Our Stewardship of Attendance last week: (8:30am) 146 (11am) 112
Wednesday Service: (12:30pm) 54

General Offering Total for 2026: $810,194.83
Total Expenses for 2026: $853,944.90

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
	11:AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday	8AM: Preschool
	12:30PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall)
	6:15PM: Adult Handbells (Choir Room)
Tuesday	No Preschool
	9:05AM: Men's Bible (Social Hall)
Wednesday	8AM: Preschool
	10AM: Women's Bible (Sr. High Room)
	11:45AM: Lunch (Social Hall)
	12:30PM: Wednesday Eucharistic Service (Sanctuary-Online)
	5PM: Dinner (Social Hall); Cherub Choir (Choir Room)
	5:30PM: Carol & Treble Choirs (Choir Room); Jr. High Youth (Jr. High Room)
	6PM: Adult Bible Study (Agape Classroom); Confirmation Class (Saints and Sinners Classroom)
	6:10PM: Choir Chimes (Choir Room)
	6:45PM: Wings of Worship (Gym)
	7PM: Adult Choir (Choir Room)
	7:30PM: AA/Al-Anon meetings (Social Hall/Parlor)
Thursday	8AM: Preschool
	12:30PM: Romeo's (Old Mill Brew Pub)
	6:30PM: Crossroads (Mediterranean Café)
	7PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Friday	8AM: Preschool
Saturday	8AM: Wolfe (Gym)
Sunday	**8:30AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary-Online)**
	9:45AM: Discipleship Sunday School for all ages (Social Hall)
	11AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary)

The Spirit of St. Stephen's Weekly for November 1 – November 8, 2026

Congregational Council approves causes to be featured monthly. **November - Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS)** is 1 of 7 ELCA Seminaries and the only seminary found in the Southern region of the United States. The Seminary is a part of Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, NC. LTSS has been educating and preparing leaders for the church since 1830 and continues that mission today. As members of the SC Synod of the ELCA it has been and will continue to be a part of our mission to support the seminary both with our prayers and our treasures. Please consider designating any donations over and above your regular giving to LTSS to help support the institution, the students, and their ministry present and future.

Hospitalized: Dee Lide, Wellmore Rehab.

Join us for our Wednesday Eucharistic Service, November 4th 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.

All Saints Sunday

Today we remember the following members by name who have passed from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant since our last All Saints list in 2025 during the Prayer of the Day:

Harry Edgar Burns, Jr.
Renate Chappell
Dorothy Mae Christine
Josef Everette Clark, Sr.
Frederick Pryor Douglas
Vickie Price Ettenger
Ebony Dionne Flemming
Albert Boyd Hornsby
Elizabeth Carnell Willimas Hornsby
Sylvia Bodie Howell
Billy Walter Huckabee
Stephen Rhett Sharpe
Karen Marie Thouvenot
Jeannie C. Weese

THANK YOU to everyone who worked behind the scenes and helped make the Bishop's Installation Service a success. From the planning and preparation to every detail on the day of the service, your hard work, dedication, time, and willingness to serve did not go unnoticed. We are grateful to each person who contributed their gifts, talents, and resources to make this special occasion beautiful and memorable. God's love was felt, His presence was evident, and SSLC was shining bright because of you!

Mission Lexington: Our yearly donations are 6,577 lbs. toward a goal of 8,000 lbs. Let's finish the year strong! 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. Holiday Items: canned sweet potatoes, candied yams, stuffing mixes, gravy mix, cake mix, and cranberry sauce. 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.
Ham and Turkey Donations: Nurture and Outreach is seeking donations of $25 that will be used to buy gift cards for those in need. The gift cards will then be used to purchase a ham or a turkey for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. Please make checks payable to St. Stephen's and in the remarks section put "ham and turkey fund".

Lutheran Men: Please join us Monday, November 16 at 6:30pm in the social hall for a meal and a presentation by Lori Bode, Executive Director for South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers. Cost of Meal is $10.00. Ron Redd 803-360-0241 or Rredd7848@gmail.com.

