



# ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## PEOPLE OF CHRIST MAKING A DIFFERENCE

May 2022 Newsletter

### Don't miss out the fun! Annual church golf tournament— May 10th!

The St. Stephen's golf tournament will be held on May 10 at the Ponderosa Country Club in Batesburg-Leesville. There will be a noon shotgun start. There will be a steak dinner at Otis and Melissa Rawl's home beginning at 6:30 pm after the tournament. The address of their home is 204 Foxglen Road in Lexington.

If you are only going to play golf the cost is \$30. The cost of the dinner is \$15 per person. Drinks will be provided at the golf course and at the dinner. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the narthex.

Come join us for a great day on the links and a great social event in the evening.



Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

May 8th:

Graduate Recognition

*\*\*If you have a high school or college graduate, please contact Shannon with their future plans!!*

June 26th-29th:

Vacation Bible School

July 11th-15th:

Lutheridge Day Camp

### ***A Big Celebration!!***

On May 26th,  
Beulah Glover will  
celebrate her  
105<sup>th</sup> birthday!!

Please take a few  
moments to brighten her  
special day and send a  
card to:  
218 Old Chapin Rd.  
The Legacy of Lexington  
Room 139



**Looking for information** about events, meetings, council minutes, or recorded worship services? Check out St. Stephen's website at SSLC.org for everything St. Stephen's!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE  
continues for 1 more week!**

Join us May 4th as we close out the year!!

5:15-6:00PM:

Dinner in the Social Hall

6-6:30PM:

Cherub Choir (ages 2- 5K) and  
Children's Choir (1st - 5th grade)

6:00-6:45PM:

Confirmation

6:30-7:00PM: Tone Chimes

7:00PM: Adult Choir

**BARBECUE HUT CLEAN UP  
DAY:**

There will be a barbecue hut cleanup day Saturday, June 4, 2022, beginning at 9 am. This is to clean and sanitize the barbecue hut for our barbecue chicken dinner fundraiser June 18. The more people we have the quicker the cleanup will go.

Point of contact:  
Ron Redd 803-360-0241 or  
Eric Wessinger  
803-917-8771.

**WE! Lunch**

A light lunch is offered in the Social Hall at 11:45 AM on Wednesdays. The cost of the lunch is \$5. Come enjoy lunch and then worship with us at our 12:30 Eucharist Service.

**Relay for Life**

Our annual Relay for Life Event has been on hold for 2 years thanks to COVID but we are ready to get back out to Lexington High School on Friday, May 20th in order to Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back!

If you are a cancer survivor, please check the Survivor List outside of the downstairs SS Classroom to make sure that we have your name so we can honor you with a luminary.

If you'd like to honor a loved one with a luminary, please fill out a form located outside of the Men's SS Classroom and return it to Shannon Burnett. **Luminary forms due by May 8th!**

***If you plan to be part of the festivities on May 20th, please sign up on the clipboard outside of the narthex!***

## **Mother's Day Brunch**

Join us for a Mother's Day Brunch like no other - courtesy of Chef Andy Marchant! The food will be delicious, the company will be outstanding, and the wait time will be minimal! What more could you ask for?!?

There will be 3 seating times (9:30AM, 10AM, and 10:30AM)

You can make your reservation by emailing [events@sslc.org](mailto:events@sslc.org) with your name, preference of seating time, and number attending.

*Cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 for ages 5-14.  
All proceeds benefit debt retirement. Please RSVP by May 2nd!*

### MENU:

Fresh Fruit Display – Cantaloupe, Honeydew, Grapes, Strawberries, Blackberries;  
French Potato Salad - Red Potatoes, Fresh Herbs, Shallots, Lemon- Dijon Vinaigrette;  
Chicken Salad – Fresh Breast of Chicken Diced with Celery, Mayonnaise and Lemon Juice;  
Greek Vegetable Salad – Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Fresh Basil, Red Onion, Olives, Feta Cheese, Greek Dressing;  
Balsamic Grilled Vegetables Platter;  
Assorted Breadbasket with Butter and Jams

Crispy Bacon; Sausage Links; Creamy Cheese Grits; Breakfast Potatoes with Peppers and Onions; Scrambled Eggs

