



UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

August 7, 2019

From Pastor Jon

Last Friday and Saturday I had the opportunity to join Pastor Josh, Nick Willis (Chair of the Lutheran Campus Ministry Directing Committee), Jim Reneke, Cindy Sanders, and Patty Smith at the SC Synod Campus Ministry Task Force training for Board Development. It was very helpful in articulating some of the principles I have believed in, but have not always had the vocabulary to describe. I've often said that the strongest congregation is comprised of strong elected leadership (Congregation Council), strong lay leadership (officially on committees, ministry teams, task forces etc. AND unelected leaders), and strong staff leadership, all working towards common goals for God's mission in the world. This workshop put some meat on the bones by describing roles and responsibilities for staff (day to day management and execution of the mission etc.) and Councils/Boards (oversight, fiduciary responsibility etc.) and joint Council+Staff endeavors (visioning, strategic planning, policy setting etc.) While to some this may sound like "dry" or "business-like" stuff, it's actually an expression of the gift of administration/leadership (1 Cor 12:28). For us to see how God has uniquely called us to love and serve our neighbors at this time and in this place.

After saying goodbye to two beloved staff members this year, Donna Coakley with 21 years of experience and Pastor Chris with 26 years, I am very excited to help write the next chapter of University Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry's future with Pastor Josh, Abi Donhauser, the students, congregation and friends. What has been near to the heart and part of the DNA of University Lutheran Church, Lutheran Campus Ministry, will remain central. The values of welcoming all, caring for our neighbors near and far will continue to be expressed. How exactly we do that will be the subject of many prayers and conversations in the months to come.

Please come see me, call, text (843-304-5664), or email me (pastorjon12@gmail.com) to share any of your hopes and dreams for what you believe God is calling us to do.

God's peace & hope,
Pastor Jon

Lutheran Men in Mission - Pee Dee Indian Project Fund Raiser

Lutheran Men in Mission would like to thank the congregation for their generous support of the Pee Dee Indian Tribe Project. Nearly \$1,000 was collected for this cause!



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.

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.



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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, August 7 - Susanne Lemcke
 Sunday, August 11 - Zoraya Rockow
 Wednesday, August 14 - Carolyn Ringeisen
 Sunday, August 18 - Zoraya Rockow
 Wednesday, August 21 - Carolyn Ringeisen
 Sunday, August 25 - **NEED VOLUNTEER**
 Wednesday, August 28 - **NEED VOLUNTEER**

Thanks to all who have been participating!

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

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: Angela Gowan; Reece Dedecker; Barbara Quinn.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this Week: Bill & Jimmie Pletta; John & Karen Dreher; Farrell & Ann Brown.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE last Sunday was 90 at 11:00am. Count not taken at 8:30am.

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.