

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.

Hospitalized: Charlotte Compton, Home

Christian Sympathy is extended to Betty Zeigler upon the death of her brother, Abner Eugene Still, to Gerald Kolb upon the death of his father, Charlie Kolb, and to Ronnie Head upon the death of his mother, Janice Head. May the peace and comfort of God's Word be with them and their family assuring them of the knowledge and truth of the Resurrection.

Congratulations to Brett and Sara McNeal on the birth of their daughter, Kynsie Ruth and to Austin and Sierra Wise on the birth of their son, Oakley Slade.

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 12th** "Love Bears All Things"

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 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 1,772 lbs. donated. The goal is to collect 5,000 lbs. during this time. Our food donations for this year total **3,254.5 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) 95
Wednesday Eucharist (12:30) 28

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: \$123,379.00

General Offering Totals for 2020: \$487,911.54

Expenses to date 2020 \$454,759.76

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 **10AM: Worship Services (Gym and Online)**

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)**

6PM: Council Meeting (Zoom)