

UNILU NEWS AND EVENTS



UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



From Pastor Jon

What a blessing to have heard from Ken Cothran, Jan Fritz (and I received a preview of Rebecca Quesada's reflection!) during our midweek Advent services. It's a joy to me to hear how they see God at work in their lives through the lens of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's penetrating questions, "What is the Church? Who is Christ for us today?" If you are in town, and feeling good, I hope you are able to join us this evening, Wednesday December 19th for a simple meal at 6 and a beautiful, meaningful worship at 7.

On a different note, during this time of year I spend a little more time in reflection; looking back on the year and dreaming ahead of the new one. I realized this is the second time in the

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last four years that the Heiliger household has spent the Advent season anticipating births in our family. Our daughter Elise is doing well, having surpassed 33 weeks and baby Olivia is now estimated at over five pounds. The frightening fragility of life we felt with Elise's complications at 21 weeks have receded. Nothing is ever a given, so we continue to appreciate your prayers for a healthy delivery and granddaughter.

Congregation wise, I appreciate everyone who accepted the invitation to be nominated for Congregation Council. We elected 3 wonderful leaders and identified four others who were excellent choices and will continue to serve in other ways in the congregation and community. I am very grateful for the leadership of Council President Jean Mehlman and I will miss our almost weekly meetings together. I look forward to continuing to do so with our newly elected Council President Marion Fisher.

I won't have a column the next couple of weeks as after Christmas Renee and I will be heading to the Holy Land. This two week educational tour is coordinated by the SC Synod and led by my Seminary Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew Dr. Monte Luker. (The photo is of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem).

If I don't have the chance to greet you at either our 7 PM or 11 PM Christmas Eve worship services, have a blessed Christmas!

Rev. Robert Schmeelcke

A memorial service is planned for Pastor Bob on Friday, December 28 at 1pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, Walhalla. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to St. John's to be used for community outreach.

Epiphany Event

Please join the Youth on January 6th (Epiphany) after the 11 am service for an inter-generational event to share God's light with others! We will be painting night lights for hospitalized children in the Upstate to support The Hope Globe project. All artistic levels are welcome, and we will provide some snacks!

<https://thehopeglobe.com/>

2019 Flower Sign up

The sign up sheets for 2019 Flowers for the sanctuary are in the narthex. Tiger Lily will bill you directly after the flowers have been delivered.

FAMILY PROMISE

We would like to shout out a huge "Thank You" to Eunice Lehmacher and Rachel Quesada for their service as co-chairs for Family Promise! Unilu partners with Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, the host Congregation, for 4 weeks during the year to:

- provide food for breakfast and bag lunches
- provide food and prepare dinner
- eat dinner with the guests
- stay overnight
- set up at the beginning of the week (Sunday afternoon)
- clean up at the end of the week (Sunday morning and afternoon).

Thank you!

Thank you for the Christmas toys and books given for the Santa Shop at the Dream Center in Easley. You put a smile on a child's face this Christmas.

Over the past several years, these two women have worked with Trinity to ensure that Unilu has provided volunteers to help perform these duties. After many years of great service, in 2019 they are stepping down from this role.

Council Corner

Leaders for Next Year

We had 7 very strong candidates for the three council seats this Sunday at the Congregation Meeting., John Dreher, Marion Fisher, and Jim Jones were elected to serve on council for 3-year terms. Congratulations to the three of you. To Courtney Green, Marty High, Jim Keogh, and Karen Waltz we say, you are already important members of the congregation. We look forward to your continued and increased participation at UNILU.

As we make our New Years Resolutions, it is time for each of us to determine how we wish to serve our community in 2019. If you wish to keep this ministry flourishing, please prayerfully consider taking on the role of Chairman or Co-Chairman of this committee. There are many eager volunteers to perform these tasks. Cindy Donnan has volunteered to be one of our two co-Chairman for this ministry. We are looking for a co-leader to make sure all tasks are covered.

At the Congregation Council meeting Monday night, the following officers were elected: Marion Fisher - President, David Foster - Vice-President, Cheryl Summers - Secretary, and Rachel Quesada - Treasurer. They will do an excellent job of leading us through the coming year.

