

# *The Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration*

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## *The Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration*

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Website: [www.TransfigurationLutheran.org](http://www.TransfigurationLutheran.org)

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

The Reverend Alexander H. Twedt

*Pastor*

Rick Knight

*Director of Music*

Crystal Poston

*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 December 21st, 2025)

Offering Needed to date	\$322,154
Offering Received to date	\$296,526
Difference	(\$25,628)
<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>\$350,415</b>
Long Range Fund needed to date	\$21,522
Long Range Fund received to date	\$22,180
<b>Total Long Range Budget</b>	<b>\$21,944</b>

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

# January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship	5	6 6:00 Jesus Matters	7 11:00 Bible Study	8	9	10 8:30 Council Retreat 11:00 Meeting
11 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship 4:45 Confirmation	12	13 6:00 Jesus Matters	14 11:00 Bible Study	15	16	17
18 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship 4:45 Confirmation	19	20 6:00 Jesus Matters	21 11:00 Bible Study	22	23	24
25 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship 11:15 W&M 11:30 Chili Cook-off 4:45 Confirmation	26	27 6:00 Jesus Matters	28 11:00 Bible Study	29	30	31

# Prayer Concerns



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### MEMBERS

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*)  
 Betty Price (*The Pines, Rm 232*)  
 Keller Harmon (*Home*)  
 Adrid Epting (*NHC, Rm 321B*)

### Deployed

Cory Gault

### Friends of TLC

Barbara Twedt (*mother of Pastor Alex*)  
 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*)  
 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*)  
 Renee Willingham (*sister of Rick Knight*)  
 Eddie Porter (*friend of Jerry & Tammy Douglas*)  
 Karen & Henry Mixon (*friend of Rick Knight*)  
 Kay Floyd (*aunt of Marty Rawls*)  
 Louise Oxner (*friend of Marty Barwick*)  
 Lorraine Coleman (*friend of TLC*)  
 Frank Shutt (*friend of Tammy Douglas*)  
 Charles Moore (*friend of Tammy Douglas*)  
 Judah Traylor (*friend of Sally Karl*)  
 Bill Watkins (*friend of TLC*)  
 Rebekah Tinman (*mother of Tammy Douglas & Lisa Harper*)



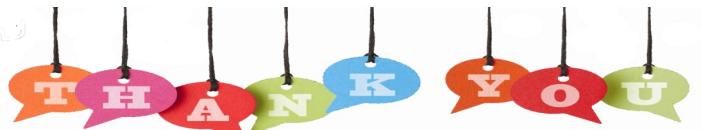
Dear TLC,

It is a privilege for each of us to serve you as part of the ministry team of this congregation. Thank you for the generous staff Christmas gifts. We thank God for your love and support and look forward to doing ministry with you in 2026.

Your friends in Christ,  
 Pastor, Rick, and Crystal



Social Ministry extends warm thanks to all who contributed to the Angel Tree for Project Share!!



TLC's Confirmation class would like to thank the congregation for their continued support to God's Helping Hands and Harvest Hope



Many thanks to all who helped decorate our Church for Christmas. Thanks to all of you who purchased poinsettias and wreaths. Your time and effort did not go unnoticed. Thanks again.

Brenda Redmon  
 Flower Committee



Worship and Music committee

Worship and Music will meet Jan 25th immediately following worship in the parlor.  
 All are welcome to attend the meeting and join our committee.

## Weekly Worship Opportunities



Adult Sunday School each  
Sunday at 9:00am



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



Bible Study with Pastor Alex  
Wednesday from

## Women of the ELCA

### Join us at the 2026 Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa!

July 16-19, 2026

The theme for the 2026 Triennial Gathering is "I Am Worthy," based on Psalm 139:14: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." This statement serves as a reminder of God's promise to be with us, even in times of devastation and division. By repeating the phrase "I am worthy," we can recognize the Holy Spirit's ongoing work in our lives. This practice of self-affirmation opens up opportunities for healing and restoration within ourselves, our church, society, and the world. When we declare, "I am worthy," we align ourselves with God's promises. There is great power in our resolve.



### Lutheran Men in Mission

Date/Time: January 13, 2026 Tuesday 7:00PM

Devotions: Wayne Melton

Program/Event: Plan for 2026

Food Committee: Executive Board

January 25, 2026

Fourth Annual TLC LMM Chili Cook Off.

Sign-up sheets will go up in January for those who want to enter the cook off. The rest of the church are invited to taste the chili and choose a winner.

Thank you for all you do  
as you faithfully  
serve the Lord in ministry.

