

ST. STEPHENS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL - MISSOURI SYNOD



MISSION CONNECTION

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**ST. STEPHENS**
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Come and See Ministry Fair

Snacks will be available during the ministry fair

Saturday, Sept. 12
after 5:30pm worship

Sunday, Sept. 13
9:15am- 1pm
(Sunday school hour will be a fellowship hour in the gym)

Have you been blessed with musical talent? Maybe you want to get involved with children's or youth ministry? Do you enjoy baking? Are you able to do light construction?

Our congregation has many opportunities for you to be involved.

Get connected with the ministries here at SSLC.



Doing Something Different - Renewal and Reconnection Reflections

About a year from now, I will literally be “doing something (very) different”. After 6 or 7 years of talking about it, I received approval from the Elders to plan for a **Sabbatical during the summer of 2027**. This is different for a couple of reasons. First, to my knowledge, no pastor has ever taken a full sabbatical (90 days) in the 128+ years of history at St. Stephens, so this will be a new experience for our Church. Secondly, it's different for me. I certainly have never had a sabbatical, and neither did my father, who was also a pastor. He, however, did advise me to consider taking one as a way of being renewed for extended ministry. He spoke from personal experience – after suffering some burnout and developing health concerns, he retired early from full-time ministry at age 64.

What came next for my dad has left an impression on me. My mother and father traveled around the country on a long and extended trip to visit with family and friends. After a few months, I recall that he regretted retiring early. He had more service to give! So, what did he do? He eventually returned to work on alternating weekends with another pastor to start a mission congregation. He did this for the next 7 or 8 years!

So, what does this all have to do with me taking time for a sabbatical next year (aside from having my own health scares in the past year)? **The answer is in the title - Renewal and Reconnection.** I will address those in a bit, but they both flow from another “R” word. If you know me at all (and I think most of you do by now 😊), you know that **Relationships are very important to me**. Please know that **you all are important to me**, but I feel a certain level of emotional and spiritual fatigue, and that has led me to turn somewhat more inward. Recognizing this is, of course, a most important first-step, but in the long run, taking some time to be “Dave” without the day to day demands of being “Pastor Dave” will lead to a healthier me and, I believe, healthier relationships with you and many others. Here's how:

RENEWAL

It is a joy and a privilege to serve as a pastor at St. Stephens. I can clearly see how God has shaped and developed me over the past 34 years of ministry – and I want to continue to serve both our Lord and you well through the end of my active years of service. I'm still holding on to my late 50s, but I recognize that I have less than a decade remaining as a full-time pastor -- and I want to finish with energy and excellence.

RECONNECTION

My most important connection is with our Lord and Savior, and I desire a focused time of “abiding with Jesus” (John 15:5). The ironic (and sad) truth about ministry is that pastors often fail to get a Sabbath rest. I certainly honor the Sabbath (and benefit from it) by spending time in worship, praise, prayer and fellowship centered on the Word, but Sunday is often not a day of rest. God has designed a rhythm of rest to bless us both physically and spiritually, so neglecting that is bound to take a toll. I am already seeking “Sabbath rest” outside of Sunday morning, but on Sabbatical, I am committing to strive to remove all the “Sabbath distractions” from each Sunday while I am away from my typical workload. Being “Connected with Jesus” leads to being renewed, strengthened and equipped, because as our Lord promised, “Remain in me, and you will bear much fruit”.

While I am sketching out a plan for traveling during this Sabbatical, please understand that it is purposeful. This is not a “vacation” even though I will not be involved day to day in my position as Pastor. Instead, it is a time for growth. Over the past 8+ years, it has been a great blessing to mentor our wonderful Vicars. So, one of my ideas during the Sabbatical is to reconnect with each of our former Vicars – and learn from their experiences!

These are just early ideas, and I ask for your prayers of discernment of how to best use this upcoming Sabbatical. Additionally, I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas, as well as your questions. I will certainly keep you posted as the plan develops.

Connecting Well with The Vine and His Branches

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Dave". The script is cursive and fluid, with the word "Pastor" written in a smaller, more compact style than "Dave".

School News

As August looks me in the face I think about my 12 years here at St. Stephens and reflect on the adventure; it's been a true joy to be here... now on to lucky 13.

We have accomplished a great deal this summer to prepare for the school year. This year, SSLS will welcome more students than it has in at least 12 years, and we begin with great excitement. Our school ministry is growing, and we are using every available space. Now is the time to expand. As we advance our mission, we envision a larger preschool, a stronger middle school, and two classes per grade from kindergarten through fifth grade, creating greater capacity for students to Love, Hope, Serve, and Achieve. Every endeavor brings questions and concerns, and our next step is to determine the path toward this vision. One thing is certain: we will remain Rooted in Christ.

Our theme verses for this school year are "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." Colossians 2:6-7. When I think of roots two words come to mind "nourishment" and "stability". In Christ, we receive both. Jesus provides us a consistent flow of grace and forgiveness along with an unchanging word full of promises; that is our stability. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" and "I am the vine you are the branches" both are promises of nourishment. Therefore, our lives bear fruit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, goodness, and self-control. Through God's grace we will live out our theme this school year "Rooted in Christ."

It has been a busy summer here is a rundown in case you missed it.

1. We refinished the gym floor - it looks brand new. Thank you to Brandon Buff and Steve Flowers for their help in making that go smoothly. Also, a big thank you to all those who donated to our fundraiser; enough was donated to cover the entire cost of the floor and the lighting. To God be the Glory.
2. We hired and have now called Jessica Westby as our Assistant Principal. Along with administrative duties she will be working in the resource room. We are blessed to have her join our Warrior Family.
3. We hired Erin Hackney as our part-time school counselor. This has been a position we have desired for several years, we are thankful that we are able to add this much-needed resource to our school.
4. We hired Gina Houston as our (second) kindergarten teacher. Gina is a retired teacher from Catawba County, and we are excited to have her aboard; she is an excellent addition to our staff.

Please continue to pray for our school and our school's future growth and expansion.

In Christ,
Ross



Calling All Passionate People!!

Mentor Fair

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

9:00am-10:00am

Come and share your career, interests, hobbies and expertise with interested SSLS 4th-8th graders....

Become a Mentor. Ignite a Passion. Shape Tomorrow.

E-mail or call April Bell to sign-up or find out more!
adrake@sslcms.org (919) 609-6906



SCHOOL STAFF

Ross Chiles, Principal
Jessica Westby, Asst. Principal
Debbi Becker, Admin Asst.
Tiffany Sigmon, Receptionist

Kathryn Fisher, Kindergarten
Gina Houston, Kindergarten
Rebecca Flowers, 1st Grade
Devon Payne, 2nd Grade
Natasha Whitaker, 3rd Grade
Kelly Hooper, 4th Grade
Rachel Wilson, 5th Grade
Kelli Butler, 6th grade Homeroom
April Bell, 7th grade Homeroom
Cheryl Stiles, 8th grade
Homeroom/Religion
Laura Frank, MS ELA
Donna Lee, Art
Rae Fritz, Health/PE
Jadi Gurganious, Library
Krystal Travis, Athletic Dir.
Amity Enci, Lunch Room Head
Sheila Poovey, Lunch Room
Renee Stiles, Lunch Room
Pam Manfredi, Lunch Room
Kristin Priola, Resource Teacher
Amber Boston, Music
Beverly Fagan, Opener
Erin Hackney, Counselor

Preschool Staff

Angela Parlier, PS4/Director
Karen Ly, PS3
Cassie Todd, PS3
Kimberly Stout, PS4
Bethany Kahill, TK
Kimberly Clontz, TK



***“Building relationships
in Christ to develop and
strengthen faithful
followers for life.”***

WHAT WE’VE BEEN UP TO

What an incredible season it has been in Youth Ministry! Over the past few months, our students have experienced exciting fellowship, meaningful service, and opportunities to grow in their faith.

We’ve enjoyed events like Manhunt, Putt-Putt, Carowinds, a Move-Up Lock-In, Youth Prom, and a waterfall hike at Hunt Fish Falls. Students also served through community service projects, our Yard Sale & Hot Dog Fundraiser, and Vacation Bible School.

This summer also brought life-changing experiences as our Youth Mission Team traveled to Belize to share Christ’s love through mission work, while other students grew in faith and leadership during Middle School Week and Teen Servant Week at Camp Linn Haven.

As we look ahead, we’re excited to see what God has in store as we continue growing together through God’s Word, fellowship, and service. If you know a student in grades 6-12 looking for a place to belong, grow in their faith, and build lasting friendships, we’d love to have them join us!

