

UNILU NEWS AND EVENTS



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 28, 2018

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From Pastor Jon



Happy (Liturgical) New Year!

As Pastor Chris shared last Sunday, we were finishing the Church Year with Reign of Christ or Christ the King Sunday, which

means this coming Sunday is the First Sunday in Advent. The liturgical year guides us in a rhythm for our worship life, and the gospel readings (this year we will be predominantly in Luke's gospel) take us through Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension. And then some.

Our first reading from Luke this Sunday will be pointing to Christ's return, his Second "Advent." The Advent I was most excited for as a child

was his First Advent; his birth in the manger we celebrate at Christmas. This week I was reminded by a colleague of Jesus' Third Advent (not a chronological third, but a descriptive one). This Advent is the one we are living now as the Body of Christ in the world. Being a little Christ to one another to paraphrase Luther. It's also the time when we gather as a community to hear God's word, share in the Lord's Supper then go out to love and serve our neighbor.

Start off the New Year right. If you are in town, and feeling good, I hope to join with you in worship. And hey, what better opportunity to claim, "I haven't missed a Sunday all year!"

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon



Hanging of the Greens

Join us Sunday,
December 2, after the
11am worship service,
to decorate the
sanctuary with our
tree and greenery.
There will be hot
chocolate and
cookies!

Advent Services and Meals

Please join us on
Wednesdays for dinner
at 6pm prior to the
weekly Advent service
which will be at 7pm.
Meals will be provided
12/5, 12/12, and
12/19. Contact Cheryl
Summers, 653-5790, if you have questions
about the meals.



Congregation Meeting

The regular December Congregation Meeting
will be held on Sunday, December 9th at
9:45. We will be electing new Council
members (Their bios are at the end of the
newsletter.), voting on the budget, voting on the
Constitution and bylaw changes that were sent
to you on October 5th, and any other business
that may come up.

Christmas Dinner and 2nd Annual Men's Christmas Bake-off!

The annual Christmas dinner will be Sunday,
December 9th, from 5-8pm. Please bring a dish
and/or dessert to share, and goodies for the
LCM stockings. Praise band will be leading us
in carols, and there will be a special children's
activity. Men of all ages are invited to bring their



Family Christmas Party

best holiday treat as part
of our 2nd annual bake-
off contest! Location is
Eternal Shepard
Lutheran, 220 Carson
Rd., Seneca
29678. Contact Cheryl
Summers, 653-5790, if
you have questions.

SANTA SHOP THE DREAM CENTER –EASLEY Toy Donations Needed

We are collecting unwrapped NEW toys and
books for the *Santa Shop* so that parents with
limited income will be able to select and
purchase gifts at a very low price. Parents earn
credit money by taking classes or helping out.
This project supports the Family Promise
Homeless Program.

They are especially low in gifts for infants- 1
year olds in all price ranges, and gifts for teens
and tweens in the \$5-\$20 price range. They
could also use \$10 gift cards to McDonalds and
Chic-fil-a and other fast food
restaurants. Please bring gifts to the Narthex by
December 9. Questions: contact Karen Dreher

Lutheran Men in Mission

Lutheran Men in Mission will be meeting on December 3rd at 7 PM. This time, LMM will meet at the home of Tony and Rachel Quesada at 520 Timber Lane, Anderson, SC 29621. For information, contact Jim Jones at 240/671-7182 or lmjones4@nctv.com.



If you'd like to make a donation to be divided and given to the staff for Christmas gifts, please put your check in the offering plate marked "Staff Gifts." Please make your gift by Sunday, December 16.

Needed Baby Items

Peter MKUMBO's wife and infant son will be coming for his graduation. We are all looking forward to meeting them; and thanking them for allowing Peter to be with us. They need to borrow some items for their 9-month-old child. If you have a car seat and/or a stroller they could borrow starting December 11 that would be great.

