



## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

December 23, 2019

*Please join us for  
Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Services  
at 7 pm & 11 pm*



### From Pastor Jon

While visiting the Holy Land in 2015, we experienced a snowstorm in and around Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Then seminarian, now Pastor, Jesse Caniff-Kuhn fashioned the Holy Family on a tabletop in Beit Jala. I love this scene both because of its simplicity in displaying a non-traditional yet recognizable family portrait, but also because at the top of the photo a portion of the wall that divides families and peoples is also visible.

This year as we read from Matthew's gospel, we have the same dynamic present; the wonder of the birth of the Christ child, and the threat to the baby's life by King Herod. The good news of Jesus Christ brings both peace to his followers and can be a cause of conflict with the principalities and powers of this world. That is as true today as back in Jesus' day.

May God bless you as you follow the way of Jesus.

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

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## **Staff Christmas - Epiphany Gifts**

We goofed and forgot to publicize the fact that we always give gifts to our pastors and staff at Christmas. A number of you have donated already. In Epiphany we celebrate the Wise Men and their gifts to God's Son, so this year we will give Epiphany gifts.

If you have not and would like to make a donation to be divided and given to the pastors and staff as an Epiphany gift, please put your check in the offering plate marked "Staff Gifts." **Please make your gift by Sunday, January 5.**

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*The church office will be closed  
Wednesday, December 25th through  
Friday, December 27th.  
The office will re-open Monday,  
December 30th.*

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## **Fellowship & Service**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR  
TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY

### **THE PROMISED ONE**

**"Seeing Jesus in Genesis"**

**Nancy Guthrie: DVD Bible Study**

**TUESDAYS: Jan. 7th – March 10th**

**10:00 a.m. - Youth Room**

**YOU MAY ATTEND ANY OR ALL OF THE CLASSES.**

**WORK BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO WANT ONE.**

## UniLu Concerns & Celebrations

### UniLu Prayer Concerns

**PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends:**  
Wayne Gilchrist; Gail Paul; Pat Wagner; Rosalyn Flanigan; George Harris;  
Rachel Quesada; Tony Quesada; Gene Copenhaver; Randy Gilchrist; Larry  
Bock; Joyce Lillehamer; Katie Healy's friend, Mary B.; 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;  
The Childress Family as they await the arrival of Baby Boy #2.

### UniLu Celebrations

☐ Celebrating Birthdays this Coming Week: Annika Summers; Kathy  
Fulmer; Courtney Green; John Broadwell; Shirley Jones; Joan Hicks; Carol  
Spitzer; Susan Lusk.

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## Parish Information

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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 7 AM–12 PM; 1 PM–2:30 PM**  
**Fridays 8 AM - 12 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.*