

The Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration

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The Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration

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Website: www.TransfigurationLutheran.org

Office Hours: Monday– Thursday 8:00-1:00

The Reverend Alexander H. Twedt
Rick Knight
Crystal Poston

Pastor
Director of Music
Administrative Assistant

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“Transfiguration is a group of people brought together by love to worship and glorify God through preaching, teaching and studying the Word. We will work for unity among our members by responding to the spiritual and physical needs of our church family, the community and the world. This can be accomplished through the loving grace of God.”

Tithes & Offerings

(as of August 24, 2025)

Offering Needed to date	\$214,770
Offering Received to date	\$195,919
Difference	(\$18, 851)
2025 Budget	\$350,415
Long Range Fund needed to date	\$14,348
Long Range Fund received to date	\$15,180
Total Long Range Budget	\$21,944

God will always love you! God will never leave you!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:00 Jesus Matters 7:00 LMM	3 11:00 Bible Study	4	5	6
7 8:30 Exec Meeting 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship 4:45 Confirmation	8	9 6:00 Jesus Matters	10 11:00 Bible Study	11	12	13
14 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship 11:30 Youth Party 4:45 Confirmation 6:00 Council	15	16 6:00 Jesus Matters	17 11:00 Bible Study	18	19	20
21 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship 4:45 Confirmation	22	23 6:00 Jesus Matters	24 11:00 Bible Study	25	26	27
28 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship 4:45 Confirmation	29	30 6:00 Jesus Matters				

Prayer Concerns

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Barry Alexander	Cynthia Amick	Sheron Bowers
Doris Davis	Tammy Douglas	Adrid Epting
JoAnn Funderburk	Bunny Gable	Laurie Hall
Daryl Johnson	Doris Martin	Sam Matthews
Arlene McWhorter	Lib Monts	Eddie Norris
Shirley Oswald	Nancy Peters	Ginger Price
Phil Price	Sylvia Roland	Janice Shealy
Barbara Smith	Brenda Stewart	Richard Stewart
Wayne Sturkie	Joye Tate	Lavonia Walker
Alan Wilson		

TLC Family In Extended Care & Assist Living

Mary Harmon (*Magnolia Manor, Rm 212*)
 Lib Monts (*Generations of Irmo, Rm 4*)
 Barbara Smith (*Fairforest Grove, Rm 303*)

Deployed

Cory Gault

Friends of TLC

Rebekah Tinman (*mother of Lisa Harper & Tammy Douglas*)
 Nancy Tinman (*aunt of Lisa Harper & Tammy Douglas*)
 Albert Pasquino, Jr. (*brother of Helen Smith*)
 Barbara Twedt (*mother of Pastor Alex*)
 Sha'Derria Wilbourn (*friend of Arlene McWhorter*)
 Lise Maddox (*friend of Lisa Harper*)
 Dan & Becky McGlohorn (*friend of Donna Wiles*)
 Charity Hooker (*friend of Arlene McWhorter*)
 Lee Sweem (*son in law of Terri & Barry Alexander*)
 Steve & Sam Fry Arhens (*friends of Michelle Vaughn*)
 Steven Bowen (*son of Willie Bowen*)
 Michael Wyka (*son-in-law of Willie Bowen*)
 Annette Ruffin (*sister of Ken Cousson*)
 George Lee (*friend of TLC*)
 Lorri Sutton (*friend of Nanette & Butch Wooton*)
 Loy Dillon (*son of Lynne & Donny Dillon*)
 Keith Anderson (*friend of Jerry Douglas*)
 Linda & Arnold Howell & Lynn Tony (*family of Rick Knight*)
 Bart Owens (*friend of Mark & Jessica Bonnette*)
 Steve Knight (*uncle of Rick Knight*)
 Joyce Carter (*friend of Frances Skaggs*)
 Doris Carver (*mother of Linda Shuler*)
 Marshall Gates (*friend of Jinny Harper*)
 Clifford Fisher III (*friend of TLC*)
 Lance Lowman (*friend of Marty Barwick*)
 Pamela Frazzitta (*friend of Marcia Wadford*)
 Lorene Stallings (*aunt of Marcia Wadford*)
 Ed Barwick Jr (*step-son of Marty Barwick*)
 Renee Willingham (*sister of Rick Knight*)
 Wanda Heron (*friend of Jerry & Tammy Douglas*)
 Eddie Porter (*friend of Jerry & Tammy Douglas*)
 Karen & Henry Mixon (*friend of Rick Knight*)
 Kay Floyd (*aunt of Marty Rawls*)



The Lutheran Men in Mission of TLC would like to thank everyone who donated food item for Newberry College's Wolves Pantry.

Pastor David was very grateful for the amount of food that we brought to him. He told Jerry and me that TLC had made his month.
 Thanks again for your support of this project.

Barry Alexander, President



Stephanie Sturkie will host a pool party on September 14th from 11:30-1:30 PM
 We hope to see you all there!



Have you had a change of address, email or phone?
 An addition to the family, or a name change?

If so, contact the church at
office@transfigurationlutheran.orh
 and let us know.



Are you or someone you know on our prayer list?
 If so, keep us up to date so that we know who needs to remain on the list, and who is healing and



Help us fill the calendar!
 \$25/Vase
 Sign up outside of the church office

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HERE'S WHATS
GOING ON
SAVE THE DATES

Weekly Worship Opportunities



Sunday School for all ages
each Sunday
beginning at 9:00am



Jesus Matters Service
Tuesday from
6:00-6:30pm



Bible Study with Pastor Alex
Wednesday from 11:00am-12:00pm

Women of the ELCA

Many thanks to Denise Warren for attending the SC WELCA Annual Convention on behalf of TLC. TLC WELCA collected and donated 15 fabric kits and \$150.00 to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you!!

