

## To our visitors

✦ After our Sunday morning worship services, join us for coffee and hospitality in the Parish Hall (downstairs).

✦ If you would like to know more about what we believe and do, use a welcome card to let us know who you are, to ask questions, or make comments. As always, feel free to ask the clergy for any additional information.

✦ If you are ready to inquire about membership, or would like us to pray for you (or someone you know) or would simply like to talk to our pastor, check the appropriate box on the welcome cards found in the entry area (on the guest table at the entrance).

✦ Before you leave, please pray for us as we carry on our ministry of presence, proclamation and service in our community, in the name of Christ.

**The  
Episcopal  
Church**

*Welcomes You!*



## Transfiguration Episcopal Church in Lake Saint Louis

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We are pleased that you  
chose to worship with us,  
and we offer this folder  
to help you  
become better  
acquainted with us.

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ALL ARE WELCOME  
AT THE LORD'S TABLE!

We know that by sharing our story with you, we can make it easier for you to become part of our community. Transfiguration is a Christian community of people that is both traditional and contemporary. There are no "outcasts" here. We encourage the diversity among us, for we find it a source of vitality and joy.

We are an Episcopal Church, yet we have members from all backgrounds and religious traditions; many of us had no church involvement before coming to Transfiguration.

We invite you, with your loved ones and friends to continue to worship with us and to join us in community and worship. Together we will continue to carry out the mission of this church: to be a Christian community; accepting and inviting all persons to share in worship, witness and service as disciples of Jesus Christ in the world.

## Our Worship

Outside the United States, Episcopalians are known as Anglicans. We are all part of the Anglican Communion and worldwide number about 70 million. All of us worship using various modern versions of the Book of Common Prayer, whose roots go back to the first edition in 1549. The Church was determined through the creation of this book that lay people could participate in all the liturgy (worship), not simply have it “performed” for them by the clergy.

Here at Transfiguration, we use a Worship Booklet at every service. This booklet contains the entire service for the day as outlined in the Book of Common Prayer.

All services are led by clergy and lay men and women. In the Episcopal Church, our ordained ministers are referred to as bishops, priests and deacons. The priest in charge of a “mission” congregation is commonly referred to as a “Vicar.”

Our deacons are ordained to sacred orders, unlike many other Protestant denominations where this term refers to those in lay leadership roles. We also “commission” various lay ministers to assist the clergy.

Our services are a blend of traditional and contemporary. Our worship is rooted in our history and embraces our experience of day-to-day living in expressing our faith in Jesus Christ. We worship in the apostolic faith of Christ, and address the concerns of living in today’s world.

## Weekend Services

Sunday worship services with Holy Communion are held at **8:00** and **10:15 a.m.** We offer Holy Communion to all persons, regardless of their religious affiliation.

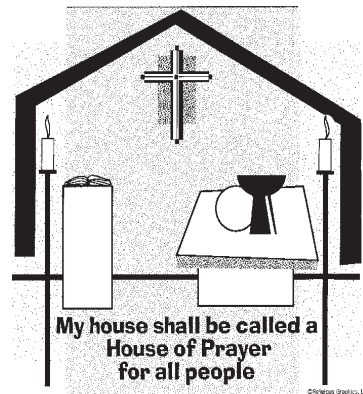
During the 10:15 a.m. service, there is Children’s Chapel and Sunday School (ages 4-18) on the lower level. They join the adults in the Church for Holy Communion. Of course, your children are always welcome in any worship service. There is NO Sunday School on the first Sunday of each month.

At **9:00 a.m.** our Adult Forum meets on the upper level. All Christian Education takes place from September - May, unless noted otherwise.

## Worship Related Programs

Transfiguration provides many opportunities for those who wish to learn, to grow in faith, and to serve the needs of others. Feel free to contact us regarding any of these programs:

- ✘ Music Program
- ✘ Choir: adult, children
- ✘ Altar Guild
- ✘ Lectors (Lay Readers)
- ✘ Chalice Bearers
- ✘ Lay Eucharistic Ministers
- ✘ Servers (Acolytes)
- ✘ Ushers and Greeters



## Fellowship & Outreach

The community of Transfiguration extends beyond the immediacy of our worship. You are invited to use and support these programs with your time, talent, and gifts. If you would like more information on any of these opportunities, please contact the Vicar, or the church office.

- ✘ Outreach Ministry Programs
- ✘ Episcopal Church Women
- ✘ 3rd Tuesdays for Seniors
- ✘ O.A.S.I.S. Food Pantry
- ✘ Adopt-A-Family Events
- ✘ Yearly picnic, special dinners
- ✘ St. Charles County Social Justice Alliance
- ✘ Oasis MO (GLBT ministries)
- ✘ Reading Is Fundamental Program with the Lakeside Juvenile Center
- ✘ Martha’s Ministry
- ✘ Coffee Hour
- ✘ Supper Club
- ✘ Other Social Events

**Reflections from the Lake** is a bi-monthly parish newsletter and events calendar. If you wish, we will add your name to our mailing list.

## Educational Programs

We have opportunities for all ages. Some are youth-oriented, others are for adults; all are available throughout the year at various times with different program formats that are age-appropriate.

## Structure, Membership & Stewardship

The secular, financial and spiritual affairs of the Parish are administered through the Vicar (pastor), the Warden (church officer), the Treasurer and the Bishop’s Committee (church board). An annual meeting is held each year to elect new Bishop’s Committee members, Convention Delegates, receive last year’s financial results, present this year’s budget and discuss various areas of ministry in the church.

To become a member, speak to the Vicar and fill out the blue church records form and check the place indicating desire for membership. The clergy will follow up on your request. As members, we commit ourselves each year to financial support and pledge for our ministries in the upcoming year. An annual Stewardship drive is the only time that we ask for your help to provide for the finances of the congregation; there are no hidden agendas. However, you will be given the opportunity to help various outreach and church projects at various times throughout the year. All pledges and other gifts are always made and kept in confidence.

- ✘ Nursery
- ✘ Sunday School: ages 4-11
- ✘ Children’s Chapel
- ✘ Journey to Adulthood and Rite 13, for ages 11-18
- ✘ Adult Forum, Bible Study
- ✘ Lenten & Seasonal Programs