



ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

PEOPLE OF CHRIST MAKING A DIFFERENCE

April 2022 Newsletter

2022 Lenten Calendar

Wednesday Lenten Worship Services

April 6th

12:30 pm Worship in the Sanctuary
6:00 pm Worship in the Social Hall

Holy Week Worship Services and Activities

April 10th - 8:30 am Palm Sunday Worship
11:00 am Palm Sunday Worship

April 13th - 12:30 pm Holy Wednesday

April 14th - 12:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship
5:30 pm Family Maundy Thursday Worship
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

April 15th - 12:30 pm Good Friday Worship
5:30 pm Family Good Friday Worship
7:00 pm Good Friday Worship

April 16th - 10 AM Easter Eggstravaganza

April 17th - 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service
7:30 AM Easter Breakfast (*Debt Reduction*)
8:30 AM Easter Worship
9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages
11:00 AM Easter Worship



Holy Week

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

Our Easter Eggstravaganza will be Saturday, April 16th at 10 AM.

If your child/children plan to attend, please email Mrs. Shannon (Shannon@ssl.org) so we can have an estimate of how many children will be coming!

Toddler-4th grade are welcomed!



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!**

Join us each Wednesday evening during Lent!

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:

St. Stephen's Ringers (Adult Hand bells); Lenten Worship Service in the Social Hall; Confirmants attend Worship Service

6:30-7:00PM: Tone Chimes

7:00PM: Adult Choir

Our Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, April 20th from 2-7 PM in the gym.

Please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code SSLC to make your appointment.



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 Men's SS Classroom to make sure that we have your name so we can recognize 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.

Via De Cristo Weekend:

South Carolina Lutheran Via De Cristo will hold a weekend starting Thursday evening May 12 through May 15, 2022, at the Gunter Camp and Conference center in Leesville, SC Via De Cristo is Spanish for the way of Christ. Via de Cristo is intended for lay people from every walk of life, for pastors, and also for those who seek to be renewed and strengthened in their relationship with Christ.

If you are interested, please contact Ron Redd at 803-360-0241 or Rredd7848@gmail.com.

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 the first Wednesday of each month starting Wednesday, April 6 at 11am until 6pm.

Place your order by 11am the Monday before (April 4) by emailing Shannon@sslc.org.

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

The Men's Sunday School class will resume on April 3, 2022.

All Men of St. Stephen's are welcome to participate.

We meet in the Men's Sunday School Classroom at 9:45.

Questions?
(Dick Robinson, 803-238-5101)

One of our members, Andy Marchant, a former restaurant owner in town, has started a new venture called Cinnamon Hill Kitchen. The concept is to create restaurant quality meals that are available for pick up at the church kitchen or delivery to your home or office Tuesday – Friday. Each week a new menu is created and sent via email so you can preorder for the next week. This "ghost kitchen" restaurant concept has no dining room expense and preordering helps reduce waste therefore reducing the cost of the meals to the clients.

If you are interested in receiving the weekly menu or more information, please **email** Cinnamon Hill Kitchen at orders@cinnamonhillkitchen.com to be added to the weekly menu distribution list.

Andy is giving back 10% of his profits to the church for debt retirement! This is another great way to help reduce our debt and fill your bellies!

Just a reminder that we do continue to collect glasses for the Lions Club. Refractive errors can be easily corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions living in low and middle income countries lack access to basic eye care services. Lions have recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and collect usable glasses in their communities to support the Lions Recycle For Sight Program.

Glasses can be placed in the Lions Club box outside Tonya's office.



MISSION LEXINGTON UPDATE

Our Epiphany to Easter food drive is underway with 2,440 lbs. donated. Our goal is 5,000 lbs. between now and Easter Sunday. Food total for the year is 969 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

Lutheran Men will meet
Monday April 18, 2022
at 6:30 pm (*please note time*) in
the social hall.

SCLMM President Philippe Cote will be our guest speaker. Come join us for a meal, fellowship, and program.

POC: Ron Redd
803-360-0241

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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. 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 – 2:00pm. 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 will go on sale Sunday, April 24, 2022, 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, April 19th at 11:45 AM in the Social Hall.

We will have a **covered dish luncheon** so bring your favorite food to share!

Thursday, April 7th - Hagood Mill Historic Site

Join us as we take a trip to Hagood Mill Historic Site in Pickens, SC. We will take a walking tour of the grounds, the grist mill, the petroglyph center, and some of their trails. The cost for the trip is \$15 per person. We will have lunch which will be "on your own"! We will plan to leave at 8:30 AM from the church, tour Hagood Mill at 11 AM, and then have lunch at GateHouse Restaurant. Don't miss out on a fun trip! Sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, April 3rd!

Rolling Into Holy Week

Join us for this church wide event on Sunday, April 10th from 2pm-4pm at Celebrations Skating Rink (6704 Augusta Highway Batesburg-Leesville 29070).

The event is free for everyone!!

Come have fun with your church family and get a little exercise too.



Chat N Chew for April

Join us Thursday, April 21st

Host: Kathy and John Webb

Restaurant: Shealy's BBQ

(340 East Columbia, Ave.

