Our Stewardship of Attendance last week: (8:30am) 178 (11am) 115
Wednesday Service: (12:30pm) 52

General Offering Total for 2026: $843,901.03
Total Expenses for 2026: $897,688.72

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: Discipleship Sunday School for all ages (Social Hall)
	11:AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday	8AM: Preschool
	12:30PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall)
	6:15PM: Adult Handbells (Choir Room)
Tuesday	8AM: Preschool
	9:05AM: Men's Bible (Social Hall)
	10:30AM: Lunch Belles (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);
	Operation Christmas Child Packing Party (Social Hall)
	6:45PM: Wings of Worship (Sanctuary)
	7PM: Adult Choir (Choir Room)
	7:30PM: AA/Al-Anon meetings (Social Hall/Parlor)
Thursday	Church Office Closed
	8AM: Preschool
	7PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Friday	8AM: Preschool
	9:45AM: Williams Brice Stadium Tour (Butler St. Parking Lot)
	2PM: Catalanotto (Social Hall)
Saturday	9:30AM: Catalanotto (Social Hall)
Sunday	**8:30AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary-Online)**
	9:45AM: Sunday School for all ages
	11AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:30PM: Council Meeting (Office Conference Room)
	2PM: Marchant (Gym)

The Spirit of St. Stephen's Weekly for November 8 – November 15, 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: Jill Vickers, Palmetto Baptist

Join us for our Wednesday Eucharistic Service, November 11th 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.

Building Maintenance Lunch: Join Lutheran Men next Sunday, November 15 for lunch in the social hall. They will be preparing country fried steak, rice and gravy, green beans, rolls, and assorted desserts. All proceeds go directly to the building maintenance fund. Meals are ready for take-out or eat-in after the 8:30 & 11:00 services.

Shaun Wessinger, is trying to complete requirements to achieve his final rank of Eagle Scout. To do so, he has to complete his Eagle Scout project. His project will replace all the wooden campsite markers in the primitive and RV campgrounds at Camp Kinard in Batesburg-Leesville. Shaun is asking for your help to fund this special project so that he can reach his goal of being an Eagle Scout. All contributions will go to offsetting the material cost with any overage going to Camp Kinard for other campground improvements. Contributions can be put in the envelope within your bulletin today and placed in the offering plate or you can place them in the basket on his table in the narthex as you leave worship.

Our 4th Annual Turkey Trot is on Sunday, November 22 at 4pm. This is a family friendly 5K event and will be held in the parking lot! You can walk, run, stroll, bike, skate, or just show up to cheer everyone else on! We just want our favorite turkeys to come out and enjoy a fun time together! We will have hotdogs and hamburgers for supper and just take the afternoon to be thankful for such an awesome church family!! No charge...Just RSVP to Shannon (Shannon@sslc.org) by Wednesday, Nov. 18 so we know how many turkeys to expect!

Advent Holden Evening Prayer Service will be on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 6pm in the sanctuary. Holden Evening Prayer is a beautiful, contemporary vespers service that was written by Marty Haugen in 1985-86 while at Holden Village. We hope you will join us!

Mission Lexington: Our Easter to Reformation food drive was a huge success with 5,151 lbs. of donated food. Our goal was 5,000 lbs. Our end-of-the-year food drive is underway with a goal of 1,500 lbs. of food between not and December 18. Our yearly donations are 6,726 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.

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 asap. **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 **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. More details will be coming!

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.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: On Saturday, December 12 we will be serving at Lowes Foods on Augusta Highway (across from Lexington High School) from 10am-6pm. Please consider signing up to ring the bell! It's always a lot of fun and it's a great way to give back! Contact Shannon if you have questions.

Prime Time Thanksgiving Luncheon will be on Tuesday, November 17 at 11:30am in the social hall. The turkey will be provided…just bring a side to share! The preschool will share their Thanksgiving songs before lunch. 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 toiletries for the boxes such as washcloths, bar soap, toothbrushes (no toothpaste please), combs, hairbrushes, as well as crayons, markers, coloring books, notepads, journals, and pens. 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. and Sr. High Youth – 6th-12th graders: Join us for our 4th Annual Turkey Trot at SSLC on Sunday, November 22 at 4pm. This is a family friendly 5K event and will be held in the parking lot! You can walk, run, stroll, bike, skate, or just show up to cheer everyone else on! We just want our favorite turkeys to come out and enjoy a fun time together! We will have hotdogs and hamburgers for supper and just take the afternoon to be thankful for such an awesome church family!! No charge...Just RSVP to Shannon (Shannon@sslc.org) by Wednesday, Nov. 18 so we know how many turkeys to expect!

Pancakes and PJs with Santa: On Friday, December 11 from 5:30pm-6:30pm wear your Christmas PJs, fill your belly with pancakes, and visit with Santa! Take personal pictures with Santa and each child will make a Christmas craft. Ticket cost is $20 per child (one adult admitted free per child); additional adults $10. Contact Shannon purchase tickets.

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.

New Members Luncheon: If you are a new member at St. Stephen's we would love to have you join your church staff for lunch on Sunday, November 29 at 12:15pm in the social hall. This is for anyone that has recently joined SSLC. It will be a time for us to answer any questions you may have and get to know you and your family a little better. Please RSVP by November 22 to Tonya@sslc.org.

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