Squash Casserole; Broccoli and Artichoke Casserole; Pot Roast with Au Jus; Garlic Mashed Potatoes with Gravy; Boneless BBQ Chicken Thighs

Warm Pear Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce; Banana Pudding;  
Assorted Cakes and Pies

Orange Juice; Lemonade; Tea and Water

## **Debt Retirement Farmer's Market Boxes**

Each box will include 2 lemons, 2 limes, stalk of celery, pint of grape tomatoes, 2 red apples, 1 yellow onion, 1 head of romaine lettuce, 3 red potatoes, 1 red bell pepper, 1 green bell pepper, 2 navel oranges, 1 yellow squash, 2 zucchini, and 1 bunch of red grapes (items subject to change depending on availability). Each box only costs \$25 and will be ready for pick up in the social hall on May 4th from 11am until 6pm.

Place your order by 11am the Monday before (May 2nd) by emailing [Shannon@sslc.org](mailto:Shannon@sslc.org).

Make checks payable to SSLC. Enjoy a box of fresh vegetables while helping to pay off the building debt!!

## **MISSION LEXINGTON UPDATE**

Our Epiphany to Easter food drive was a huge success with 3,530 lbs. donated toward a goal of 3,500 lbs. Food total for the year is 3,530 lbs. Our goal for the year is 18,000 lbs. Our Easter to Reformation food drive has stated with a goal of 6,000 lbs. between now and Reformation Sunday.

Please place your food donations in the food barrel across from the elevator in the admin wing or in the container outside the Men's Sunday School Classroom.

All food items and pet food are being accepted.

Mission Lexington also needs plastic bags. Bring your used plastic bags to the church and Mr. Ron will deliver to Mission Lexington.

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](mailto:Rredd7848@gmail.com).

### **Needed items:**

Canned Fruit  
Canned Chicken  
Beef Stew  
Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Mac & Cheese  
Pork & beans  
Chili  
Canned Vegetables  
Rice  
Canned Soups  
Coffee  
Oatmeal  
Grits  
Dog food/Cat food  
Sealed silverware sets  
(from carryout)

  
**Mission  
Lexington**

## **Lutheran Men**

**LUTHERAN MEN** will meet on Monday, May 16, at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. There will be a meal and a program! You can find more details regarding the program in the upcoming announcements!  
Come join us!

### **ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN MEN BARBECUE CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER**

In October of last year, the Church purchased a new freezer to replace the 2 freezers in the kitchen which were no longer dependable or serviceable. An additional refrigerator and a tray cart were purchased as well. The Church paid for these items from the reserve fund. Lutheran Men agreed to sponsor a fundraiser to reimburse the funds spent on these items in the spring.

Lutheran Men will hold a barbecue chicken dinner fundraiser Saturday June 18 from 12:00pm – 2:00 pm. The price will be \$10.00 a plate. Each plate comes with a half chicken, 2 sides and a roll. Plates will be to go only. **Tickets are on sale today before and after each service** and will run through Sunday June 05, 2022. Tickets will also be available for purchase in the parlor in front of Tonya's office.





Join us for our monthly Prime Time Luncheon served on the 3rd Tuesday of the month!

We will gather for lunch on Tuesday, May 17th at 11:45 AM at Gibson Pond Park for a picnic before it gets too hot! Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

Let's go to the Sumter County Iris Festival! Sumter's Iris Festival is South Carolina's oldest continuous festival and is consistently ranked among the top festivals in the Southeast. Join Shannon on Friday, May 27th as we head to Sumter to enjoy the festivities. *This is an all walking event!!* There will be lots of vendors, and iris', and crafts. There is no cost for admission. The cost for the trip will be \$5 per person to cover gas. We need at least 10 people to make the trip. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you'd like to go!! We will plan to leave at 8:30 AM!

**Debt Retirement Cooking Classes with Andy Marchant are back!**

Join him Thursday, May 19th at 6 PM in the kitchen.

Cost is \$50 per person

**Salad**

Thai Salad

Thai Rice Noodles, Very Finely Sliced Red and Green Cabbage, Red Pepper, Shredded Carrot, Edamame, Fresh Cilantro, Sweet and Sour Cucumbers, Crushed Peanuts, Fresh Bean Sprouts and Scallions with Peanut Dressing

**Entree**

Soy and Ginger Salmon  
Marinated and Baked Fresh Atlantic Salmon with Asian Stir Fry Vegetables and Coconut-Lime Jasmine Rice

**Dessert**

Sauteed Bananas with Sweet Orange - Cinnamon Sauce over Vanilla Ice and Fresh Mint

Email Shannon (Shannon@sslc.org) to reserve your spot!

