

The Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration

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July 2025

The Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration

803-794-3312

Website: www.TransfigurationLutheran.org

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 June 23, 2025)

Offering Needed to date	\$157,919
Offering Received to date	\$143,344
Difference	(\$14,575)
2025 Budget	\$350,415
Long Range Fund needed to date	\$10,550
Long Range Fund received to date	\$10,395
Total Long Range Budget	\$21,944

Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship with Holy Communion in person and Facebook Live at 10:00 am

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

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6pm Jesus Mat- ters	2 11am Bible Study	3	4	5
6 9am SS 10am Worship	7	8 NO JESUS MATTERS SERVICE	9 NO BIBLE STUDY	10	11	12 Church Work Day 9am-12pm
The Pastor will be on vacation from July 7th until July 13th. In case of an emergency, please call 803-960-2227						
13 9am SS 10am Worship	14	15 6pm Jesus Mat- ters	16 11am Bible Study	17	18	19
20 9am SS 10am Worship	21	22 6pm Jesus Mat- ters	23 11am Bible Study	24	25	26
27 9am SS 10am Worship	28	29 6pm Jesus Mat- ters	30 11am Bible Study	31		

(A) Acolyte	(C) Crucifer	(L) Lay Assistant	(P) Projection
July 6	<i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i>		
Emma Cunningham (A)	Jack Cunningham (C)	Nanette Wooton (L)	Scott Sturkie (P)
July 13	<i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>		
Sadie Bonnette (A)	Emma Sturkie (C)	Helen Smith (L)	Susie Bonnette (P)
July 20	<i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i>		
Jack Cunningham (A)	Matthew Twedt (C)	Frances Skaggs (L)	Vicki Lewter (P)
July 27	<i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>		
Kendall Poston (A)	Bailey Poston (C)	Lisa Harper (L)	Marrett Rawls (P)

July Visitation Team: Terri Alexander, Kay Lewter

Altar Flowers

July 6

July 13

July 20

July 27

Vase 1

Sally Smyrl (1)

Marty Rawls (1)

Lisa Harper (1)

Helen Smith (1)

Vase 2

Sally Smyrl (1)

Susie Bonnette (1)

Debbie Gunter (1)

Terri Alexander (1)

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."

July Birthdays

1 Allyn Arrowood
3 Frank Griffin
5 Butch Wooton
6 Tony Bockus
6 Dava House
7 Adrid Epting
8 Lisa Coughlin
10 Frankie Gassaway
10 Ashley McGlohorn
10 Courtney Norris Tucker
11 Hannah Caughman
11 Mary Harmon
11 Janice Shealy
11 Wayne Sturkie
11 Joel Tinman
12 Bruce Burnett
12 Meri Thomas
13 Angela Brown
13 Bradyn Pittman
13 Marty Rawls
16 Phil Price
18 Ellie House
19 Neal Dufford
19 Myles Wessinger
21 Daniel Altis
21 Sadie Bonnette
25 Brandon Bozard
25 Levi Mishoe
26 Barbara Smith
28 Mary Lee Stoll
28 Joye Tate

July Anniversaries

7 Aaron & Allison Stuck
12 Mike & Kay Lewter
19 Rick & Jenny Coward
23 Sam & Chrissy Matthews
27 Charlie & Brandi Dickerson
31 Bennie & Bunny Gable

Summer Stewardship Note

As you travel during the summer months, remember the church's needs and support of God's ministries here. Just as you rely on receiving regular income, Transfiguration relies on receiving regular contributions. Remember, the church is here 24/7 and needs your ongoing support. Maybe give an extra amount on the Sunday before hitting the road. We appreciate your efforts in making consistent donations throughout the year— *especially during the summer months.*

*May your travels be safe and enjoyable,
TLC Finance Committee*

Women of the ELCA

Dear TLC Women,
The 2025 SC WELCA Convention is fast approaching, the dates are August 15 and 16. I encourage all women of TLC to prayerfully consider attending the conference. All information regarding the conference is located at scwelca.com. Please see Marrett Rawls or myself for a registration form. We will be collecting fabric kits for Lutheran World Relief.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



FABRIC KITS

SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

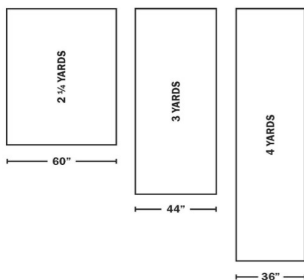
- Fabric should have no stains or holes.
- Pieces do not need to match in size or color/pattern as long as they fit into one of the three size options.
- Each spool of thread should match one of the pieces of fabric included. Neutral thread is also a good option.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags

HOW TO PACK YOUR FABRIC KITS

- Wrap one piece of fabric and spools of thread inside the other piece of fabric, ensuring nothing will fall out. Secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH FABRIC KIT

- ☐ TWO spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each
- ☐ TWO pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits of 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:
 - 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric
 - 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
 - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric



Your Sister in Christ,
Vicki Lewter

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

There will be no Lutheran Men meetings in June, July or August

SUMMER Office Hours

Beginning June 1st, 2025:

The secretary will be working **IN THE OFFICE Tuesday & Wednesday** & can be reached at 803-794-3312 or 803-319-0019 from 8-1 PM

The secretary will be working **OUT OF THE OFFICE Monday & Thursday** but can be reached at 803-319-0019 from 8-1 PM

Thank you so much

Thank you to all who played a role in helping make this years VBS such a success.

