



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

JULY 31, 2019

From Pastor Jon

Thank you Mariah Swygert & family, the Parish Life Committee, and everyone who contributed to making Pastor Chris' *Thanksgiving at the End of a Call* such a meaningful and joyful occasion. From the beauty of the music provided by Judi Key, Monte Bedford, and the choir in worship, to the phenomenal Pig Pickin' meal prepared, it was wonderful! Beyond the monetary gift to Pastor Chris & Laura, the congregation also gifted them with a tilt/swivel double rocker (see picture below) from Swing-O-Things in Westminster, and a Kentucky bourbon fruitcake from Gethsemani Farms (the monastery of Thomas Merton.) The rocker will be a daily reminder for Pastor Chris of the countless cups of coffee he has shared with students, faculty, and friends at *All In Coffee Shop* in Clemson. Months ago I wrote about the importance of saying goodbye well. You did it; beautifully! Now we'll turn our efforts to welcoming Pastor Josh (who is already in town) and his wife K.D. when she arrives the weekend of August 17/18.

God's peace & joy,
Pastor Jon



"Thank you" from Pastor Chris & Laura

We cannot begin to express our gratitude to you for the generosity shown in your farewell to us. The pig-picking was exactly the kind of family meal we associate with UniLu and with all of you. Thank you for laughing and crying, for sharing and caring. It was a marvelous day.

The swivel-rocker will be used regularly. We are huge fans of front-porch living. It is a place where



we can watch the grass grow and the neighbors walk by. It is also a place to receive guests, and sit a spell.

Finally, we want to thank you for the financial gifts. You have been very faithful in your support of us through all these years. This last gift is but one more expression. We do have tickets to the NASCAR race at Bristol; next will be tickets to the Martinsville and Talladega - two tracks we have yet to visit.

God has blessed us through you, and we will continue to pray for God's blessings in your life.

Pastor Chris & Laura

Lutheran Men in Mission - Pee Dee Indian Project Fund Raiser

This coming Sunday, August 4th, University Lutheran's *Lutheran Men in Mission* is taking up a special offering for this project towards the goal of raising \$100,000. The goal of this fund raiser is to assist the tribe with constructing a building on their property to be used as a free medical clinic, occasional homeless shelter and a place for children to play and be tutored in a safe environment. The nearest medical clinic is 18 miles away presently. The building would also be used for meetings and gatherings, with a small area set aside as a museum of their heritage. \$41,000 has been raised to this point. Of that, \$6,300 was used to renovate their current facilities so they could continue carrying out the business of the tribe.



This fund-raising project has the blessings of the Bishop and Synod Council. We are excited to have this opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in Christ. **Please make checks payable to SCLMM** (South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission).

Stewardship

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teach, **ASK**, thank, tell

"ASK and it shall be given you" | Matthew 7:7

For many folks, summer is a time of vacations and an escape from the regular routine that controls our lives the rest of the year. However, ministries (both those of our church and in our community) continue their work day in and day out, regardless of the season. For example, we have heard

from Clemson Community Care that donations have dropped significantly (as they do every summer) but the need to assist our neighbors "the least of these" does not drop. Ideally, our giving should flow naturally as an expression of our spiritual lives, but more practically, most of us budget our monetary gifts as part of our weekly or monthly planning. **Please remember that the need for your loving outreach to others, both financial and personal, never takes a vacation.** As you enjoy whatever "change of pace" comes your way this summer, please don't forget that your offerings of time, talent, and treasure are needed more now than at any other time during the year.

Thrivent Live Generously

You may have seen this logo from Thrivent on T-shirts during our "God's Work, Our Hands" events, or on the backs of students or others. Whenever a Thrivent Member sponsors an "Action Team", Thrivent provides \$250 as seed money to purchase supplies to help get a project off the ground, or to make it have an even greater



impact in our community. Complimentary T-shirts are part of the promotional packet.

If you are a Member of Thrivent, you have the opportunity to sponsor 2 Action Teams per year. Also, if you are a policy holder or investor through them, you have the opportunity to direct "Thrivent Choice" dollars to a ministry of your choosing, including Lutheran Campus Ministry or University Lutheran Church! If you have an idea for a project that could benefit from a Thrivent Action Team, or if you have any questions about Thrivent Action Teams or Choice dollars, please see Pastor Jon or Cyra Phelan. Thank you!

Sunday School Teachers Needed!



We Need Your Help! Do you enjoy spending time with young people? Do you enjoy spending time with your peers? Do you have time on your hands, especially Sunday Mornings? We need Sunday School teachers! You do not need to have prior experience teaching Sunday School; you just need a desire to strengthen your relationships with the members of our church. All teaching materials can be provided and help is always available. Please contact Mollie Barrow at 864-933-5663 or mbarrowjr@aol.com if you can help or want

more information.

Lutheran Men in Mission will meet at 7pm on Monday, August 5th, at the home of Tony & Rachel Quesada. The Quesada home is located at 520 Timber Lane in Anderson.

For information, call Jim Jones at 240-671-7182.