Call Pastor Chris (864.506.0080) or send him an email - PastorC@clemsun.edu

Poinsettias!

If you'd like to order a poinsettia for the sanctuary, please either write your dedication on the attendance pad or email it to unilusecretary@gmail.com and put your check in the offering labeled "poinsettia" by December 9. The cost is \$20 each.

Youth Helping Hand Shopping

The Youth will be shopping for the children they are sponsoring from Helping Hands on Saturday, December 1st. We will meet at the church at 12:30pm, then go to Walmart for shopping. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our "noisy offerings". If you would like to donate towards "above and beyond" gifts like bicycles and helmets, there's still time to do so!

A Novel Bunch Book Club

Will Not Meet in December

We will, however, resume meeting in January of 2019. On Thursday, January 17th we will discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. We will meet in the Cry Room at 12 noon. Please consider joining us for fellowship and for a lively discussion.

Calvin Schoutties,
Mild Mannered Reporter of *A Novel Bunch*

Hilltoppers

Our next time together will be our December Outing to go hear the CU Men's and Women's Choirs on Thursday, December 6, 2018. If you have not signed up and are planning to go please let Karen Waltz know (912-667-8060 or kwaltz48@gmail.com) by Friday, November 30 because she has to order the tickets. The cost is \$10.00 per adult. We are planning on going to eat as a group at The Red Bowl at 5:30 pm before the show.

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**Sunday Worship  
at 8:30am and 11am**

**Sunday School  
at 9:45am**

## **Miss a service?**

The recorded church sermons, audio and video, are posted weekly to the website:  
[www.uniluclemson.org](http://www.uniluclemson.org)

## **UniLu Web Site**

[www.uniluclemson.org](http://www.uniluclemson.org)

## **Council President**

Jean Mehlman  
[jpmehlman@bellsouth.net](mailto:jpmehlman@bellsouth.net)

## **Church Office Hours**

The church office is open  
Monday through Friday  
8am-12noon and  
1pm-3pm.

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Clemson, SC 29631

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## **Staff Listing**

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Melissa McKenzie -Custodian  
can be reached through the church  
office.

## **DEADLINE for NEWSLETTER**

**Please have your information to  
[unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com)  
by Tuesday at 3 pm.**

## Mission Statement

*University Lutheran is a family of faith, called by the Holy Spirit to be one ministry serving both our community and university. The Spirit calls us to make known, by word and deed, the story of God's love in Jesus. Our worship together empowers us to grow as disciples as we receive, celebrate, and share God's gifts with all of God's creation and created ones.*

## Serving this Sunday – First Sunday of Advent

|                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister at 8:30      | Marion Fisher                      |
| Assisting Minister at 11:00     | Chris Cox                          |
| Communion Assistant at 8:30     | Kerry Smith                        |
| Communion Assistant at 11:00    | Gary Smith                         |
| Altar Guild                     | Myrna Johnson and Eunice Lehmacher |
| Cantor at 8:30                  | Allison Mero                       |
| Cantor at 11:00                 | Judy Aikens                        |
| Lector at 8:30                  | Lynn Tortora                       |
| Lector at 11:00                 | Patty Smith                        |
| Greeters at 8:30                | Katie Healy and Ben Edge           |
| Greeters at 11:00               | Robert and Elaine Knoerr           |
| Ushers at 8:30                  | Ned and Myrna Johnson              |
| Ushers at 11:00                 | Cathy Harris and Patty Smith       |
| Acolyte at 8:30                 | Sarah Smith                        |
| Acolyte at 11:00                |                                    |
| Tellers                         | Harold Holt and Jim Keogh          |
| Audio Visual Team at 8:30/11:00 | Charlie Smith/Gary Smith           |

