



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

September 11, 2019

From Pastor Jon



Eighteen years ago, where were you? I was at home when Renee called to tell me to turn on the TV. Like millions of Americans, and people of goodwill around the world, I was horrified to see the burning World Trade Center Tower. I was stunned to see the second Tower hit by another airplane. I left for our daughters' elementary school and spent the next several hours going to any classroom who had children who wanted to talk. I specifically remember one student, I believe a fifth grader, ask, "I heard people were jumping out of the buildings?" The teacher, in a desire to console said, "Oh no, that's not true." I told the student, "Actually, that is true. I can only imagine how scared they must have been to think that was the only option for them."

That day changed all our lives. It made a deep impression on both of our daughters; Lauren knew she wanted to serve her country. Today, Lauren is deployed to Afghanistan, the planning ground of 9/11.

I don't have any answers, far from it. The evil that was perpetrated on innocent civilians, our inability as human beings created in God's image to live together on the same planet. The corruption and callousness of those who would make violence and warfare an opportunity for profit. The lives that are lost, those carrying wounds that are visible and those wounds that are invisible.

So what to do? Pray for those in harms way, both military and civilian. Pray for peace. Pray for justice. Pray for those who dedicate their lives in pursuit of justice and in the making of peace. Pray for God's kingdom to come and try as we may to keep working our patch of the vineyard to make it happen.

Love God. Love neighbor. Love our enemies. As Pastor Josh preached this past Sunday, following Jesus is not an easy path but it is the Way for those who seek to be Jesus' disciples.

**God's peace & hope,
Pastor Jon**

Pastor Thulie Beresford, Guest Preacher & Teaching Theologian for **Sunday, September 22nd**

From Pastor Jon: I found Pastor Thulie's life story very compelling. As such, I hesitated to cut anything from her autobiography.

My name is Thulisiwe Ndelu Beresford. My maiden name is Ndelu. I am originally from South Africa and have lived in the US for 32 years. In my culture names have special meanings. After having two boys my mother was crying a lot wondering if she would ever have a girl. So, when I was born my father told my mother that she had been stopped from crying. My name, Thulisiwe, means "Condolence." For my Western friends I use "Thulie" (2Lee).

After having taught for 2 years at a Community College in South Africa, I received a scholarship to do my master's degree in Biology at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. This is where I first met a female Lutheran pastor. I had wanted to be a pastor after a faith transforming tragic event, but the Lutheran Church in South Africa was not yet ordaining women. I shared with my campus pastor, Patricia Lull, that I wanted to be a pastor and she told me to finish my degree and go back to South Africa and that if I still felt the call, the congregation (Christ Lutheran Church) would sponsor my seminary education. So, for me, Lutheran Campus Ministry holds a key place in my life; I was loved, received, and supported by the entire congregation as I attended seminary and beyond.

I am a graduate of Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio where I met my husband to be, Charles Michael. My host father through Lutheran Campus Ministry walked me down the aisle when I got married. I still go back to Athens, Ohio to visit the congregation that was my home church when I was away from my home church in South Africa.

My first call was in Flint, MI where I served Salem Lutheran Church for 14 years. One of the many joys about serving in Flint, MI was receiving *The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Award* from the Mayor of the City of Flint, Woodrow Stanley, for my work with the less fortunate young

people and their families in the neighborhood, plus also working for racial reconciliation in the city. I was also a member of the University of Michigan-Flint Citizens Advisory Committee whereby we worked to bring together the Community and the University. In 2009 we moved to South Carolina because my husband was offered a job by the navy in the Charleston Area. My husband is a civilian computer programmer for SPAWAR.

While in South Carolina, I have served as a parish pastor, hospital and retirement community chaplain. I served as a Lutheran Campus Pastor at The Citadel, as well as College of Charleston/MUSC/Charleston School of Law. After the Mother Emanuel Massacre I worked with the Jewish Student Association, Unitarian, and Roman Catholic campus ministers from the College of Charleston and we sponsored an event for the college and the community to talk about healing the wounds of racism and beginning to work with people from all walks of life. The event was successful.

My husband, Charles and I have two live children. Our daughter, Khabonina, meaning "Related to the Household of Mother" graduated from Ohio University this past Spring. She is a Social Worker and is currently working with AmeriCorps in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Our son, Charles Ndelu, graduated from Fort Dorchester High School this spring and is now a first year student at Clemson.

