

UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

February 26, 2020



From Pastor Jon

As we begin Lent today, Ash Wednesday, I've thought of many things and been settled on very few. I swam this morning so I can say "I've exercised every day in Lent!" But seriously, my mental, emotional, and spiritual dispositions are integrally bound up with fresh air and

endorphins so it was good to get re-started.

The last couple of nights I've picked back up in reading this powerful book about the Emanuel 9 Massacre. Earlier in the book, and months ago in my time reading, I was stunned to come across a person I recognized from my days at seminary. We were not close, but as Student Body President I was a go between with students and the administration as we were having some challenges bringing a new phone system online in the new student housing. I had no clue he was a lifelong friend of one of the murder victims. This June 17, 2020 will be the 5th Anniversary of this horrific event.

And lastly, this Lent during our Thursday evening services Pastor Josh and I will be focusing on "Welcoming and Hospitality." We'll lift up key scripture texts and lay them alongside UniLu and Lutheran Campus Ministry practices. We'll also seek input from anyone in attendance about their experiences in receiving gracious hospitality, or when they've been able to offer such

hospitality and welcome to others.

Just some random thoughts that have been swimming through my mind.

God's peace and hope,

Pastor Jon

Council Notes

Council held their February meeting on 2/17.

- As a Council we have declared that building bridges to the LGBQT community and communities of color is an important focus for our congregation as we move forward. In order to lead our congregation on this, we commit to these not just as a Council, but personally as well.
- A task force will be formed to discuss the future of the education building/fellowship hall.
- Karen Carter, executive director of Clemson Community Care, discussed the services provided and the size and make-up of the clientele served.

Fellowship & Service

Lenten Meals

Beginning Thursday, March 5, a simple Lenten meal will be provided starting at 6pm prior to worship.

We are still in need of meal providers for 3/12 and 4/2.

Please contact Cheryl Summers, 864-653-5790 or clsumme12@hotmail.com,

if your group is able to provide dinner.

Support for Seminarians

Many seminarians face financial stress and struggle to make ends meet.

During this Lenten season, we will collect free-will gifts in support of seminarians at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary after each Thursday Lent service (a basket will be provided in the narthex). Food and gas cards (especially Food Lion, Publix, and Shell) or funds that will be used to purchase these will be collected and sent to the South Carolina Synod for distribution.



Resipiscence Lenten Bible Study

Join us for the 3rd annual Resipiscence Lenten Bible Study! Meeting in the LCM room during the Sunday School hour at 9:45am on Sunday, we will hear from a diverse group of Christian leaders as we endeavor to dismantle white supremacy.

Books will be provided. You can also purchase a digital copy for your smartphone or tablet. Children are welcome to come, and kids activities will be provided!

Please contact Courtney Green or Eunice Lehmacher with any questions.

Lutheran Men in Mission

Lutheran Men in Mission will meet at 7 PM on Monday, March 2nd.

We will meet at the home of Tony and Rachel Quesada, located at 520 Timber

Lane in Anderson.

For information, please contact Jim Jones at 240 671-7182 or lmjones4@nctv.com.

Martha Lee Reception, March 7th

If you are able to provide a finger food/dessert or help with setup/cleanup for Martha Lee's reception, please contact Cheryl Summers, 864-653-5790 or clsumme12@hotmail.com

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY

THE PROMISED ONE

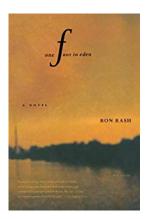
"Seeing Jesus in Genesis"

Nancy Guthrie: DVD Bible Study

TUESDAYS through 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.

QUESTIONS: KAREN DREHER or MARILYN DELOACH



A Novel Bunch - All are Welcome to Join Us!

During the months of March thru May of 2020, we are featuring books by local authors.

On Thursday, March 19th, we will meet at noon in the Fellowship Hall to discuss *One Foot in Eden* by Ron Rash.

This book intertwines a murder mystery with the deliberate flooding of a South Carolina Appalachian valley. "Equal parts vintage crime novel and southern Gothic, full of aching ambivalence and hard compromises, and rounded off by bad faith and bad choices, *One Foot in Eden* is a veritable garden of earthly discomfort."