**Chat N Chew for April**

Date: May 19, 2022

Time: 5:30-6 PM Social time;  
6 PM Order food

Restaurant: Old Mill Brew Pub

Hosts: Marilyn and Paul Fattman

Join your Chat N Chew friends and church family for a wonderful time together. Please sign up on the bulletin board!

**This is Us** is a new group that is meeting once a month (the last Thursday) at a local restaurant. This group is made up of parents of high school and college aged kids and if you fall into this category and would like more information, please reach out to Shannon Burnett.

*Love offering for May*

**Youth and Children's Ministries**

Youth and Children's ministries at St. Stephen's are a pivotal part of our mission to make our church a place where people of all ages develop and nurture their faith in Christ so that they can make a difference in the world around them. All love offering donations during the month of May will go towards fundraising efforts to support our youth and children's ministries including summer mission trips, monthly activities, special camps, etc.

Thank you for giving to this hugely important ministry over and above your regular giving!

**Summer plans for Children's Sunday School**

The last day for our regular Sunday School classes will be June 5th.

We will not be having traditional Children's Sunday School during the summer. Shannon is hoping that by taking the summer off, there will be more excitement and better participation when we start back in August.

There may be an opportunity for children to gather for fellowship during the Sunday School hour but Shannon is still working on the details!



**REGISTER FOR PRESCHOOL TODAY!!!!**

If you are interested in enrolling a child at our SSLC Preschool, you can visit our webpage and download the registration form, attach your registration/supply fee and leave at the preschool office or church office. You will receive a confirmation in the mail. **\*Please note that class size is limited and classes fill quickly. Submitting your registration does not guarantee a position, but we will try our best to accommodate you and your family.**

Call the preschool office at 359-4369 or email [kimberly@sslc.org](mailto:kimberly@sslc.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Kimberly Peterson  
Interim Preschool Director

Parent's Morning Out: (12 - 24 months of age) attend 1-4 days

Two-year-old class: attend 2, 3, 4 days

Three-year-old class: attend 3 or 4 days

Four-year-old class: attend 4 days

*\*Note: all children must be of age by Sept. 1, 2022 to be placed in the appropriate class.*



## JCREW

### **ELF Event - (Elementary Lutheran Friends) Sun, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3-5pm at St. Stephen's**

On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3-5pm we will welcome the J-Crew group from St. David's Lutheran and hopefully other churches around the midlands to play games, do a craft, have a bible moment, and eat corndogs, chips, and make SMORES! Parents willing to stay and help facilitate the event would be appreciated! We look forward to having a good group to participate! Go ahead and mark the date on your calendars. You won't want to miss it!

## Community Groups:

### 6th grade:

Let's go to the movies and see **Family Camp**! The movie will be released on May 13th so once the theaters release a schedule you will get an email as to when we will go!

*Shannon Burnett (Shannon@sslc.org)*

### 11th and 12th:

Be on the lookout for information regarding this month's activity!!

*Tonya Reynolds (tonya@sslc.org) and Julie Tworzyanski (jtworzyanski@windstream.net)*



## Jr. Youth (6th-8th grade) and Sr. Youth (9th-12th grade)

### May 8th—

*May 8th is Youth Sunday!!* We would like to involve as many youth as possible in the service! Please let Ms. Shannon know if you'd like to participate! We need communion assistants, ushers, readers, and Order of St. Stephen's!! Also, we are having a Mother's Day Brunch in between the services. This is a great time to talk to dad and encourage him to make reservations for the family to have brunch at church! If your parents won't be at church, we will make sure you get fed!

