



# UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

August 14, 2019

### From Pastor Jon

This coming Sunday's sermon (based on Luke 12:49-56) is just beginning to germinate in my mind. Jesus' statements, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!" and, "Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!" are difficult words for me to hear. Difficult words for me to preach. Difficult words for me to live.

But this is Luke's gospel; this wonderful juxtaposition of Simeon's Song and Mary's Magnificat, and the Parable of the Prodigal Son, and the story of Zacchaeus. Jesus' Sermon of the Plain with its blessings and woes.



But fire? Division? Don't we see and experience too much of this already? Yes. And no. Lighting something on fire for the joy of seeing it burn is pyromania. To refine something though fire rids a substance of impurities, bringing out its best. To be divided over favorite flavors of ice cream or TV shows is ridiculous. To be divided over following Jesus' way may be a necessary statement of integrity and identity.

With passages like this I am grateful for a community of faith in which we can encourage one another, challenge one another, love one another as we seek to be faithful to our call of following Jesus. To be responsive to God's two greatest commands. Love God. Love neighbor.

God's peace & hope,  
Pastor Jon

### 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](mailto:mbarrowjr@aol.com) if you can help or want more information.

## Blessing of the Backpacks - August 18th

**THIS COMING SUNDAY, 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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## Save the Date: September 8th



*God's Work Our Hands*, a Lutheran World Relief Project.

We will spend the afternoon working on several projects that will benefit those people outside of our church walls.

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The *Community Ministry Committee* will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits until September 8th.

These items will include a medium to light weight towel measuring 20x40 inches to 52x70 inches; a total of 8-9 ounces of soap (bath bar size) still in it's wrapping; an adult size toothbrush still in original wrapping; a sturdy comb removed from wrapping; a pair of metal finger nail clippers.

Please put items in container in the narthex.

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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.



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## 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](mailto:jaskew@nctv.com)

Approximate dates volunteers are needed:

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!

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## 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.



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## 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 Flanagan; 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; Robert & Elaine Knoerr's niece, Julie Kanagy; David Foster's brother & sister-in-law, Bill & Sue.

### Unilu Celebrations

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this Week:** Carina Huizenga; Carol Miller; Diana Vetter.

**CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this Week:** Patrick & Alison Mero;

Michael & Aija Seflic; Ned & Myrna Johnson; Rich & Carolyn Ringeisen; Robert & Elaine Knoerr.

## CHURCH INFORMATION

Click [HERE](#) for Unilu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

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

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### LINKS

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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) 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.*