Private Tour at Williams Brice on Friday, November 13. We will depart the church at 9:15am. This tour is approx. 1 -1 ½ hours and includes a good bit of walking. We will see behind the scenes of the locker room, media room, press box, and other luxury boxes. Cost: $10 per person (if we have 15 people)**.** We plan to eat lunch at J's Corner after our tour**.** Sign up by Thursday, November 5th. **This tour is open to all congregational members.**

Music: **Children's choirs** have begun working on the Christmas program music and script. If your child would like to participate in the December 13 pageant, please start bringing them to choir this week. **Cherub Choir** is for 2–4-year-olds and they meet from 5:00-5:30pm. **Carol and Treble Choirs** meet from 5:30-6:10pm. These choirs are for children in K-5th grade. **Choir chimes** meet on Wednesdays as well from 6:10-6:40pm and is for children in 1st-5th grade. For more information contact susan@sslc.org. The **handbell choir** rehearsals begin at 6:15pm on Monday evenings in the adult choir room. We still need 2 or 3 more ringers. Please consider joining us. No prior experience is necessary! **Romeo's** will meet on Thursday, November 5 at 12:30pm at the Old Mill. Please rsvp to Susan. The **Ladies who Lunch** will gather at the home of Lu Bickley on Thursday, December 3. Bring a holiday treat to share! The **Romeo's** will have the annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 10 at the home of Sarah Huckabee.

Be part of something bigger! LHS Students in Action (SIA) is a group of leaders who unite the school in charity work. Healing Hearts Drive, which supports kids and teens facing mental health struggles and hospital stays at Prisma Health, is being sponsored by Brooklyn Davenport. Her wish list includes fidgets, stress balls, stuffed animals, pajamas, blankets, fuzzy socks, card games, puzzles, and coloring books. All items need to be new! Please drop off any donations by Nov. 29th in the social hall. Please contact Brooklyn with any questions! (803) 849-2322; Bpd0628@gmail.com. Sophie Taylor and Connor Crumpton are also supporting a Children's Book Drive until Nov. 20. All collected books will be donated to a local elementary school to help young students build the essential early reading and literacy skills they need to succeed. Books are aimed for students ages 4-11 and can be picture books up to early reader chapter books. Spanish and English books are accepted. Books should be new.

Prime Time Thanksgiving Luncheon will be on Tuesday, November 17 at 11:45am in the social hall. The turkey will be provided…just bring a side to share! Shannon will check with the preschool to see if they can come share their Thanksgiving songs. Please plan to bring a side and sign up so we know how many are coming and what sides are being provided. If you can't bring a side, sign up anyway!!

It's time to start collecting items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! We are collecting WOW items for the boxes such as Barbie dolls, stuffed small animals, toy cars, fidget toys, small musical instruments like harmonicas, sports balls, etc. These items will really make a difference in a child's life! Please place all donations in the bin in the hallway by the men's classroom. Also, we would love to have you and your family join us for our annual packing party in the social hall after WNL dinner at 6pm on Wednesday, November 11. We will be filling shoeboxes with the donated items that we receive and encourage everyone to bring additional items with them to help us fill as many boxes as we can so that children in need all over the world will receive these special gifts. If you have any questions, please email Ashely Lackore - ashlackore@yahoo.com.

Jr. High Youth – 6th-8th graders: Join us as we head to Flip Factory Zone off Forest Dr. We will leave the church at 1pm which should give our 11am service folks a chance to grab a quick lunch. Cost will be $30 which includes socks, trampolines, rock wall, bumper cars, and the jungle gym. The church will provide a snack and drink before we leave! Feel free to bring extra money if you'd like something else from the cafe! We plan to be back at the church at 4pm. Please RSVP by Thursday, Nov. 5.

Sr. High Youth – 9th-12th graders: Since school is out when we would normally have our monthly breakfast and devotions, we will meet for lunch instead. RSVP to Mrs. Shannon if you can make it to Groucho's on Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 11:30am. We will meet there! If anyone wants to come back to the church and play basketball in the gym, you can plan to stay until 1:30pm. If you just want to eat lunch, your parents can plan to pick you up at the church around 12:30pm. Lunch will be paid for! **Next Sunday, Nov. 8: Progressive Dinner:** If you've never participated in a Progressive Dinner, don't miss the opportunity! This is such a fun event, and we can't wait to enjoy appetizers, a main meal, and dessert at different homes! We plan to leave the church at 5pm. PARENTS - if you are willing to host our group and provide food for us, please reach out to Shannon! We can't progress very far if we have nowhere to go! Please RSVP by Nov. 5.

Chat & Chew: Join your church family on November 19 at 5:30pm at Bellis House of Pizza for a fun night of food and fellowship! Host: Marilyn Fattman. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Staff Appreciation Sunday will be Sunday, November 22. We will recognize SSLC staff at the beginning of each service.