### May 22nd—

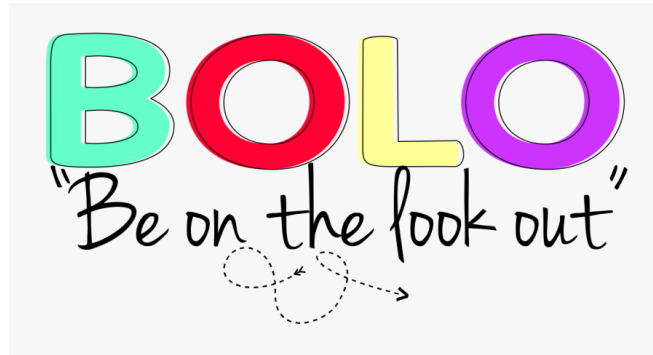
It's that time! Calling all youth and parents! Let the battle begin!

Join us Sunday, May 22nd at 12:30 PM for **Parents vs. Youth**! We have all kinds of activities planned and need participants. We will also be serving lunch!

Please let Shannon know if you plan to participate by Thursday, May 19th!  
You don't want to miss out on the fun!

## 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!



*Pastor Jason will be emailing details regarding the event for May!*

## Saints and Sinners Sunday School Class

The Saints and Sinners Class encompasses adults of all ages. There is no regular curriculum. Instead we watch movies, read books, and engage in open conversation about any number of topics. Don't have a Sunday School class that feels like home? We'd love to have YOU with us! Our schedule is as follows:

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – The Chosen – Episode 7  
(Moving to new classroom – Room #207)

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – The Chosen – Episode 8 pt. 1

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – The Chosen – Episode 8 pt. 2

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – The Chosen – Recap, Conversation, and What's Next

Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – The Chosen – The Shepherd

As we move into the Easter season we will continue watching the first season of the series entitled "The Chosen": a television drama based on the life of Jesus of Nazareth, created, directed and co-written by American filmmaker Dallas Jenkins. It is the first multi-season series about the life of Jesus, and season one was the top crowd-funded TV series or film project of all time. The series' creators stated that they had hoped to distinguish the new series from previous portrayals of Jesus by crafting a multi-season, episode-based story. The series portrays Jesus "through the eyes of those who met him". We hope that you will come join us for what promises to be an awesome time of watching, learning, and reflecting on the life of Jesus.



## Order of St. Stephen's

|                            | <b>8:30 AM Service</b> | <b>11:00 AM Service</b> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>May 1st</b>             | A – Ryan Kennedy       | A – Aaron Head          |
|                            | C – Alaina Wenzel      | C – Zachary Head        |
|                            | BB – Lauren Wenzel     | BB – Manning Burgess    |
|                            |                        |                         |
| <b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b>  | Youth Sunday           | Youth Sunday            |
|                            |                        |                         |
| <b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b> | A – Connor Geary       | A – Sam Taylor          |
|                            | C – Ryan McFarland     | C – Sophie Taylor       |
|                            |                        |                         |
| <b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b> | A – Weston Hill        | A – Susannah Howell     |
|                            | C – Katie Moore        | C – Emery Jones         |
|                            |                        |                         |
| <b>May 29<sup>th</sup></b> | A – Connor Fink        | A – Mary Beth Stafford  |
|                            | C – Tyler McMurray     | C – Madison Summerall   |

### Thank you:

The family of Claudia Lee Schneider would like to thank the congregation for all the cards and calls after her passing. A special thanks to Pastor Jason for helping us through this difficult time.

- The Lee and Gaston Families

Dear St. Stephen's Family,

Thank you all very much for the cards, calls, texts, and especially prayers you showered me and my family with during my recent surgery and recovery. The amount of love and concern shown to us is overwhelming and greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the Circle of Love for the beautiful flowers and box of wonderful treats! There aren't enough words to express how much I appreciate Pastor Jason, Shannon, Mary, and Kimberly for everything they did while I was out. I am grateful to work with such an amazing team! The Reynolds' family is truly blessed to call St. Stephen's our home.