All ladies are invited to attend the
Fall Saxe-Gotha Conference:
Sunday, September 21, 2025
3:00-4:00
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
2491 Emmanuel Church Road
West Columbia, SC 29170

There will be a brief business meeting, a guest speaker and refreshments. This is a great time to meet other Lutheran women and learn about the opportunities WELCA provides. Please mark your calendars to attend!

Peace and Love,
Vicki Lewter and Marrett Rawls

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION® Building men for Christ

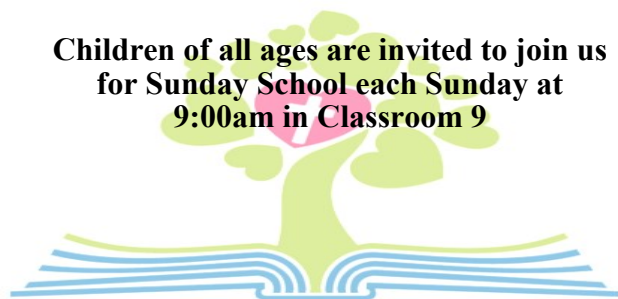
Date/Time: September 2, 2025 Tuesday 7:00PM
Devotions: Rick Knight
Program/Event: Lexington County Update
Food Committee: Bennie Gable *, David Bowers & Jerry Douglas

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

(Classes meet in the Crowder classroom and are from 4:45-5:45)

August 24	Class 1
August 31	No Class (Labor Day Weekend)
September 7	Class 2
September 14	Class 3
September 21	Class 4
September 28	Class 5

Children of all ages are invited to join us
for Sunday School each Sunday at
9:00am in Classroom 9



Join Us For
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Adult Class at 9:00 AM



SAVE THE DATE

TLC's OUTDOOR SERVICE
will be October 12th

Details to follow

(A) Acolyte	(C) Crucifer	(L) Lay Assistant	(P) Projection
September 7	<i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>		
Emmarie Cunningham (A)	Jack Cunningham (C)	Nanette Wooton (L)	Marrett Rawls (P)
September 14	<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>		
Payton Le Master (A)	Bailey Poston (C)	Lisa Harper (L)	Micky Sturkie (P)
September 21	<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>		
Blake Poston (A)	Bradlynn Sturkie (C)	Helen Smith (L)	Vicki Lewter (P)
September 28	<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>		
Sadie Bonnette (A)	Emma Sturkie (C)	Stephanie Sturkie (L)	Marty Rawls (P)

Visitation Team	Terri Alexander, Susie Bonnette
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Altar Flowers	Vase 1	Vase 2
September 7	Marcia Wadford	Regina York
September 14	Beth Gardner	Boyd Wooton
September 21	OPEN	OPEN
September 28	Bennie Gable	Jerry Douglas
<p><i>Please note on your check "TLC Altar Flowers." 2025 Altar Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board across from the office. There are numerous dates available. All are welcome to stop by and honor your loved ones by placing flowers and adding beauty to our worship space. The cost of each vase is \$25.00 and can be placed in the offering plate with the note "flowers."</i></p>		

September Birthdays

- 3 Heather Corley, John Coughlin,
Melissa Sandel George, Dianne Hall, Kert Summer
- 4 Mike Brown
- 5 Elizabeth Ann Burr, Anderson Langley, Jacob DuBose
- 6 Trey Price
- 7 Blakely Bonnette, Ben Easton
- 9 Ashton Shuler
- 12 Shana Sorrells, Kenny Reese
- 13 Caleb Burgess, Arlene McWhorter
- 15 John Gardner
- 16 Joseph Brown
- 19 Taylor Bozard
- 21 Aaron Stuck
- 22 Chloe Stack
- 23 Tammy Douglas
- 24 Mary Stites
- 25 Jon Stites
- 28 Brittany Palance
- 30 Charlie Dickerson, Jr., Micah Peters,
Linda Shuler, Amy Sweem

September Anniversaries

- 1 Ken & Kathy Cousson
- 1 Bill & Sue Yates
- 3 Scott & Cheri Bell
- 6 Boyd & Joanna Fulmer
- 14 Daryl & Melissa Johnson
- 14 Tony & Robin Tinman
- 16 Todd & Michelle Cullum
- 16 Eric & Shana Sorrells
- 17 Bruce & Melanie Burnett



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Christians Share Compassion and Mercy with Those Who Cause Their Own Problems

10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." (Matthew 9:10-13).

25 "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' 31 Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'" (Luke 15:25-32).

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience (Colossians 3:12).

Some withhold compassion and mercy from those who cause their own problems. They do not feel sorry for those who cause their own problems because they believe those who cause their own problems should get what they deserve. They justify their lack of compassion and mercy as necessary; allowing those who cause their own problems to wallow in the messiness of their lives. They believe those who cause their own problems should be left to their natural consequences, so shame, need, and failure teach the hard lessons of life. Tough love is their mantra and watching others suffer in their problems vindicates their own lives properly lived.

If one analyzes the life of another; an incorrect, impetuous, not thought out, and/or self-ish decision will be found at the point a wrong turn is taken. As such, those who analyze the life of another to determine whether they deserve compassion and mercy will be able to condone their hardheartedness because they will discover where and why a wrong turn was taken; thereby, giving them permission to withhold compassion and mercy because they can blame the analyzed person for their problems.

Christians do not analyze another's life to determine whether that person deserves compassion and mercy. Instead, Christians are thankful for God's grace and share compassion and mercy with those who cause their own problems because Christians know they do not deserve the compassion and mercy they receive from God in Jesus.

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor