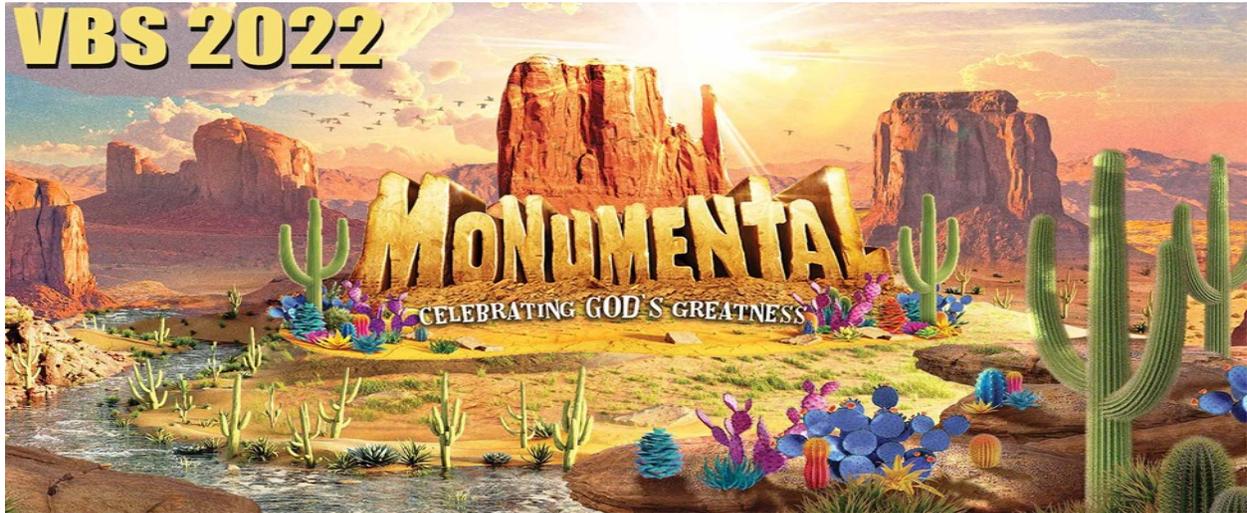




ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
PEOPLE OF CHRIST MAKING A DIFFERENCE

June 2022 Newsletter



*Join us for a Monumental experience as we celebrate
God's Greatness!*

June 26-29, 2022 (Sunday-Wednesday); **ages 2-5th grade**

Dinner at 5:30; VBS will begin at 6 and last until about 8:00

Cost: \$10.00/child with a \$25.00/family maximum.

*Please make checks payable to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church and
note it for VBS.*

**Registration deadline to receive a t-shirt:
June 12th, 2022**

Visit www.sslc.org for more information on registration!

*At this time, we don't have a teacher for the Adult Class. If we find someone willing to
lead the class, we will let everyone know!*

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!

Red Cross Blood Drive

June 22 (2PM - 7 PM)

Please consider giving the gift of life!

Blood types O, A- and B- please consider a Power Red donation. Power Red is similar to a whole blood donation, except a special machine is used to allow you to safely donate two units of red blood cells during one donation while returning your plasma and platelets to you.

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code SSLC

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.

Congratulations to our 2022 Confirmands who will celebrate their Confirmation on June 5th!

- Ashlyn Davis
- Megan Griffin
- Will Holmes
- Flynn Jeffcoat
- Elizabeth Kolb
- Lydia Murry
- William Smith
- Meghan Timmerman
- Andrew Tworzyanski
- Alaina Wenzel

Make reading a part of your summer fun--Visit the Church Library!