Update

Your Contact Information

If you have had a change in Name, Address or Phone Number, please email the church office at office@transfigurationlutheran.org



WORK DAY
at the
CHURCH

July 12th, 2025
9am-12pm



Join us Sunday, **August 10th** for a Back to School Service and Blessing of the Backpacks. Have your students bring their backpack as we pray for them, their teachers, their administrators and their schools for the upcoming school year!

Members

Prayer Concerns

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		

Hospitalized

John Walker (*Prisma Baptist, ICU Rm 220*)

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*)

Dan & Becky McGlohorn (*friend of Donna Wiles*)

Charity Hooker (*friend of Arlene McWhorter*)

Lee Sweem (*son in law of Terri & Barry Alexander*)

Milton Dufford (*brother of Neal Dufford*)

Bryan Bone (*friend of Rick Knight*)

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*)

Ray Dillon (*brother of 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*)

Landon Free (*friend of Marrett Rawls*)

Marshall Gates (*friend of Jimmy 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*)

Help us keep the prayer list updated by keeping us posted on the progress of your friends and family. We will remove names from the prayer list after 6 months. Please notify the church office if you would like for their name to remain for longer.

Weekly Worship Opportunities



Sunday School for all ages
9:00am



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



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



The Campaign for Jesus "Pack the Pews" event
is scheduled for Sunday, August 24.
Everyone is encouraged to invite someone to
join us for our worship service and
indeed pack the pews!

All are invited!

A meal will follow the worship service.



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No Jesus Matters Service
July 8th
& No Bible Study July 9th

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It is My Privilege to be Your Pastor

It is my privilege to be your pastor, and I thank God for putting us together in partnership to do ministry for the last twenty years. Below is my newsletter article from May of 2014. I read it often to remind me of my place before God and the blessing it is to serve God by serving you as your pastor.

Note to Self

You are called as an ordained minister to the office of Word and Sacrament in the Church of Jesus Christ. You have been set apart to hold this office at Transfiguration Lutheran Church where you are in partnership with its members to glorify God. As such, it would serve you well to continually examine your call against the backdrop of King Saul in 1st Samuel.

Saul went out looking for donkeys and came back a king through no merit of his own. He was simply chosen by God to be the first king of Israel. Saul's only outstanding attributes were that he was tall and handsome. (You can claim only one of these attributes). Saul was reluctant, but the Spirit of God was with him. The well-being of Israel, not the well-being of Saul's kingship, was the primary concern of God. Consequently, Saul's kingship lasted for as long as he did not hinder Israel's well-being. Saul was faithful in much, saved Israel from its enemies, and was a very successful military leader.

The price of Saul's power was listening to God. Saul failed to listen to God by making an arrogant vow that was not in the best interest of Israel. Saul began acting on his own, making monuments to himself, thinking he was free, independent, a law unto himself, a power answerable to no one. He failed to give God deference, and in doing so, failed to keep covenant with God; thereby, hindering the well-being of Israel.

Finally, instead of listening to God, Saul chose to listen to the people in order to please them. Saul forgot that doing the will of the Lord was always in the best interest of the people even if the people disagreed. God therefore rejected Saul and took away his authority to lead.

The well-being of the Church of Jesus Christ is what's most important to God. It is not your pastorate. You have been called by God to the office of Word and Sacrament through no merit of your own. Like Saul, God's only demand of you is to listen. Therefore:

Do not be arrogant. Instead, be humble, thankful, and tenderhearted knowing that you are always answerable to God;

Know that your call is not dependent on pleasing people. Instead, it is dependent on your faithfulness to God's will; and

Know that if your pastorate hinders the well-being of the Church of Jesus Christ, you will be rejected by God, and God will take away your authority to lead.

As you move forward in your pastorate, remember the example of Saul. He was a successful king for a period of time, but in the end he was rejected, tormented, and stripped of all authority because he stopped listening to God.

You are only as faithful as your last sermon. You are only as faithful as your last pastoral visit. You are only as faithful as your last Bible study or confirmation class. You are only as faithful as your last committee or council meeting. Work hard. Let them see your love in your preparation. Never waste the time of the people you are privileged to serve as pastor with laziness, apathy, or indifference. Stay excited. Find your joy and self-esteem in your call. And, trust that the Spirit of God is with you, helping you, and providing blessing to you even when it is hard for you to notice.

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor