



## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

September 18, 2019

### From Pastor Jon



This is the group who traveled from Columbia, SC to Montgomery and Selma, AL on the SC Synod Civil Rights Pilgrimage. It was a powerful trip full of story sharing, praying, singing, reflecting, eating and witnessing. Stops at the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for

Justice and Peace <https://museumandmemorial.eji.org/museum> were unforgettable, as well as stops at Brown Chapel AME Church <https://civilrightstrail.com/attraction/brown-chapel-african-methodist-episcopal-church/> and the Lowndes Interpretive Center <https://www.nps.gov/semo/learn/historyculture/lowndes-interpretive-center.htm>

Jesus replied to the question, “Which is the greatest commandment?” with the response “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength...Love your neighbor as yourself.” Some of the difficult sights on the trip highlighted the brutality of what happens when we do not heed Jesus’ commands. But on the bus, this trip highlighted what unexpected joys and friendships can occur when we do. Love God + Love Neighbor.

God’s peace & hope,  
Pastor Jon

Pastor Thulie Beresford, Guest Preacher &  
Teaching Theologian

**This 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.

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***Low Country Boil This Sunday!***

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.

Please consider buying a ticket or two for students.

Contact Cheryl Summers, 653-5790/[clsumme12@hotmail.com](mailto:clsumme12@hotmail.com)

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**Adult Sunday School**



The adult Sunday school class will be starting a new guided study on Paul's letters to the Corinthians (1,2 Corinthians). Please come join us between services in the downstairs adult Sunday school room!

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**Our Church's Book Club, *A Novel Bunch*,**

## Reconvening Tomorrow, Thursday, September 19th!

On September 19th, 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*

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### 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.

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### Recycling & Composting Volunteers Needed!

Recycling volunteers needed! Did you know that Clemson does not do curbside recycling for businesses and that includes us, a church? However, the city has provided us with 6 free recycling buckets and has agreed that one of us can take the buckets to our own curbside for recycling. **We're looking for 4 volunteers who would be willing to take home a green bin about once every month to their curb, and bring back the empty within the next two weeks.** There's no schedule. You just pick up a full bin from our kitchen and next time you're at church return the empty bin to church. If there's enough of us, no one will have to do this often. Sometimes I have the empty green bin at my home for several weeks, because I forget to bring it back. But that's no



problem because we have lots of empties at church. Please volunteer for this task if you have curbside recycling at your home. Contact Eunice Lehmacher if you have questions: [eunicerkl@gmail.com](mailto:eunicerkl@gmail.com).

Do you compost? We now have two plastic ice cream buckets in the church kitchen marked "COMPOST." If you have a compost bin at home and are eating a meal at church, please put the plastic bin out (next to the trash can) before a meal you are attending. Then, take it home after the dinner. You can return the cleaned empty plastic bin the next time you come to church. Note: If there's no volunteer offering to take home the plastic bin that meal, no plastic bin should be put out by the trash can.

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## 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](http://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

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## UniLu Watering Volunteers

Volunteers are always needed to help water Fellowship Hall flowerbed. 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)

Volunteers scheduled for:  
Sunday, September 22nd - Susanne Lemcke  
Wednesday, September 25th - Susanne Lemcke  
Sunday, September 29th - John Blackmon  
Wednesday, October 2nd - Ellen Reneke

Thanks to all who have been participating!

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## 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!

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## WELCA - Evening Circle

The Evening Circle of WELCA will meet on **Monday, September 23, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We invite all women of the congregation to join us for fun, fellowship and a mystery guest!

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### 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



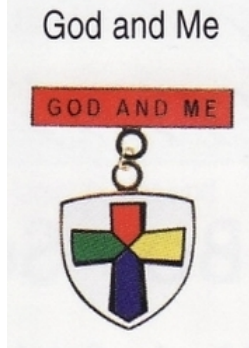
**Guest Speaker: Rev. Lauren Carlson**, pastor  
at Calvary Lutheran Church in Morganton, NC  
and on the board of NovusWay Ministries, umbrella to  
Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center.

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.**

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## Attention 1st-3rd Grade Parents!



Cyra will be leading the GOD and ME religious award program beginning **October 5th after Sunday School**. The program participants will meet 5 times between October and April. Each session will last approximately one hour. There is about 1 hour of additional home based work with the family in addition to each session at the church. Once students have completed all the sessions, there will be a short meeting with Pastor to discuss what they've learned. In the Spring, we will offer a short award presentation during worship and students may wear the award on Scout uniforms. Adult mentors are welcomed and encouraged to attend alongside their child. **Please let Cyra ([cyra.phelan@hotmail.com](mailto:cyra.phelan@hotmail.com)) know if you would like your child (or yourself) to participate by September 29, so we can have materials ready.**

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## UniLu Concerns & Celebrations

### UniLu Prayer Concerns

**PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends:**  
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:** Keith Phelan; Sean Stephan; Matthew Vetter; John Vinson.

**CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this week:** Herm & Carol Spitzer.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE last Sunday was 72 at 8:30 am and 61 at 11:00 am.**

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## 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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[ELCA GOOD GIFTS](#)

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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](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 - 1 PM

864-654-4232

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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.*