The library contains a wide variety of materials -- biblical reference and history, commentaries, devotions, Christian living, and religious and regular fiction for adults and children. The library is open on Sundays from 9:30 to 11:00 am and from 5:30-8:00 pm during Vacation Bible School, June 26-29 or by appointment (Sharon Mackintosh 803 359-2407). The Library is located on the second floor of the educational building down from the balcony choir, directly above the pre-school offices. Books and videos may be checked out for two weeks and renewed. To return, drop them back in the library (and check out some more!) or in the box outside the door when the library is closed.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: JUNE 19 - AUGUST 7 – The program is open to ages 18 months to the 6th grade. Parents may read books to young non-readers. Prizes will be awarded on August 14 to each child completing the program by reading 10 non-chapter books, five chapter books, or a combination. We have a large selection of early reader and chapter book series to enjoy.

ADULTS—We have books for your summer reading too! Come and take a look!

REMINDER: Please check through your books to see if you or your child have returned all that are due to the Church Library. Books belonging to the Church Library will be stamped with LIBRARY St. Stephen's Church Lexington, SC on cover and title pages, as well as page 9. There are no fines, and you can always leave any books that you are returning in the box outside the library. Even the librarian has a few books to return! Books are the biggest investment that the library has, both in cost and processing time, and we need your help so that books continue to be available.



Thank you to the following people who have faithfully served this year as Sunday School teachers:

2's-5K: Jennifer and Susannah Howell,
Whitney Egan, Suzanne Jebaily, Katie Crapps

1st and 2nd: Brittany Stafford, Jessica Maxheimer,
Lara Moore, Deon and Courtney Fink

3rd-5th: Carol Lunsford, Jamie Brunson,
Stacey Summerall, Gail Felton

6th-8th: Jon and Lauren Taylor, Ashely Lackore,
Tami Smith, Emily Kean

9th-12th: Jodi McFarland, Julie Tworzyanski,
Glenn Hayes, Eric and Torry Dickey



MISSION LEXINGTON UPDATE

Our Easter to Reformation food drive is underway with 1,310 lbs. toward a goal of 6,000 lbs. Food total for the year is 4,840 lbs. Our goal for the year is 18,000 lbs.

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.

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

Please join us at 6:00pm Monday June 20, 2022, for a meal, fellowship, and a presentation by Richard Okluski with the National Weather Service.

Please note the time

Change: **6:00 pm**

POC: Ron Redd 803-360-0241

Rredd7848@gmail.com.

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 now** 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 - June 21st!

To celebrate the official beginning of summer bring your favorite summertime salad to share!

Don't miss out!

Debt Retirement Cooking Class with Chef Andy Marchant!

Join him Thursday, June 30th at 6 PM in the kitchen.

Cost is \$50 per person

The menu will be determined closer to class! But the food is guaranteed to be delicious!

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

Chat N Chew for June

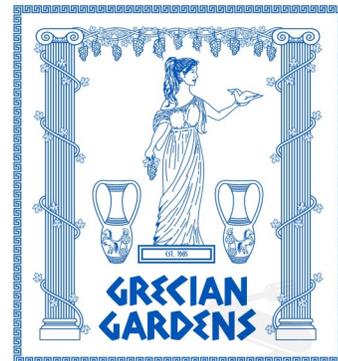
Date: June 16, 2022

Time: 5:30 social, 6:00 order food

Restaurant: Grecian Gardens,
West Columbia

Host: Christie and Heyward Addy

Please sign up on our church's bulletin board. Hope that you can join your church family for good food and fellowship!!!



2312 Sunset Boulevard | West Columbia, SC 29169
ph 803-794-7552 | fx 803-794-2613
www.greciangardenssc.com

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.

Saints and Sinners Sunday School Class

The Saints and Sinners Class encompasses adults of all ages. There is no regular curriculum. If you don't have a Sunday School home, come join us!

Our schedule is as follows:

Sunday, June 5th – The Chosen – Season 2, Episode 1

Sunday, June 12th – The Chosen – Season 2, Episode 2

Sunday, June 19th – The Chosen – Season 2, Episode 3

Sunday, June 26th – The Chosen – Season 2, Episode 4

Love offering for 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, Luther Springs in FL, and Lutheranch in GA) 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 given in June will help fund camp scholarships for underprivileged kids.

