  
night LIVE!**

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The WNL Adult Class meets from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Agape Classroom. Join Pastor Ralph as we spend the fall nurturing our faith through an eight-session class on the Book of Job. We will also use our time together to include topical faith challenges we see and experience as individuals and as a faith community. Our goal is to explore and engage through conversation regarding our relationship with God and highlight how faith through Christ transforms our life view. All are welcome - hope to see you there!

## Lutheran Men:

Lutheran Men will meet Monday, October 19 at 6:30 pm in the social hall. Please join us for a meal and a presentation by Historian Mike Burgess. The topic of his presentation will be 'Strike the Tent: The Last Years of Robert E. Lee'.

Point of Contact: Ron Redd [Rredd7848@gmail.com](mailto:Rredd7848@gmail.com) 803-360-0241.

The Saxe Gotha Conference of South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission will hold its quarterly meeting Monday, October 26, 2026 at 6:30 pm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in West Columbia. (2491 Emmanuel Church Road West Columbia, SC). Mr. Tom Ramsey, Executive Director of South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission will be our guest speaker. The cost of the meal will be \$10.00. Please respond to Ron Redd if you plan to attend.

Point of Contact: Ron Redd ([Rredd7848@gmail.com](mailto:Rredd7848@gmail.com)/803-360-0241)



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## Committee of 100:

***Nurture and Outreach*** will meet Sunday, October 18 at 5:00 pm in the office conference room to discuss our plans for the annual gift bag distribution.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Ron Redd 803-360-0241  
[Rredd7848@gmail.com](mailto:Rredd7848@gmail.com).

How would you like to be a part of bringing Jesus Christ into someone's life? It could be really simple – by becoming a part of the Committee of 100 which is composed of members who contribute \$100.00 in a given year to help support newly organized mission churches in the SC Synod as they struggle to become self-supporting. St. Stephen's has led the way in this program since 1980 – having 75 members in 2025. All contributions are welcome. Please consider this stewardship opportunity. \$18,267.00 was distributed to mission churches in 2025. Please make your check to: Committee of 100 – place it in the offering plate or give it to Ron Redd and he will handle the details. Ron Redd 803-360-0241  
[Rredd7848@gmail.com](mailto:Rredd7848@gmail.com).





## **Save the Date: Pancakes and PJs with Santa**

Wear your Christmas PJs, fill your belly with pancakes, and visit with Santa!  
Personal pictures with Santa and a Christmas craft for each child.

When: Friday, December 11th from 5:30–6:30 PM

Where: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church Gym

Ticket cost is \$20 per child (one adult admitted free per child); additional adults \$10

(Check or cash accepted; a separate link will be sent out in November to purchase tickets online)

## **Notes from Aloft:**

*It's never too late to join a choir! For more information regarding any choir contact [susan@sslc.org](mailto:susan@sslc.org).*

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>6:15 p.m.</b> | <b>Adult Handbell Choir</b>                                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>5:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Cherub Choir – 2 – 4 years old</b>                             |
|                  | <b>5:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Carol and Treble Choirs – K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade</b>         |
|                  | <b>6:10 p.m.</b> | <b>Choir Chime Ensemble – 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade</b> |
|                  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Adult Choir – youth and adults</b>                             |

### **Upcoming music...**

|                   |                                   |                                               |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>October 4</b>  | <b>8:30 a.m.</b>                  | <b>Adult Choir, Lisa Catalanotto, flutist</b> |
| <b>October 11</b> | <b>11:00 a.m.</b>                 | <b>Adult Choir, Tom Brunson, conductor</b>    |
| <b>October 18</b> | <b>8:30 a.m.</b>                  | <b>Adult Choir</b>                            |
| <b>October 25</b> | <b>8:30 a.m. &amp; 11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Adult Choir</b>                            |

*The adult handbell choir would like to welcome these ringers back to choir and to welcome two new ringers, Brian and Sharon Paeth. Ringers returning this fall are Shawn Lackey, Lucy Austin, Jennifer Taylor, Cathy Mathias, Carol Lunsford, Elese Cegelis, and Patti Stone. If you are interested in ringing, see Susan Wilson. We can always find a spot for additional ringers.*