Jean Mehlman

**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

UniLu Web Site

www.uniluclemson.org

Council President

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Church Office Hours

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

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DEADLINE for NEWSLETTER

**Please have your information to
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 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Assisting Minister at 8:30	Dan Shonka
Assisting Minister at 11:00	Jim Keogh
Communion Assistant at 8:30	David Foster
Communion Assistant at 11:00	Cathy Harris
Altar Guild	Myrna Johnson and Brenda Monn
Cantor at 8:30	Rebecca Quesada
Cantor at 11:00	Cindy Sanders
Handbell Director	Rebecca Quesada
Lector at 8:30	Cyra Phelan
Lector at 11:00	Cece Parker
Greeters at 8:30	David Foster and Cyra Phelan
Greeters at 11:00	Nancy Turner and Cindy Nelson
Ushers at 8:30	Charlie Smith and Kerry Smith
Ushers at 11:00	Simon Barrow and Robert Knoerr
Acolyte at 8:30	Erika Summers
Acolyte at 11:00	Connor Lehmacher
Tellers	John and Karen Dreher
Audio Visual Team at 8:30/11:00	Ned Johnson/ 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; Mark Smith; George Harris; Tony Quesada; Gene Copenhaver; Elise Burns, (Pastor Jon's and Renee's daughter); Randy Gilchrist, Larry Bock

† for expectant parents Josh and Jessica Wiltgen

☪ Celebrating birthdays this week: Elaine McGuire; Suzanne Keogh; Marylyn Thompson; Annika Summers

♥ Celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Allen and Mollie Barrow

☀ Worship attendance last Sunday was 79 at 8:30am and 96 at 11am.

Calendar

Parish

THIS SUNDAY

LCM

Pastor Chris is on vacation today.

Worship at 8:30am and 11am
Sunday School at 9:45am

Monday

Christmas Eve services at 7pm and 11pm
Office Closed

Tuesday

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Wednesday

Pastor Jon and Renee will be in the Holy Land until January 9, 2019.
Office Closed

Thursday

Friday

Pastor Chris will be in Memphis with LSM –USA until January 1.

Saturday

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 8:30am and 11am
Sunday School at 9:45am
Parish Life Committee meeting at 9:45am
Epiphany Event at 12:30pm
Worship and Music committee meeting at 12:30pm

Synod Communicator

Do you have communications skills that you would like to share? UNILU is in need of a Synod Communicator. This person will share communications from the South Carolina synod with the congregation. He or she will also provide information to the Synod about ways the Holy Spirit has been giving our congregation energy to reach out with the Love of Christ in our community. This will be in the form of a 250 to 300 word story accompanied by 2 or 3 pictures. Contact either Pastor Jon or Marion Fisher if you are interested.



Contribution Envelopes

2019 Contribution Envelopes are in the narthex. If you do not find one with your name on it, please let Donna know at 864/654-4232 or unilusecretary@gmail.com.



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 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	Friend of Marie Lynn
Marge Butler	Sister of John Wagner
Mary Durnin	Friend of Marie Lynn
Kathy Francis	Friend of the Wagners
Lee Honeycutt	Brother of Frank Honeycutt
Theo Hurst	Grandson of Michael and Aija Seflic
Ken Ingram	Father of Cheryl Smith
Don Joseph	Friend of Bruce Booher
Mac Kennedy	Friend of Becky Spray
Bob and Faye Lawson	Friends of the Sanders
Ilse and Eberhard Lemcke	Parents of Susanne Lemcke
Barbara Lemcke	Sister of Susanne Lemcke
Fran and Billie Mentz	Uncle and Aunt of Kerry Smith
Joseph Moore	Friend of Linda Holt
Kay Powers	Friend of Patty Hudson
Abby Roe	Friend of the Lusk Family
Linda Smith	Friend of Rosalyn Flanigan
Gavin Todd	Son of Cindy Donnan
Robert Washabau	Brother-in-law of Ada Lou Steirer



PRAYER OF THE DAY for Upcoming Sunday

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.