I am currently working as a part-time chaplain at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC).

I am a die-hard Lutheran. My paternal ancestors were among the very first converts of the German Lutheran Missionaries in South Africa, so I have always been a Lutheran.

It was a great honor to preach at the very first *Rostered Minister's Gathering* in Atlanta, GA, in August of 2017. I preached at the opening worship service, which set the tone for reconciliation among those gathered that we all had to take that message of reconciliation back to our hometowns. In August of 2019, captured images from my 2017 preaching

were displayed at the ELCA's Church-wide Assembly during the worship service.

I am currently doing a DMin. program with United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia. I started the program in the Spring/Summer of 2018.

SOME OTHER THINGS ABOUT ME:

1. I was featured in the Charleston Post and Courier for having asked the President of The Dietrich Bonhoeffer Institute (TDBI), The Rev. Dr. Robert Schenck, if as a Christian of Color I mattered to my white Christian brothers and sisters. I wanted to know if my white Christian brothers and sisters loved me enough to fight against what kept me oppressed in the world in which I live.
2. I was one of the Chaplains on call at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) on the day of the Mother Emanuel Massacre on June 17, 2015.
3. I am part of the South Carolina Synod, ELCA's Inclusiveness Network (INET) and was trained to help congregations and communities on healing the wounds of racism.

Thank You!

Thank you to all of those people who came out on Sunday to work on *Lutheran World Relief* projects, as well as some projects that we do on a regular basis.

**We had approximately 45 people who came to work on Sunday and
tied a quilt
put elastic in 134 scrub hats
painted 11 snow globes
put together 30 kits for Lutheran World Relief
picked up trash at Clemson Park
spread mulch at Littlejohn Community Center, as well as doing some
pruning, gathering up of dead wood and stacking,
so that the city of Clemson could pick up.**

We also blew debris from gutters, blew the parking lot clean,

and enjoyed our time of fellowship with each other!

A Huge Thank You to UNILU!

Thanks to all for your donations of fabric and sore fingers from stringing elastic on over 100 hats Sunday!

We delivered over 200 hats to *Prisma* today! Parents have told the Pre-Op nurses what a wonderful ministry this is for their children.

-Donny and Cathy Harris, on behalf of *Prisma*



Lilly / LCM Grant - Sponsored Student and Congregational Events for the Fall Semester

Sunday, September 22nd: Visiting Theologian, Pastor Thulie Beresford; preaching at both services; brunch and discussion between the two services; lunch and discussion after the 11 am service.

Sunday, October 20th: Lunch & Learn featuring Dr. Edwin Sabuhoro, as the after lunch speaker.

More details to follow in October.

Sunday, November 17th: Lunch & Learn featuring Dr. Rick Blob, as the after lunch speaker.

More details to follow in November.

STEWARDSHIP

teach, ask, thank, **TELL**

"TELL of all his wonderful works" | Psalms 105:2

OUTREACH: WE GO INTO ALL THE WORLD

COMMUNITY MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Community ministry is the focus of what Jesus called the greatest of the commandments, to love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself. The famous parable of the Good

Samaritan reminds us that God's concept of 'neighbor' is often wider and more inclusive than our own. The Committee serves those in need both in our local community and globally, specifically people outside of our church family. Ministries include Lutheran World Relief projects - God's Global Barnyard, Water International, God's Work - Our Hands, Operation In-As-Much, Relay for Life, personal care kits, and quilts made by the ladies of our church. Local projects include the Minister's Cook Off which supports Safe Harbor [a shelter for domestic abuse victims], Habitat for Humanity, Our Daily Bread, Family Promise of Pickens County, reading to children at local schools, making scrub hats for children at Greenville Hospital, Souper Bowl Sunday, and two Blood Drives a year. This list does not include the many good works of the Ladies Circle or of other committees. Our congregation also provides financial support to many local ministries. The Committee coordinates these efforts, but most of the work is done by dedicated volunteers who feel led to share their time and talents with those less fortunate.

