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The flowers on the altar in the traditional service are given for the glory of God and in memory of Marsha's father, Robert Richardson, by Chris and Marsha Samellas.

CHURCH WIDE KAYAKING SAT. AUG. 27 @ 10AM

There will be a church wide kayaking trip on Saturday, August 27 at 10am on the Saluda River! Join us as we paddle the beautiful section of the Saluda River with Canoeing for Kids! The trip begins at their boathouse and will last for 2-3 hours. The cost is \$40/person. See Pastor Laurie if you have any questions! Sign up here: <u>https://lexumcsc.shelbynextchms.com/external/</u> form/db493006-e229-42f4-8818-46a95ae69f5d

SCOUT PACK 507 ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUNDAY, AUG. 14, 4:30-5:30PM

If you have a child (rising kindergartener and up) interested in scouting, please join us in Wesley Hall for our annual Ice Cream Social next Sunday! Come and learn about the scouting program and have some awesome ice cream!

ALPACA SHOEBOX

For the month of August, we are requesting donations craft kits, sewing kits, art supplies, pencil cases, solar calculators, jewelry, sunglasses, small purses/wallets, small backpacks, insulated cups/straws, pocket crosses, stuffed animals, clothesline cord, clothes pins, flip flops, bandanas, fishing kits, flash light & batteries. Thank you again for your participation in our expanded efforts to fill shoeboxes this year. Many children will be blessed by your generosity!!

PRESCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

The LUMC Preschool is in search of a teacher for the 2 yr. old class for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested, please contact Lindsey Warner, Preschool Director, at 864-992-9901.

Found!

An earring, necklace, and ring were found at the church. If you have lost a piece of jewelry, please call the church to describe and claim it.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME IS BACK!

Coffee Fellowship Time is back!! Join your church family for fellowship in Asbury Hall, immediately following the 8:30 am worship service EACH SUNDAY. Light refreshments will be served. Please wear your LUMC name tags, as Pastor Mack gets to know us!

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME GIVE "BACK" PACKS MISSION

We are extending the deadline one more week for those who would like to donate to Epworth Back Pack Mission! We are still needing \$2125 to reach our goal! Please consider donating to this great cause!

SNACK SACK

Thank you for your support of the Snack Sack Program this school year. We need \$565 more to pay our May invoice for Harvest Hope. Please consider donating additional money to help pay off this debt. We will start the next school year's program in late September. Contact Rick with questions or comments.

<u>Rj_cunningham@yahoo.com</u> 803.414.2940

BLESSING OF THE BOOKBAGS! SUNDAY, AUG. 14

Students at all levels, teachers, & school staff bring your bookbags to worship on Aug. 14 and receive a special blessing to start your school year!

YOUTH GROUP

Aug. 7 from 5-7pm "Passing of the Torch". A LUMC Youth tradition, where our seniors pass along the torch to the next Youth members! Join us for a fun night of fellowship together at John Stewart's home! Aug. 14 from 5-8pm "Hunt for the Blu Gnu". A scavenger hunt unlike any other! Race around Lexington to find clues that will lead you to the house of the Blue Gnu!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

TODAY, August 7th, we will wrap up Compassion Camp both in service and then in the 10am hour as we enjoy our last skit and learn about and support Sole Stepping, a Batesburg, SC mission. One of the ways we are supporting this important mission is by accepting their summer challenge of donating \$5 per person to help buy shoes for local school children. Or you can sponsor a child, \$25 per child, which purchases the socks and shoes for one child. Will you accept this challenge by giving \$5 per family member, or \$25? If you cannot, please give what you can. During the 10am Compassion in Action project we will be making Notes of Encouragement, penning a short note to encourage the children who receive the shoes. This note is given to each child on Distribution Day.

BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY SAT. AUG. 13 FROM 3-5PM

All LUMC children through 5th grade are invited to attend the pool party at the Golden Hills pool! For more info, contact <u>Heather@lexumcsc.com</u>

KIDSWAY & BREAKOUT

Looking ahead to September, we are looking to resume KidzWay and Breakout meetings from 6:15-7:15pm on Wednesday nights. This would run from 9/14 to 11/16. I am looking for 4 or more people willing to volunteer their time for this ministry and am also excited to announce that Music with Ms. Lessie will return during this time! Signups coming soon, but you can let me know now if you can help! heather@lexumcsc.com

