

The Spirit of St. Stephen's Weekly for August 2 – August 9, 2020

Congregation Council approves causes to be featured monthly. **August: Lutheran Campus Ministry** Lutheran Campus Ministry is a Lutheran ministry for students, faculty, staff, and others on college campuses around the nation, not just a ministry for Lutherans. Its mission is to invite people in academic settings to engage more deeply with the teachings of Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name, so that they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples. In South Carolina we have 17 ministry sites that reach out to over 20 different colleges and universities. In recent years funding for Lutheran Campus Ministry has declined substantially and they could use our support to help them continue their important mission.

Join us for the Wednesday Eucharist Service held at 12:30PM in the gym to enhance your weekly worship experience and to share God's Word in a unique, shortened, but spiritual time of worship. **Wednesday, August 5th** "Love Does Not Rejoice In Wrongdoing But Rejoices In The Truth"

A class for adults will be offered in the gym on Wednesday evenings in August at 6PM. Pastor Pat will be teaching the class titled The New Testament in Its World, An Introduction to the History, Literature, and Theology of the First Christians.

August 5: Welcome and Beginning of the Study

August 12: The New Testament as: History, Literature, and Theology

August 19: The Jews Between the Persian and Roman Empires

August 26: The Study of the Historical Jesus

Mission Lexington Our Pentecost to Reformation Food Drive is underway with 1,567 lbs. donated. The goal is to collect 5,000 lbs. during this time. Our food donations for this year total **3,049.5 lbs.** Please place your food donations in the food barrel next to the elevator in the admin wing. All food items and pet food are being accepted. The following items are the most needed: Canned Fruit, Beef Stew, Canned Chicken, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Corn, Chili, Pork & beans, Canned Soups, Rice, Dog & Cat Food. **Remember even one can of food will feed someone who is hungry.** Mission Lexington is also in urgent need of plastic bags. Bring your used plastic grocery bags to the church and leave them in the food barrel. Thank you again for your support. Point of contact: Ron Redd Cell 803-360-0241 Rredd7848@gmail.com.

Our Stewardship of Attendance last week: (10:00) 77

Wednesday Eucharist (12:30) 34

Our Stewardship of Offerings for 2020 and Debt Retirement:

Total Owed on Principal: \$1,742,000.00

Amount Paid on Principal for 2020: \$290,000.00

Total Received Building Fund 2020: \$120,374.00

General Offering Totals for 2020: \$445,072.78

Expenses to date 2020 \$449,614.81

Graduate Recognition – 2020

High School:

George Bernard (WKHS) - attending USC and planning to major in Music Composition

Caroline Gies (River Bluff) – attending Clemson and planning to major in Food Nutrition

Maddie Morgan (River Bluff) – attending Midland’s Tech and planning to major in Clinical Social Work

Chloe Morris (LHS Honor and Immersion Graduate) - attending USC and planning to major in Early Childhood Education

Juliette Pepper (LHS) - attending the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York and majoring in Advertising and Marketing Communications

Dalton Seals (Gray Collegiate Academy) – attending the USC School of Engineering and planning to major in Mechanical Engineering

Gracen Torbett (LHS) – attending USC and planning to major in Nursing

Hailey Williamson (LHS) – attending University of Kentucky and planning to major in Equine Science and Management

College:

Bailey Black graduated from Clemson University with a BA in Communications and a minor in Management. He is working for Beverage South.

Trent Brittingham graduated from the United States Air Force Academy. He is currently at Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho before beginning pilot training.

Chase Carter graduated from Clemson with a degree in Economics.

Ansley Cordell graduated from Midlands Technical College with a Marketing Degree.

Ashleigh Cordell graduated from Midlands Technical College with a Marketing degree.

Emilee Edwards received her undergraduate degree in Social Work from USC and is currently working on her Master’s Degree in Social Work at USC.

Claire Holmgreen graduated from Maryland Institute and College of Art with a degree in Architectural Design, cum laude. She is pursuing a job in her field.

Tyler Wack graduated from USC with a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training (Magna Cum Laude). He has passed his NATA boards and has accepted a position as a Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer at Northeastern State University in Oklahoma where he will earn his Master’s degree in health and kinesiology while working as an athletic trainer with their intercollegiate athletics.

St. Stephen's Activities for this week include:

TODAY **10AM: Worship Services (Gym and Online) – Graduation**

Recognition

Monday 12:30PM: AA meeting (Social Hall)

Tuesday

Wednesday **12:30PM: Wednesday Worship Service (Gym and Online)**

6PM: Adult Class: (Gym)

7:30PM: AA/AI-Anon meetings (Social Hall/Parlor)

Thursday 7PM: AA meeting (Social Hall)

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

10AM: Worship Services (Gym and Online)