EVANGELISM

Evangelism is our church's primary expression of the Great Commission given by Jesus, to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. The Apostle Paul asked in one of his letters; "How will they know if no one tells them". Our personal evangelism focuses on extending a Christ-like welcome to visitors to our services and loving and caring for our neighbors. The church provides information packets to prospective new members [these packets include a pen, notepad, cross, and church information card]. We also publish new-member biographies in the newsletter, and post photographs of new members on the bulletin board in the narthex. An important part of being a welcoming congregation is providing coffee in the narthex after services and, during summer months, offering additional refreshments. A large-screen computer display in the narthex highlights various church activities and events. We also publicize church services and special events to the community. A special ministry is the annual 'Men and Women in Blue Appreciation Luncheon' [honoring local police, firefighters, and EMTs]. Another ministry we support is 'Teacher Appreciation Week', by handing out small goodie bags to teachers at local schools. Additional workers in any of these ministry areas are always needed.

A COMMUNITY MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX
AFTER THE SERVICE ON SUNDAY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

Let's Be Prepared for the 2019-2020 Flu Season Get Your Annual Flu Shot!



Influenza (flu) is very contagious and can lead to serious illness, including pneumonia.
Spread fun. Not the Flu. Get a flu vaccine for yourself and your child!

- Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination.
- Pregnant women, young children, older people, and people with certain chronic medical conditions like asthma, diabetes and heart disease are at increased risk of serious flu-related complications. Getting a yearly Flu vaccine is especially important for them.
- The Flu vaccine is safe, does not cause the flu, and can protect the ones you love.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/children.htm or call 800-CDC-INFO.

This message brought to you by
University Lutheran's Parish Health program.
-Lena Jones

Men's Breakfast Now Meeting at Seneca Family Restaurant!

University Lutheran's Men's Breakfast
NOW meeting in a new location & at a new time!

8 AM, SENECA FAMILY RESTAURANT,
515 By Pass on Hwy 123 in Seneca.

**Next breakfast is Thursday, Sept. 12th at 8:00
am.**

Hope to see you there!



UniLu Watering Volunteers

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, September 11 - Katie Healy
Sunday, September 15 - Carolyn Ringeisen
Wednesday, September 18 - Carolyn Ringeisen

Thanks to all who have been participating!

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 to the right in the narthex as you leave the sanctuary, so we will know how many to plan for.

See you September 18th!!

Our Church's Book Club, *A Novel Bunch*, Is Reconvening In September

On September 18th, the 3rd Thursday of the month, *A Novel Bunch* will reconvene after a summer break at high noon for fellowship and a lively discussion of *The Frontiersmen* by Allan W. Eckert. We will meet in the Cry Room near the Sanctuary. Consider joining us! All are welcome!

Our October book selection is *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict. This book is about Mivea Maria, the brilliant first wife of Albert Einstein.

-Calvin L. Schoulties, Mild Mannered Reporter for *A Novel Bunch*

Low Country Boil

Parish Life and LCM invite you to the *Low Country Boil*

Sunday, September 22 from 5 pm-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Tickets are \$10/adults, \$5 children/students, and will be available before
and after both services for the next few weeks.**

Please consider buying a ticket or two for students.

**Contact Cheryl Summers, 653-5790/clsumme12@hotmail.com
with questions.**

WELCA - Ruth Circle

The Ruth Circle will meet **Monday, September 23 at noon
in the church social hall.**

All ladies are invited!

**Donna Hershberger is hostess for September and Karen Waltz is in charge
of the program.**

Remember to bring your lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

**Also, please don't forget your paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, and
Kleenex) for Clemson Community Care.**

See you on the 23rd!

WELCA Foothills Fall Conference

St. Matthias Lutheran Church

501 Powdersville Rd., Easley, SC

September 28, 2019; 10:00 am – 2 pm

Registration begins at 9:30 am



Guest Speaker: Rev. Lauren Carlson, pastor
at Calvary Lutheran Church in Morganton, NC
and on the board of NovusWay Ministries, umbrella to
Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center.

Theme for our conference is "Season Sisters."
Come learn about how seasons of the year relate
to seasons of the church and seasons of our lives.

RSVP to Dee Bostick (deebostick1@gmail.com) by September 21.

Concerns & Celebrations

Unilu Prayer Concerns

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends: 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, Mary B.; 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; Rachel Quesada's brother-in-law, Kenneth Cheek.

Unilu Celebrations

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week: Katie Caterino; Eric Molin; Jim Reneke.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this week: Jim & Lena Jones.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE last Sunday was 58 at 8:30 am and 80 at 11:00 am.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Click [HERE](#) for Unilu Calendar

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LINKS

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

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

* 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 - 1 PM

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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.