Blessing of the Backpacks - August 18th

August 18th is the Blessing of the Backpacks at each service. We plan to pack backpacks for Lutheran World Relief during the Sunday School Hour. You can help by donating money for the youth to purchase supplies or by donating items for the backpacks. We are most in need of 70-sheet single subject notebooks, flat 30-centimeter rulers, pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well) boxes of 16 or 24 crayon, 2 1/2" erasers. We can only use 14 x 17 inch drawstring bags, so please do not purchase regular backpacks. If you would like to make some bags, there are patterns available at Lutheran World Relief.



Let's Get More Involved with LCM!



Have you ever wanted to get more involved with our Campus Ministry? This fall we have a unique opportunity to help bridge the transition from Pastor Chris to Pastor Josh. The Wednesday night meals have always been an integral part of our Campus Ministry program and will continue to be just that. As a congregation we can become a more active part of this ministry and increase our connections with the students. Wednesday night meals are the perfect opportunity. The students come for the home cooked meals and fellowship, but

especially enjoy getting to know congregation members. If you think that you might be interested in getting involved (or more involved), see [Cindy Sanders in the Narthex between services this Sunday](#) or call her at 864-423-3686 and leave a message.

UniLu Watering Volunteers Needed!

It's that time of year when volunteers are needed to help water plants in the Fellowship Hall flowerbed. Plants needing water the most are the Star Zinnias and the volunteer Melampodium, aka Butter Daisy, especially along the sidewalk where the plants get lots of sun and tend to dry out the fastest. Because it's been fairly dry, the azaleas and the Walker Low Catmint may also need to be watered. Please let me know via email if you're available to water on a certain date. Thanks! Jean Askew: jaskew@nctv.com



Approximate dates volunteers are needed:

Wednesday, July 31 - Carolyn Ringeisen
Sunday, August 4 - Susanne Lemcke
Wednesday, August 7 - Susanne Lemcke
Sunday, August 11 - Zoraya Rockow
Wednesday, August 14 - **NEED VOLUNTEER**
Sunday, August 18 - **NEED VOLUNTEER**
Wednesday, August 21 - **NEED VOLUNTEER**

Thanks to all who have been participating!

Mark Your Calendar!
Grounds Maintenance Workday, August 7th, 8:30-10:30 am

All Women of University Lutheran Please Join Us!



Please join us on **Monday, August 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for our annual WELCA pot luck supper** sponsored by the Ruth Circle. This year's event will be hosted by Lena Jones and will be held at her home. Lena's address is 400 Delphi Drive, Seneca, SC 29672 (If you would like to carpool, we will meet around 5:30 pm at the church then go to Lena's home.) Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. **All women of the congregation are invited to attend. For planning purposes please let Karen Waltz know you will be attending.** Look forward to seeing all of you on August 26.

Hilltoppers at Biggerstaff

It is that time again to begin our 2019/2020 season of Hilltoppers. We will meet on **September 18, 2019 at 12 noon at Biggerstaff for our annual picnic.** Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Desserts and drinks will be provided. We look forward to a great group in attendance. **We will be planning our activities for the year so come with ideas and be ready to help.** Jean Melhman is our new treasurer and she will be collecting your yearly dues. We are no longer just a 55 and up group. All are encouraged to become a part of this group. If you are not

familiar with Hilltoppers, we meet once a month for lunch and have a speaker who presents a topic of interest to the group. During December we meet for dinner and then go to a Christmas play or musical. Our May meeting we go out to lunch and visit some place in our surrounding community like the Botanical Gardens, World of Energy or Table Rock Tea Company.

There is a sign-up sheet located on the cabinet on the right in the narthex as you leave the sanctuary so we will know how many to plan for. See you September 18!



Concerns & Celebrations Serving this Sunday

Unilu Prayer Concerns

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends: Jack Flanagan; Martin Schneider; Marvin Doerr; Wayne Gilchrist; Gail Paul; Pat Wagner; Rosalyn Flanigan; George Harris; Tony Quesada; Gene Copenhaver; Randy Gilchrist; Larry Bock; Joyce Lillehamer; George Rasula; Katie Healy's friend, Anne; Monte Bedford's sister, Shelley; Jim Keogh's brother, John; Marie Lynn's sister and brother-in-law, Ellen & Tom; Robert & Elaine Knoerr's niece, Julie Kanagy; David Foster's brother & sister-in-law, Bill & Sue.

Unilu Celebrations

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this Week: Dwayne Lusk; Jackson Flanigan; Tyler Simpson; Kristin Adams; James Cox; Linda Schoulties; Deanie Shonka.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this Week: Greg & Denise Bauld; Scooter & Tracy Arwood.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE last Sunday was 69 at 8:30am and 120 at 11:00am.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Click [HERE](#) for Unilu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

Click [HERE](#) to see who is serving this Sunday

LINKS

[UNILU WEBSITE](#) • [LECTIONARY/READINGS](#)

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ELCA GOOD GIFTS

*** 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 and to the University Lutheran Facebook page.**

*** Church Office Hours ***

Monday–Thursday 9 AM–12 PM; 1 PM–4:30 PM

Fridays 9 AM - 1PM

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University Lutheran Church 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.