Batesburg - Leesville)

Time: 5:30 PM

Join your Chat N Chew friends 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 April

Relay for Life

At Relay For Life events, communities across the globe come together to honor cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against a disease that has already taken too much. The funds we donate truly make a difference in the fight against cancer; just ask one of the nearly 14 million cancer survivors who will celebrate another birthday this year! Love offering donations made in the month of April will go towards the fundraising efforts of the St. Stephen's Relay for Life team.

Debt Retirement Cooking Classes with Andy Marchant are back!

Join him Thursday, April 21st at 6 PM in the kitchen.

Cost is \$50 per person

Greek Salad with Fresh Cucumbers, Vine Ripe, Tomatoes, Red Onion, Marinated Feta Cheese, Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Kalamata Olives, Baby Romaine Lettuce

Lemon Chicken – Fresh Breast of Chicken, Lemon Juice, Capers, Chicken Stock, White Wine and Fresh Parsley over Linguini Pasta and Garlicky Sautéed Spinach

Sautéed Poundcake with Fresh Berry Compote, Whipped Cream and Mint

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

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 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

The Easter Egg Hunt is on its' way

April 16th is the day

We'll hunt for eggs and find some treats;

Eat yummy goldfish and delicious sweets

We'll make some crafts and have some fun

Remembering that Jesus is #1

Please join us in the gym at St. Stephen's at 10:00! Bring your own basket - we'll supply the rest!

All ages up to 4th grade are welcome to participate in the egg hunt.

If you are in 5th grade and want to help with the Easter Egg Hunt, let Mrs. Shannon know.

Remember to RSVP so we can have an estimated count!!

Community Groups:

6th grade:

We will take April off since it's a super busy month with events and meet up again in May!

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)

JCREW, Jr. Youth, and Sr. Youth

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Jr. Youth (6th-8th grade)

April 16th -

If you'd like to help with the Easter Eggstravaganza, please let Mrs. Shannon know!

April 24th -

Plans are still being made for this event. Mrs. Shannon will email out the details but we are hoping to go play paintball!



Sr. Youth (9th-12th grade)

April 16th -

If you'd like to help with the Easter Eggstravaganza, please let Mrs. Shannon know!

Saturday, April 23rd -

Mark your calendars now and let's head to The Big Mo to enjoy a movie! We will have to carpool as the bus is a little too difficult to take there! More details will follow!

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!

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(6704 Augusta Highway Batesburg-Leesville 29070).

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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, April 3rd – The Chosen – Episode 4 Part 1
- Sunday, April 10th – The Chosen – Episode 4 Part 2
- Sunday, April 17th – Easter – No Class
- Sunday, April 24th – The Chosen – Episode 5 Part 1
- Sunday, May 1st – The Chosen – Episode 5 Part 2

For Lent we will begin 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

April 3rd	A – Connor Geary	A – Sam Taylor
(No Banner Bearer in Lent)	C – Bryson McMurray	C – Sophie Taylor
April 10th	A – Noah Oxley	A – Abby Burnett
	C – Lexie Taylor	C – Paul Waites
April 17th (Easter)	A – Connor Fink	A – Susannah Howell
	C – Andrew Tworzyanski	C – Elizabeth Kolb
	BB – Carlee Tworzyanski	BB – Manning Burgess
	TB – Sophie Dickey	TB – Sullivan Hayes
	TB – Ella Dickey	TB – Bryce Windham
April 24th	A – Jaime Wessinger	A – Mary Beth Stafford
	C – Selena Magni	C – Abby Burnett

If your family plans to attend the 6:30 Sunrise Service on Easter and you have a child that would be willing to serve as crucifer or as a torch bearer, please reach out to Shannon!



Congregation Council Members:

Class of 2022

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Youth Representatives:

Abby Burnett and Carlee Tworzyanski

Mary Keisler, Treasurer (803) 960-9155

Bill Mathias, Treasurer Emeritus

Flowers for April

3	Steve and Marian Fowler
10	Egan and Brock
17	Easter Lilies
24	Bill and Jane Kennedy

Ushers for April April 3rd and 17th

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, Ray Smith, Doug Harper

April 10th and 24th

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 service	11:00 service
April 3 rd	Steve Fowler	Stephanie Jones
April 10 th	Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday
April 17 th	Jane Kennedy	Jenny Carter
April 24 th	Marty Nantz	Johnnie Peechatka

Communion Assistants

	8:30 service	11:00 service
April 3 rd	Marian and Steve Fowler	Myra Strock; Larry Long
April 10 th	Ebony Bowers	Benjie Rhoad
April 17 th	Craig Wheatley; Ann Clark	Peggy Sherman; Myra Strock
April 24 th	Jane Kennedy	Eleanor Roberson

Recyclers

3rd	Tina Prond-Bennett
10th	Jennifer Howell
17th	Gary & Julie Angus
24th	Sarah Kolb

Office Hours:

8 AM-4 PM Monday - Thursday

To Reach us:

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Vice President - Mike Brittingham
Secretary - Allison Van Cleef
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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

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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.