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

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

This Summer Mrs. Shannon will be offering a Sunday School opportunity for ages 5K-5th grade. If any 6th-12th graders would like to come help, she would greatly appreciate it! No need to RSVP! Just show up if you are here!!

The children will be learning about The Armor of God. We will not meet every week as there will be times when Mrs. Shannon is out of town. This month we will meet June 19th and 26th which means there will be no SS on June 12th!

Mrs. Ree will still be available to keep children (through age 4) in the Nursery during this time!



St. Stephen's Lutheran Preschool will once again be offering Fun Fridays! This summer fundraiser for our preschool is sure to be a great time! Open to preschool-aged children (ages 1-5), Fun Fridays are **2 hours** of supervised playtime with two of our preschool teaching staff. Each Friday is open to a maximum of 15 participants, so register soon to secure your spot! Fun Fridays include playtime in our gym and outdoor time on our playground (weather permitting). Examples of weekly activities include: bubbles, sidewalk chalk art, glow sticks, dance parties, parachute games, relay races, and you are welcome to bring your bike or scooter (with a helmet) for riding in the gym.

Pre-registration is required. You may register for any Fridays that fit your needs, or all of them!

**Price per Friday is: \$20 per child,
and \$15 per additional sibling**

Fun Friday Hours: 9am-11am

June: 10, 17, 24

July 8, 22, 29



Order of St. Stephen's

	8:30 AM Service	11:00 Service
June 5th	A – Bia Oxley	A – Mary Beth Stafford
	C – Kaidyn Glover	C – Zachary Head
	BB – Drake Glover	BB – Manning Burgess
	TB – Sophie Dickey	TB – Abby Burnett
	TB – Ella Dickey	TB – Sullivan Hayes
June 12th	A – Ryan Kennedy	A – Gavin Gaskins
	C – Bryson McMurray	C – Gage Gaskins
June 19th	A – Jaime Wessinger	A – Sam Taylor
	C – Jack Kennedy	C – Sophie Taylor
June 26th	A – Noah Oxley	A – Susannah Howell
	C – Lexie Taylor	C – Megan Griffin

Thank you:

Hi St. Stephen's Church Family,

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for your outpouring of prayers, love and support during Megan's surgery. We are thankful to say that she is doing really well. We may be facing some future treatments but at this time, we are waiting to see the results of her surgery and if in fact the tumor will continue to grow. Half of it still remains and they intend to watch it carefully for signs of difficulty for her. We are thankful for the staff at MUSC who is her team and especially for the fact that the tumor is benign. We appreciated all of the cards, meals, and love which was shared with us during this time. Thank you so much for taking care of us!

Love,

Sharon, Brian, and Megan

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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 Brian Lackore (803) 351-2585
 Mike Burgess (803) 238-7426
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 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 June

5	Benjie Rhoad
12	Ginger Macaulay
19	Brant and Jennifer Taylor
26	Richard and Sharon Shealy

Ushers for June

June 5th and 19th

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

June 12th and 26th

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

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
June 5	Lucy Austin	Cathy Mathias
June 12	Mary Sesler	Becky Sons
June 19	Neil Brown	Myra Strock
June 26	Lacy Geary	Ray Smith

Communion Assistants

	8:30 service	11:00 service
June 5	Jane Kennedy and Craig Wheatley <i>Communion at the rail</i>	Jamie Early and Myra Strock <i>Communion at the rail</i>
June 12	Lucy Austin	Peggy Sherman
June 19	Sandy Shealy	Cathy Mathias
June 26	Ebony Bowers	Benjie Rhoad

Recyclers

June 5	Tina Prond-Bennett
June 12	Jennifer Howell
June 19	Gary & Julie Angus
June 26	Sarah Kolb

Office Hours:

8 AM-4 PM Monday - Thursday

To Reach us:

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Denise Ellis

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Juyeon Kim

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803-359-4369

Organist Emeritus

Sylvia Looney

Congregation Council Officers

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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

stamp

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.