Thank you to our congregation for your prayers, encouragement, and generous support throughout the year. Whether you donated, volunteered, or faithfully prayed for our students, your partnership has made these ministry opportunities possible. Thank you for investing in the next generation as we continue helping young people grow as faithful followers of Jesus.

WHATS COMING UP!

8/9 - Bo’s Family Entertainment
8/23 - Confirmation Orientation
9/7 - Carowinds
10/18 - Youth vs Parents Kickball Tournament
10/25 - Confirmation Sunday
11/20 - SED High School Gathering

TBD - Outdoor Adventure Group
TBD - HangTimes
TBD - Community Service Projects
TBD - Scarowinds
TBD - Lake Hickory Haunts

Stay Connected!
Find photos, updates,
and event details online!



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Children's & Family Ministry

2026 Fall

Blessing of the Backpacks August 15 & 16

Students are encouraged to bring their backpack to worship services. We will pause as a church family to pray over our students, educators, and school support staff before the academic year starts. Every child will receive a handmade cross for their bag to remind them Jesus is with them everyday!



God's Kids

Introducing a new way to connect!

Download the free **RightNow Kids app** to get lesson videos, conversation starters, and weekly prayer prompts tied to exactly what your child is learning on Sunday Mornings.



Family Bible Hour Sunday Mornings 9:15-10:15am

PS & Kinders/ God's Kids:
Education Wing- Riser Room

Grades 1 & 2/ God's Kids:
Education Wing #222

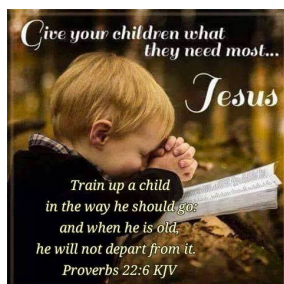
Grades 3-5/ Enduring Faith: Education Wing #220

Adult Classes and Nursery are also available.

You Can Make A Difference!

There are many opportunities to serve in our Children's Ministry.

- Childcare Team
- Classroom Leader/ Assistant
- Hospitality
- Special Events
- Mentor



SSLC Faith Legacy Registration begins in September

3rd Grade Bible Instruction & Blessing

October Sunday morning sessions are available at 9:15am during Bible Hour for 3rd graders and their parents as they grow in the Word together through engaging activities. A special blessing event will be offered upon completion of the sessions during worship.
 Bible Blessing Event Sunday Oct 25 10:30am

Mission Connection

Thank you for the prayers and support for the Alaska Mission team. Our trip to Fort Yukon, AK continues to form relationships in the village to Connect People with Jesus.

What a week we had in Fort Yukon! We began our week with worship at St. Stephens Episcopal Church. The small service was filled with joy as we were reconnected with someone we met in 2019, our first year in Fort Yukon.

Sunday afternoon we held a Meet, Greet and Eat where we invited the community to come and have conversation with us. We enjoyed a meal and fellowship with 40 people. The event was a great time for connections for new people in the village.

We did not do as much with yard clean up as we wanted (lawn mowers and weed eaters were hard to come by). You have to "fix" them to get them running. Our goal is to work on getting one of each for the church next year.

VBS! One word.....**AMAZING!**

Monday - 36 kids, Tuesday - 45 kids, etc... Our average attendance for 5 days was 35 kids. This was the most kids we have had since starting in 2019. Kids, ranging in age from 3 yrs to 12 yrs. old enjoyed bible stories, crafts, songs, snacks and games. These kids definitely made a joyful noise.

Adult Bible study and craft time was held in the evenings. Ladies came in and enjoyed our devotion time while embroidering a square. the square will be put into a quilt by our ladies and displayed in the church in Fort Yukon. Stay tuned for a picture after this year.

Connecting with our friends in Fort Yukon was worth all of our travel issues.

We are truly blessed to be a blessing,
Jadi Gurganious, Sheila Poovey, Rick Poovey, Heather Poovey, Teri Cain, Bobby Butler, Lark Gurganious, Ruth Gurganious, Andreza Sperb, Estela Sperb



Alaska Mission Meeting
Sunday, August 30
12pm in Conference Room

2027 Dates: June 16-26

Interested? Contact: Jadi
(jgurganious@sslcms.org)
to be updated with meeting time and location



Lutheran Women Mission LLeague (LWML)

Thank you to everyone who helps with the missions of LWML. We appreciate your help in providing food for the vicar farewell, cleaning the vicarage, and helping with bereavement meals. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming events.