### PRAYER CONCERNS

† For University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends: Wayne Gilchrist; Marvin Doerr; Sarah Heyer; Gail Paul; Emma Piazza; Pat Wagner; Jack Flanigan; Keith Phelan; Mark Smith; George Harris; Tony Quesada; Gene Copenhaver; Elise Burns, (Pastor Jon's and Renee's daughter); Sue Reneke; Randy Gilchrist, Rita Kromer; Sammi Brinson

† for expectant parents Josh and Jessica Wiltgen

☺ Celebrating birthdays this week: Cooper Wiltgen; James Bartsch; Laura Black; Dennis Lavold; Bill Neary; Aija Seflic; Harry Law; Jim Vetter; Lily Cummings

☀ Worship attendance last Sunday was 39 at 8:30am and 81 at 11:00am.

## Calendar

**Parish**

**THIS SUNDAY**

**LCM**

Worship at 8:30am and 11am

Sunday School at 9:45am

Hanging of the Greens after 11am worship

Senior Youth meeting and Christmas party at 12:30pm

**Monday**

Staff Meeting at 1pm

Lutheran Men in Mission at the Quesadas' home at 7pm

Men's Group at 8pm

Women's Group at 8pm

**Tuesday**

LCM Lunch at noon

**Wednesday**

Bible Conversation at 10am

Advent Meal at 6pm

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6pm

Handbell Rehearsal at 6:30pm

Advent Service at 7pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30pm

LCM Wednesday Nite at 6pm

**Thursday**

Hilltopper Outing (meet at Red Bowl) at 5:30pm

**Friday**

Our Daily Bread at 9:45am

LCM Christmas Party at 6:30pm

**Saturday**

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 8:30am and 11am

Congregation meeting between the services

Sunday School at 9:45am

Congregation Christmas Party at 5pm at Eternal Shepherd

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## Prayer Fellowship

The following is a list of people for whom prayer has been requested. If you know of anyone in need of prayer, please email [unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com) with their name, address if you'd like a card sent to them, and the reason for the request if it is not confidential. Please also let us know if they improve and need to be removed.

Dana Beville  
Marge Butler  
Mary Durnin  
Kathy Francis  
Lee Honeycutt  
Theo Hurst  
Ken Ingram  
Don Joseph  
Bob and Faye Lawson  
Ilse and Eberhard Lemcke  
Barbara Lemcke  
Fran and Billie Mentz  
Joseph Moore  
Kay Powers  
Abby Roe  
Linda Smith  
Gavin Todd  
Robert Washabau

Friend of Marie Lynn  
Sister of John Wagner  
Friend of Marie Lynn  
Friend of the Wagners  
Brother of Frank Honeycutt  
Grandson of Michael and Aija Seflic  
Father of Cheryl Smith  
Friend of Bruce Booher  
Friends of the Sanders  
Parents of Susanne Lemcke  
Sister of Susanne Lemcke  
Uncle and Aunt of Kerry Smith  
Friend of Linda Holt  
Friend of Patty Hudson  
Friend of the Lusk Family  
Friend of Rosalyn Flanigan  
Son of Cindy Donnan  
Brother-in-law of Ada Lou Steirer



### ***PRAYER OF THE DAY for Upcoming Sunday***

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Council Member Bios

### John Dreher

I've been a member of UNILU for 14 years. During those years, I've served in several leadership positions. I served one prior term on council about nine years ago. I was chairperson of the Capital Fund Campaign in 2008 and chairperson of the Building Committee for the construction of the new narthex. I was chairperson of the Call Committee for Pastor Jon. I currently serve on the Finance Committee and Property Committee. I stay active in local church outreach programs such as Habitat for Humanity and Our Daily Bread. Karen and I love being members of UNILU. We try our best to support all the church's activities.

### Marion Fisher

I have been a member of University Lutheran Church for over 22 years. I work at Milliken and Company, for the past 23 years, currently serving as process improvement manager for safety and quality assurance. I Live in Pendleton, my home town is Cleveland, Ohio and I have a daughter and two grandchildren that live in New Castle, England.