Love,

Tonya Reynolds

### **Congregation Council Members:**

#### **Class of 2022**

Craig McFarland (803) 360-7310  
 Evelyn Temple (706) 436-3052  
 Brian Paeth (803) 529-6117  
 Stephanie Jones (803) 606-3814  
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#### **Class of 2023**

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#### **Class of 2024**

Cathy Mathias (803) 238-4458  
 Eric Wessinger (803) 917-8771  
 Gregg Mills (803) 210-9761  
 Melissa Rawl (803) 359-2909  
 Sheridan Perry (803) 808-0534

#### **Youth Representatives:**

Abby Burnett and Carlee Tworzyanski

Mary Keisler, Treasurer (803) 960-9155  
 Bill Mathias, Treasurer Emeritus

## Flowers for May

|    |                         |
|----|-------------------------|
| 1  | WELCA                   |
| 8  | Marie Juhl              |
| 15 | Don and Renate Chappell |
| 22 | Drew Welch              |
| 29 | Pat Bank                |

## Ushers for May

### May 1st and 15th

**8:30** - Eric Wessinger, Ivan Black, Pat Bowen, Bill Carroll, Aaron Rawl,  
Vernon Hester, Deon Fink, Blaine Richardson, Chad Geary

**11:00** - Randy Huber, Alon Cox, James Renwick, Roy Welch, Brian Paeth, Doug Harper

### May 22nd and 29th

**8:30** - Rueben Eargle, Sandy Shealy, Ron Redd, Steve Fowler, Jim Nantz,  
Daryl Hooker, Adam Tworzyanski

**11:00** - Otis Rawl, Gregg Mills, Hunter Mills, Connor Mills, G Kolb, Mike Burgess,  
Myra Strock, Manning Burgess, Roy Windham

## Lay readers

|        | <b>8:30 service</b> | <b>11:00 service</b> |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------|
| May 1  | Ron Redd            | Julie Harper         |
| May 8  | Youth Sunday        | Youth Sunday         |
| May 15 | Karen Thouvenot     | Sylvia Howell        |
| May 22 | Mike Brittingham    | Cathy Mathias        |
| May 29 | Brant Taylor        | Jamie Early          |

## Communion Assistants

|        |                       |                             |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| May 1  | Neil Brown; Ann Clark | Benjie Rhoad; Cathy Mathias |
| May 8  | Youth Sunday          | Youth Sunday                |
| May 15 | Marty Nantz           | Ed Smith                    |
| May 22 | Jim Nantz             | Eleanor Roberson            |
| May 29 | Danny Able            | Larry Long                  |

## Recyclers

|        |                       |
|--------|-----------------------|
| May 1  | Tina Prond-Bennett    |
| May 8  | Jennifer Howell       |
| May 15 | Gary & Julie Angus    |
| May 22 | Sarah Kolb            |
| May 29 | Larry and Bonnie Long |

**Office Hours:**

8 AM-4 PM Monday - Thursday

**To Reach us:**

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359-4175

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**Interim Organist**

Juyeon Kim

**Interim Preschool Director**

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803-359-4369

**Organist Emeritus**

Sylvia Looney

**Congregation Council Officers**

President - Michael Jebaily  
Vice President - Mike Brittingham  
Secretary - Allison Van Cleef  
Treasurer - Mary Keisler  
Treasurer Emeritus - Bill Mathias

**Mission Statement:**

Gathering all generations to nurture  
Christ-like discipleship

**Our Vision:**

To be a place of hope

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

place

119 North Church Street

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Lexington, SC 29072

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"Return Service Requested"

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For our guests our Ministry includes. . .

**Sunday School:** Classes for Nursery age-adults; meets at 9:45 each Sunday

**Wednesday Night Live! (WNL!):** Intermediate Ringers (6th-12th grade) meet at 5 PM; meal at 5:15PM; Confirmation class, Adult class, Cherub and Children's Choirs meet at 6 PM; Tone Chimes meet at 6:30 PM

**The Balcony Choir:** Rehearsal on Wednesday at 7:00PM

**Handbell Choir:** Rehearses on Wednesday at 6 PM in the balcony

**Wings of Worship:** Our liturgical dance group meets at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays

**Prime Time Adults:** Adults 55 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.

**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 7:00PM 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 our ministry for our church & the community for children 12 months to 4 years of age. Class hours are 9:00AM - 12:00Noon with extended care 12:00 Noon to 2:00PM. Early bird drop-off is also available Contact Beth Haggard.

**Living Faith:** This group is comprised of folks somewhere between our Sr. High Youth and our Crossroads group, encompassing people of varying ages and family contexts. Activities alternate between adult only and family friendly.

**This is Us:** This group has children in high school and college and gets together once a month for fellowship and food.