August 14-16 - Join us for the Carolina District Retreat at Camp Linn Haven on August 14-16 (Friday through Sunday). It's a perfect time to relax, recharge and enjoy the fellowship of your Sisters in Christ. A time to worship a majestic God in a majestic setting. For a registration form see Regina Propst or Teresa Ritchie. You can also find the registration form in the Carolinas Cross Connection.

Saturday, September 12 - You don't want to miss the Quarterly Meeting hosted by the Ruth and Rachel Circles on **Saturday, September 12 from 11am-1pm**. Watch the church bulletin for more information. Lunch and an exciting program is planned.

September 12 & 13 - Come & See Ministry Fair will be held in the gymnasium after worship on Saturday and Sunday 9am-1pm. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Teresa Ritchie or Regina Propst. If you are not yet a member of LWML, please stop by our table and learn about our activities.

October 4 - LWML Sunday - We need scripture readers for each service. If you would like to volunteer, please let Regina or Teresa know!

October 11 - The Foothills Zone Rally will be hosted by St. Stephens Lutheran Church MS on October 11 (3-5 pm). All LWML members in the Foothills Zone will be attending. **Pastor Peter Frank** will provide the program by sharing about his trips to Israel. All ladies of the church are invited! We need your help with food, decorating, set up, and clean up. Circle presidents will share more information at September meetings.



Comfort Dog Ministry

I hope everyone is keeping cool during these very hot days of summer. My team and I have done some very cool things. First, I am happy to introduce Cindy Brinn as my newest handler. She is great to work with.

May 29 - June 2 I went to Spartanburg as part of an event to benefit those in that area who are still struggling with unmet needs caused by Hurricane Helene. LCC had LERT, Care K-nine and Hearts of Mercy and Compassion teams on hand. They joined a collaborative effort between several, churches, local, and national organizations to provide services such as tree removal and roof repairs. New shoes, hand made quilts, emergency radios, first aid kits, school supplies, toys, books, hygiene kits and more were all there for those who were invited to attend. Comfort Dogs Seth, Zora, and I were there bringing hugs and smiles. It is so good to see people working together for the good of others!

June 26 - 28 I went to the Southeast Regional Comfort Dog Conference in Hilton Head SC. Island Lutheran Church was the host for the weekend. My humans enjoyed making new friends and catching up with others. My Comfort Dog friends and I sniffed around a bit and waited patiently until we heard the words "with me" and went with our handlers. There was an informational program with LCC Comfort Dog administrators. We did some training and went to a local shopping area for meet and greet time with locals and vacationers. It was hot, but we met some pretty cool humans. It was a good weekend for all to get recharged in our ministry. We also got to run and fetch in the church's play area and worship together at Island Lutheran Church.

This week I spent time with students at Centro Latino summer reading camp. We read and talked about what it is like to be a Comfort Dog. I loved getting pets from all the children and their teachers.

Look for me out and about town and be sure to stop to pet me.

With love,
Faith Comfort Dog
John 11: 25-26



Hearts of Mercy and Compassion



Hearts of Mercy & Compassion

Many of you saw a brief video in the church services on July 18-19 about this new ministry for our church. This program is under the leadership of Lutheran Church Charities. They are our source of materials, training, and assistance as we grow our ministry. Through giving of hearts we can support, encourage, thank, or honor someone or a group in our church, the community, and even across the country. The HMC team has built, assembled, and gifted hearts to graduates from the Veterans Court program, families who have experienced a death, and for a 100th birthday celebration. The gift of a heart is a tangible way to show God's love to people and provide a keepsake to mark an important moment in the life of a recipient.



Ervin Bolick receives a heart
in honor of his 100th birthday

For more information on Hearts of Mercy & Compassion or to request a heart,
contact Laura Bahlmann HMC team leader at lauralbahlmann@gmail.com