I have served on many committees and congregation councils. My passion to serve is for this worshipping community, youth mentoring and social justice opportunities.

### Courtney Green

I have been a UniLu member for about a year. In that time, I have contributed to the congregational community by playing handbells, singing in the choir, cantoring, lectoring, and bringing a really cute small toddler to 8:30 service (Iggy). As a Concordia College, Moorhead graduate (ELCA), I am passionate about "Becoming Responsibly Engaged in the World" and hope to bring a more global and diverse perspective to council. I am currently a seminarian at Luther Seminary, St. Paul and am taking distance learning classes towards a degree with a focus in justice and reconciliation. I have been involved in organizing the "Let's Talk Race, Clemson" events and Social Justice Bible Study and have participated in a *Be The Bridge* racial reconciliation group in Clemson. I am excited about continuing my work at University Lutheran as an advocate for justice and inclusion.

### Marty High

I was born in Reading PA and am a lifelong Lutheran. I went to school at Penn State (go Nittany Lions!) and University of Tulsa. When Karen and I lived in Stillwater OK, I served several terms on church council and as council president at Salem Lutheran Church. Karen and I moved to the Clemson area in 2015 and joined University Lutheran shortly thereafter. We enjoy all things University Lutheran. I particularly appreciate the Wednesday morning Bible study community. I have always tried to live as a servant-leader and will continue to do so on our Council.

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### **Jim Jones**

Lena and I have been members of University Lutheran since 2015. We are both retired from the US Navy. Lena was a Navy nurse and I was a Cryptologic Technician, serving on three ships and four shore stations. We moved to the upstate to be closer to our children. Our daughter Andrea and son-in-law Joshua, live in Greenville, SC. Andrea is a high school biology teacher and Josh works for Clemson University. Our son Patrick lives and works in Asheville, NC.

I have served on church councils at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran in La Mesa, CA, St. John's Lutheran in Beaufort, SC and I am currently finishing a one-year term on the council at University Lutheran. Lena and I co-chaired the Evangelism Committee for the past three years. I am active in Lutheran Men in Mission and serve as a lector. Additionally, Lena and I have transported quilts and personal care kits up to St. Mark's Lutheran in Asheville, NC for the last four years.

### **Jim Keogh**

After prayer and reflection, I accepted the nomination to run for church council at Unilu in October 2018. I have been attending University Lutheran since March of 1993, but did not join the church until 1998; the decision overcame me during Ken Cochran's solo of "Were You There" during that year's Good Friday service. Since then I co-taught Sunday School with Michelle Martin for Junior and High School aged students, served one year on the church council during the year the plans for the narthex addition were developed, have been a teller for 9 years, while becoming increasingly active in Music and Worship and Property activities at Unilu. University Lutheran provides me with spiritual growth and opportunities to participate in a way which allows me to both discover the gifts God has graced me with and offer them in gratitude to the service of His church. I pray I discover God's purpose for my participation on the church council, even if that purpose is to remain in the current capacities with which I've been blessed. Being a member of the family of University Lutheran Church has enriched my life immeasurably with companionship, opportunities to grown spiritually and personally, for which I am grateful.

### **Karen Waltz**

My husband and I joined University Lutheran in the fall of 2014 after we both retired and moved here full time. We had been attending here off and on since February 2012. We moved here from Guyton, GA where we were both high school teachers. We were members of Holy Trinity Lutheran in Springfield, GA where I also served as church secretary for several years. Since moving to Clemson and becoming a member of University Lutheran, I have been active in the quilting group, teaching Sunday School for the last 2 ½ years, and serve as President of WELCA (Ruth Circle). I have also been an active member of the Evangelism Committee for the past 3 years, am a part of the Novel Bunch and volunteer with the reading program at Central Academy for the Arts (formerly Central Elementary). During worship service, I have served as greeter, usher, and lector. In my leisure time, I enjoy reading, baking homemade bread, and spending time with my family.