**YOU ARE a  
BLESSING!**

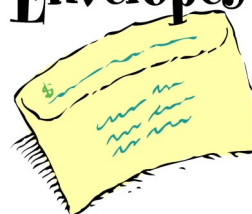
### 2026 Council

Susie Bonnette-----	President
Scott Sturkie-----	Vice President
Pat Shuler-----	Secretary
Bruce Burnette-----	Treasurer
Mike Burr-----	Financial Secretary
Sally Smyrl-----	Christian Education
Blaire Reese-----	Christian Education
Scott Sturkie-----	Evangelism
Ken Cousson-----	Finance
Ricky Funderburk-----	Property
Mark Langley-----	Property
Todd Cullum-----	Social Ministry
Helen Smith-----	Stewardship
Debbie Gunter-----	Worship & Music
Kristie Marshall-----	Youth



The 2026 Council will meet on January 10th from  
8:30am-12:00pm for a meeting and retreat.  
Thank you all for serving TLC.

### Offering Envelopes



2026 Offering Envelopes are located in the Narthex.

(A) Acolyte	(C) Crucifer	(L) Lay Assistant	(P) Projection
<b>January 4</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Christmas</b>		
Sadie Bonnette (A)	Blakely Bonnette (C)	Terri Alexander (L)	Marty Rawls (P)
<b>January 11</b>	<b>Baptism of Our Lord</b>		
Emma Cunningham (A)	Jack Cunningham (C)	Andrew Peters (L)	Scott Sturkie (P)
<b>January 18</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany</b>		
Blake Poston (A)	Kendall Poston (C)	Lewis Marshall (L)	Susie Bonnette (P)
<b>January 25</b>	<b>Third Sunday after Epiphany</b>		
Anderson Sturkie (A)	Bradlynn Sturkie (C)	Frances Skaggs (L)	Vicki Lewter (P)
<b>Acolytes and Crucifers</b> are reminded to be robed at least 15 minutes before worship. If you cannot serve on the date you are scheduled, please help us to find a replacement from the list and then notify the church office: office@TransfigurationLutheran.org or 803-794-3312			

Altar Flowers	Vase 1	Vase 2
<b>Jan 4</b>	OPEN (1)	OPEN (1)
<b>Jan 11</b>	OPEN (1)	OPEN (1)
<b>Jan 18</b>	OPEN (1)	OPEN (1)
<b>Jan 25</b>	Sally Smyrl (1)	Debbie Gunter (1)
<i>Please note on your check "TLC Altar Flowers." 2026 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>		

C E L E B R A T E !

## January Birthdays

1 Zachary Coward	20 Mark Bonnette
1 Victoria Bell	20 Lynne Dillon
1 Shelby Norris Frost	22 Will Brumfield
1 Elizabeth Poindexter	22 Kelly Thomas
4 Amber Sulser	22 Harper Corley
4 Erin Dillon	24 Blaine Poole
6 Tammy White	24 Blaire Reese
8 Nikki Bockus	26 Cheri Bell
9 Kay Lewter	27 Lila Sturkie
10 Trey Marshall	28 Brigitte Bowen
10 Emma Sturkie	28 Maddox Corley
11 Dave Bowers	29 Allison Stuck
13 Vicki Lewter	30 William Erbskorn
14 Bennie Gable	
15 Joanna Fulmer	
15 Richard Spangler	
16 Jimmy Eubanks	
16 Leighton Ansley Poole	
18 Pastor Alex Twedt	
18 Andrew Erbskorn	

## January Anniversaries

1 Barry & Terri Alexander
17 Steve & Natalie Chapman
18 Jake & Marie Mullender
27 Kelly & Meri Thomas
31 Jerry & Tammy Douglas



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## God Wants Us to Have Well-Being

<sup>12</sup>So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup>and to keep the commandments of the LORD your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being (**Deuteronomy 10:12-13**).

<sup>7</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction (**Proverbs 1:7**).

<sup>28</sup>Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. <sup>29</sup>Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD (**Proverbs 1:28-29**).

My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, 2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; 3 if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding; 4 if you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures — 5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God (**Proverbs 2:1-5**).

<sup>7</sup>Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil (**Proverbs 3:7**).

<sup>13</sup>The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate (**Proverbs 8:13**).

<sup>13</sup>The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone (**Ecclesiastes 12:13**).

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD (**Isaiah 11:1-3a**).

Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers (**Acts 9:31**).

God wants us to have well-being. To have well-being, we are to seek the knowledge of God which begins with the fear of the Lord. The fear of the Lord begins with acknowledging that God is God and we are not. When we forget this truth, our pride and arrogance take over to place ourselves above God. This idolatry causes us to pursue the ways of evil which promote self before God. To subdue the self, we must recognize the blessing of God's wisdom as revealed by God's word. God's word makes God known by teaching us the knowledge of God. This knowledge instructs us on how to live in proper relationship with God and others while also educating us on who Jesus is and why he matters. Trusting in this knowledge, we confess that God is God and we are not, so we are able to live in the fear of the Lord for greater well-being.

Your friend in Christ,

*Pastor*