Finance and Facility Board Report

<u>Church Income April thru June</u>			<u>Church Income Year to Date</u>		<u>School's Financials</u>		
	<u>Given</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Given</u>	<u>Total Budgeted</u>		<u>Jan thru June</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>
Offerings	\$371,988.00	\$395,096.00	\$735,352.00	\$1,580,395.00	Income	\$1,187,363.00	\$2,499,579.00
Other Income	\$11,968.00	\$5,850.00	\$18,133.00	\$23,400.00	Expenses	<u>\$1,113,271.00</u>	<u>\$2,499,579.00</u>
Total Income	\$383,956.00	\$400,946.00	\$753,485.00	\$1,603,795.00	Balance	\$74,092.00	\$0.00
<u>Church Expenses April thru June</u>			<u>Church Expenses Year to Date</u>				
	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Spent</u>	<u>Total Budgeted</u>			
Less expenses	\$353,134.00	\$399,400.00	\$728,908.00	\$1,603,795.00			
Balance	\$30,822.00		\$24,577.00				
<u>Church Expansion Fund June</u>							
Needed:	\$4.4 Million						
Account Balance	Now Borrowing on Loan						
Bills Paid So Far	\$3,762,742.33						

August/September/October Birthdays of the Homebound and Seasoned Members

Jean Spencer 8/5
Linda Tilley 8/5
Gail Cline 8/7
Elaine Kent 8/9
Betty Sigmon 8/14
Tommy Campbell 8/21
Mike Davis 8/23

Martha Killian 9/3
Cassie Deal 9/5
Harold Flowers 9/5
Andra Pingel 9/7
Bill Isenhour 9/10
Thelma Huffman 9/11
David Poe 9/12
Peggy Allison 9/14
Ronald Lewis 9/16
Benny Barger 9/20
Willine Austin 9/20
Bobby Miller 9/24
Gil Brauch 9/26
Ruby Hall 9/28
Carol Howard 9/28

Ken Tilley 10/10
Ken Manfredi 10/12
Helen Janisko 10/14
Ralph Cazire 10/14
Hazel Murray 10/17
Jean Rollins 10/21
Lenora Isenhour 10/21
GEene Ewald 10/24
Allen Killian 10/27
Peggy Byers 10/28
Barbara Price 10/29



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Celebrate the Family

Births

Theodore Edward Deland was born on May 11. Proud grandparents are Jeff and Cindy Brinn

Alexander David Lutz was born on May 13. Proud grandparents are David & Darla Day.

Francis Jude Wilcox born May 29, 2026 to Dylan & Alyissa. Francis is little brother to Charlie, grandson to Randall & Shannon Cline, great grandson to Tim & Jenny Cline.

Grayson Michael Edwards born July 17, 2026 to John & Kennedy. Grayson is the grandson of Will & Spencer Eckard and great grandson of Martha Killian.

Baptisms

Marlowe Leslie Rae Collins, Vince Douglas James Vallant, Logan Marvin James Vallant, Olive Renee Ann Marie Vallant was baptized on June 21, 2026,

Francis Jude Wilcox, baptized on July 6, 2026, Francis is the son of Dylan & Alyissa. His sponsors are Taryn Cline & Hawk Cline.

Eternal Glory

Ruth Cook—September 11, 1931 –June 21, 2026. Mother of Tony Cook and sister to Helen Martin

Kathy Boliek - July 11, 1950 - July 20, 2026. Sister-in-law of Tim & Tonya Boliek

Delaney Jessup - February 16, 1956 - July 24, 2026. Sister-in-law of Bob Watson



David Pingel, Mike Davis, Billy Beard, Bob Watson, DuWayne Westby, James Bradshaw for changing filters and oiling statues in the church and school.

Steve Flowers, Jon Guelzow and Shawn Sigmon for updating lights in the gym.

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Senior Session: Fostering Caregiver Well-Being

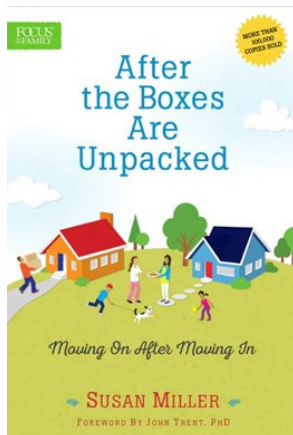
Wednesday, August 26th at 1 pm
Mission and Ministry Center

A conversation on finding peace, strengthening resilience, and protecting well-being for seniors, caregivers, supportive friends, and adult children who are caring for others part-time from a distance or full-time in their home.

- Prioritizing Well-being Without Guilt
- Choosing Peace Daily and Minimizing Worry
- Finding Purpose and Meaning in Every Season of Life
- Practical Stress Relief Techniques You Can Use Anytime

Presenter Carolyn Dowdy is an 18-year caregiver, researcher, and the Founder of Caregiver Mental Wellness.

RSVP to Kristy Smith at ksmith@sslcms.org by Friday, August 21st



Hey Ladies!

New to the area? Know someone new?
Feeling new? Experiencing a life change?

The next session of After the Boxes are Unpacked begins **Wednesday, September 23rd at 6PM** in the Mission and Ministry Building.

Designed for women new to our area, or those experiencing a life transition, this faith-based fellowship group will run for 10 weeks. The cost of materials is \$10 for the book.

Membership or attendance at SSLCMS is not necessary but registration is required.

Interested? Email ksmith@sslcms.org by September 15th.

School Endowment

SSLS Endowment Fund: Quarter End 6/30/2026

Investment Category	12/31/2025	6/30/2026
Cash	\$618,873.09	\$732,737.13
Bond Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Savings Account (Thrivent)	\$248,885.96	\$179,902.50
Stock Mutual Funds	\$797,866.59	\$855,298.14
Stocks	\$210,296.45	\$226,731.66
Real Estate	\$223,200.00	\$223,200.00
TOTAL	\$2,099,122.09	\$2,217,869.43

Note: The balance does not include the remittance to SSLS in July of \$73,469.27.



You are invited to help us
shower a place where

little hearts

Grow in God's Grace & Love



Nursery Shower



We are excited to have our own space!

As the saying goes, out with the old, in with the new.
With a move to our new space, we want a fresh
start with **NEW** furnishings, especially toys.

We look forward to the space and want you to be a
part in blessing the little hearts that will be using the
space for years to come..

Shower the nursery through our Amazon wish list
by scanning the QR code. Items purchased will ship
directly to the church.

****We look to be in the space by early September.**



SCAN TO GIVE!

Shop the Amazon list
and items will ship to
SSLC



Church Nursery



Vendor Registration for Merry Market will be online at sslcms.org beginning on Tuesday, September 8 at 8am



A festive poster for the Merry Market Christmas Shopping Event. The design features a green background with holly leaves and red berries at the top. The word "Merry" is in a large, white, cursive font with a red outline, and "MARKET" is in a bold, red, blocky font with a white outline. Below this, a yellow banner contains the text "SATURDAY November 21 • 9a-2p" and "St. Stephens Lutheran Church MS". A red banner below that says "50 VENDORS! CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT!". To the left of a central illustration of a bowl of soup and a sandwich, a list of items is provided. To the right, a yellow banner says "LUNCH SOUP or SANDWICH". At the bottom, it states "PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. STEPHENS LUTHERAN YOUTH MINISTRY" and "2304 SPRINGS ROAD • HICKORY". The entire poster is decorated with swirling gold ribbons.

Merry MARKET

SATURDAY
November 21 • 9a-2p
St. Stephens Lutheran Church MS

50 VENDORS!
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT!

- SEWING
- CRAFTS
- JEWELRY
- POTTERY
- ARTWORK
- CLOTHING
- HANDBAGS
- BAKEGOODS
- COOKBOOKS

LUNCH
SOUP
or
SANDWICH

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
ST. STEPHENS LUTHERAN YOUTH MINISTRY

2304 SPRINGS ROAD • HICKORY

Join a LifeGroup

Are you looking for a small group to Nurture Faith, Build Relationships, and Serve Neighbors? Become part of a LifeGroup!

Website: sslcms.org/lifegroups

Why LifeGroups? Because you were designed by God to live in community.

LifeGroups create a space for people to intentionally share their lives with others, grow spiritually together, and encourage each other through the highs and lows of life. They gather in homes, coffee shops, and other places where people enjoy connecting.

Current LifeGroups:

Young Adult LifeGroup	9:15AM Sundays
Bahlmann LifeGroup	6:00 PM Sundays
Hollar LifeGroup	6:00 PM Sundays
Herman LifeGroup	6:30 PM Mondays
Guelzow LifeGroup	4:00 PM Tuesdays
Miller LifeGroup	6:00 PM Wednesdays
Bowman LifeGroup	10:30 AM Thursdays
Starnes LifeGroup	7:00 PM Thursdays
Rittenhouse LifeGroup	2:00 PM Fridays

Sign up today on our website or through the app to join an existing group below or become part of a whole new LifeGroup.





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All are invited to come together for food, fun and fellowship.	Watch for more details to come!