### **SAVE THESE DATES.....**

|                    |                      |                                                                           |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>December 3</b>  | <b>12:30 p.m.</b>    | <b>Ladies Who Lunch Christmas Gathering</b>                               |
| <b>December 10</b> | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>     | <b>Romeo's Christmas Gathering</b>                                        |
| <b>December 13</b> | <b>3:00 p.m.</b>     | <b>Children's Choirs and Choir Chimes Christmas Program</b>               |
| <b>December 20</b> | <b>Both services</b> | <b>Adult Choir Christmas Music</b>                                        |
| <b>December 22</b> | <b>2:00 p.m.</b>     | <b>Carols, Cookies, and Cider with Sharon Rattray and Allison Hilbish</b> |



## **PRIME TIME PLANS:**

**Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>: Prime Time Committee Planning Meeting at 9:45 AM**

**Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>: Julia's German Stammtisch**

Julia's German Stammtisch, is a charming eatery nestled in Columbia, SC. They celebrate authentic German flavors in a warm and inviting atmosphere that is rooted in tradition, where each dish is crafted with love and dedication. From hearty sausages to delectable schnitzels, each bite transports you to Germany. We plan to leave the church at 11 AM to celebrate our own Oktoberfest. Please sign up by Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday, October 22nd: Flatrock - SISTER ACT at Flatrock Playhouse**

We will plan to leave the church at 11 AM. Please bring a snack/lunch with you to eat on the way. The play begins at 2 PM. We will head home after the play and stop at Blue Ocean Seafood on the way home. Sister Act tickets are \$75 per person. Dinner will be on your own. 15 tickets have been purchased!



### **Congregation Council Members:**

#### **Class of 2026**

Neil Brown (803) 238-6998  
Matt Martin (803) 231-3047  
Betsy McCall (803) 730-0570  
Sarah Kolb (803) 931-2022  
Stephen Lunsford (843) 343-5161

#### **Class of 2027**

Lucy Austin (803) 917-5757  
Kerri Brittingham (803) 318-4599  
Bill Galardi (803) 530-8418  
Roy Windham (803) 507-7951  
Lance Young (864) 557-0182

#### **Class of 2028**

Gail Felton (803) 312-2960  
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

### **FUN PASTA FUNDRAISING** **THE PASTABILITIES ARE ENDLESS!**

**SSLC'S YOUTH WILL BE ATTENDING THE ELCA  
YOUTH GATHERING IN 2027 WHICH WILL BE  
HELD IN MINNESOTA, THE LAND OF 10,000  
LAKES AND 50 TIMES THAT MANY LUTHERANS!!**

**WE ARE KICKING OFF OUR FUNDRAISING  
EFFORTS BY PARTNERING WITH FUN PASTA  
FUNDRAISING WHO OFFER ALL KINDS OF FUN  
PASTA SHAPED NOODLES, FUN MEALS, FUN  
MAC AND CHEESE, FUN GIFT SETS, FUN SOUPS  
AND CHILIS AND PASTABLY THE BEST SAUCE  
EVER!**

**THE FUNDRAISER WILL BEGIN OCT. 4<sup>TH</sup> AND GO  
THROUGH OCT. 30<sup>TH</sup>. THIS IS A GREAT  
OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AND  
ENJOY WHAT YOU PURCHASE! ORDERS CAN  
BE MADE ON-LINE AND IN PERSON! MORE  
INFORMATION WILL BE EMAILED OUT!**

## Crossroads

The Crossroads group is a group of people (approximately aged 50-70's) who are continuing their faith journey in a new stage of life!

We gather the first Thursday of each month (September -May) have get-to-know discussions, a devotion and connection over a great meal (Dutch treat).

Join us **October 1 @ 6:30 pm** at the Mediterranean Café (327 W. Main). The sign-up sheet is just outside the narthex – however, you can come even if you forget to sign up. All are welcome.

Contact Pastor Ralph with any questions.

## JCREW

Come one, Come all!!  
And hit the Trunk or Treat Trail!

Join us for a terrific evening as we Trunk or Treat in the parking lot next to the cemetery at 6 PM. Please keep the scary costumes to a minimum as we will have lots of little ones joining us!

Let Shannon (Shannon@sslc.org) know by Friday, Oct. 23rd if your family plans to attend so we can have an idea of how many are coming!

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## SSLC Preschool

*We're off to another terrific start at the preschool! We spent the month of September getting into our preschool routines, celebrating many exciting color-themed days, and learning about the gift of self-control!*

*The month of October brings opportunities to celebrate farm life, fire safety, and all things Fall! We will welcome preschool families to our Fall Family Fair, including a dinner, Scholastic Book Fair, county-fair-style games, petting zoo, and bounce houses! Children will sing for their families and get to show them around their classrooms! We are excited about an upcoming fire truck visit with fire drill and our Storybook Character Parade around the fountain. Preschool families will be invited to join in the fun of Trunk-or-Treat! It is sure to be a month full of excitement!*

**October's Spotlight Fruit of the Spirit: Patience**

**Bible Verse of the Month: "Be humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant of each other." – Ephesians 4:2**

**Nursery Rhyme of the Month: Little Miss Muffet**

*Thanks so much to our St. Stephen's family for your love, support, and prayers throughout the school year! Soon, we'll begin our annual Golden Kernel pecan sales fundraiser, so please be on the lookout for that! Those delicious pecans are excellent for treating yourself, using for baking, checking off those Christmas lists, or sharing as gifts anytime! Funds raised will go towards hands-on experiences for the preschoolers and meeting playground and classroom needs. See Julie to order yours soon!*



## **SSLC Living Faith Group**

This group is comprised of anyone who would consider themselves a “young adult”. The definition of “young adult” is broadly defined and within the group encompasses folks of varying ages and family contexts. In short, if you want to join a group of folks that enjoy fellowship, living out their faith, and being active with other members of the congregation please come and join us!

### **Lutheridge Worship, Picnic, and Apple Picking – Sunday, October 4th**

On Sunday, October 4th the group will gather at Lutheridge for a worship service with Holy Communion and then a picnic (both will be held under a pavilion awning that has chairs and picnic tables). Afterwards we'll head to a local apple farm. Please RSVP to Pastor Jason by Wednesday, September 30th if you are planning to come. Folks that attend are asked to bring their own picnic lunch, chairs, blankets, etc. that you'll need for your family to be most comfortable. If you are interested in traveling up to the Asheville area on Saturday and reserving a room at Lutheridge for Saturday evening, please let Pastor Jason know at your earliest convenience. Hope to see YOU there!

### **SSLC Quarterly Family Night – Sunday, October 18th**

Life is busy and schedules are crazy but everyone has to eat! If you consider yourself a part of our Young Adult/Young Family/Living Faith groups we are hoping we can get on your calendar for a Quarterly Family Night on Sunday, October 18th from 5-7 PM. Parents will be going out to eat with Pastor Jason and Pastor Ralph (Dutch treat). Our Sr. High Youth and Mrs. Shannon will provide care and dinner for the children. We're looking into the possibility of having dinner and an activity for our Jr. High Youth as well. We hope that by providing child care and dinner, this will alleviate some challenges. Please contact the pastors or Shannon to RSVP or if you have any suggestions or questions!

*Life Line Screening will be at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on Tuesday, November 24th, 2026, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not part of a routine physical.*

*Taking a proactive approach to your health benefits not only you, but your family and your community as well. We encourage you to register today. Special screening package price is \$129. There is no time like the present to take action!*

Special screening package includes:



- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you! **(800)-324-9458** and use code: **HABCQ127**



## **October Chat & Chew**

Location: Lakeside Seafood and Steak  
(3224 US 378, Leesville)

Date: October 15th

Time: 5:30 PM

Hosts: Danny and C-Anne Able

Please sign up on the bulletin board and enjoy a fun night of food and fellowship with your church family!



**Office Hours:**

8 AM-4 PM Monday - Thursday

**To Reach us:**

Phone: 803-359-6562

Website: [www.sslc.org](http://www.sslc.org)

**Pastor**

Jason T. Antley [Jason@ssl.org](mailto:Jason@ssl.org)

**Pastor**

Ralph G. Hill [Ralph@ssl.org](mailto:Ralph@ssl.org)

**Director of Family Life Ministries**

Shannon Burnett [Shannon@ssl.org](mailto:Shannon@ssl.org)

**Parish Administrator**

Tonya Reynolds [Tonya@ssl.org](mailto:Tonya@ssl.org)  
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**Mission Statement:**

Gathering all generations to nurture  
Christ-like discipleship

**Our Vision:**

To be a place of hope



**ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**PEOPLE OF CHRIST MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
119 North Church Street  
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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 (5:30-6 PM); Musical groups for children - Cherubs (5:00-5:30 pm), Carol and Treble Choirs (5:30-6:10 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

**Handbell Choir:** Rehearsal on Monday at 6:15 PM

**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