- Los Angeles Times
 - Our April 16th book selection is *Eleanor Roosevelt Goes to Prison* by Kathryn Smith and Kelly Durham. Kelly Durham will be joining us for our discussion.



GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

LENTEN OFFERING

FEBRUARY 23 – APRIL 12 (Easter)

Save your coins and help purchase barnyard gifts such as: sheep, fish, cows, pigs, goats, honey bees and oxen.

These gifts make a world of difference for a family in need.

Barnyard coin boxes available in the Narthex.

You may also give by check through the church or directly to ELCA Good Gifts.

Questions: Karen Dreher

WELCA Spring Conference March 14, 2020 (Please disregard 2019 year date on flyer below.)

WELCA Foothills Spring Conference March 14, 2019 10:00am - 2:00pm St. John's Lutheran, Walhalla SC

Help us to "Change" the world by "Building a Better Future"



Program speaker, Jon Goyert of Oconee County Habitat for Humanity, will speak about current efforts in providing, decent, affordable housing in partnership with local families and how volunteer efforts and donations make this vital work possible.

> St. John's Lutheran Church 301 W. Main Street Walhalla, SC 29691 Registration begins at 9:30am

Presidents: Please RSVP by March 2nd to Barbara Wilson, 260 Hickory Hollow Rd., Walhalla, SC 29691 or by email: hickoryhollowbw@bellsouth.net

Operation In as Much Saturday, March 28th 8:30 am-12:00 noon

Jesus said in essence,

Inasmuch as you serve the least of these, you serve me.

Come be part of serving our community! Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am by LCM and we will begin working on projects at 9:00 am. If you are not an

early riser, come join us at the Fellowship Hall any time that morning.

We will be going out in the community to:

Abernathy Park - cleanup

Habitat for Humanity (Limit 6 people)

Littlejohn Community Center mulch spreading

In the Fellowship Hall, we will be:
Painting Hope Globes
Stringing scrub hats for GHS Children's
Tying fleece blankets
Making Easter cards for our shut-ins

Please sign up so that we can have enough food for all!

Join us for a great morning of fellowship and service.

Any questions, contact Judy Aikens, 724-831-8104, jbaikens57@gmail.com or Michael Cook, 803-394-0245, rcook8@g.clemson.edu

Clemson Community News

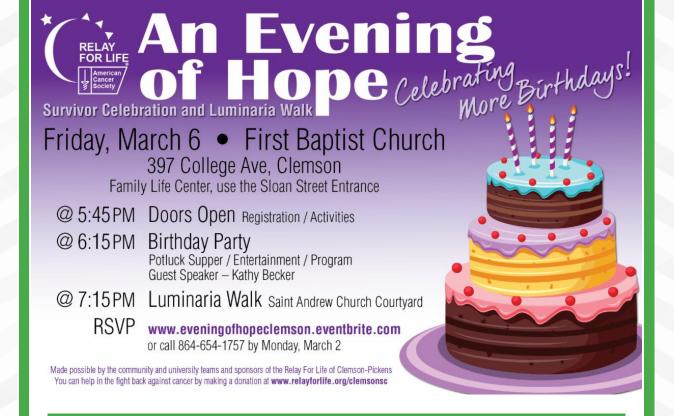
Did You Know?

Clemson Community Care:

- was founded out of the faith community in 1988 as a way to coordinate services to those in need.
- serves residents of Clemson, Central, and Pendleton.
- provides assistance with basic services: food, shelter, utilities.
- distributed over 185,000 pounds of food in 2019.
- served over 7,600 individuals in 2018. Seventy percent of clients are women of which over half have children under age 18.
- does not distribute expired food or dented/unlabeled cans. Food must remain in its original packaging (large bags/boxes cannot be broken up).
- operates with the philosophy of treating our neighbors with dignity and respect.

For more information and for ways to help,

see clemsoncommunitycare.org.



UniLu Concerns & Celebrations

UniLu Prayer Concerns

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends: Ada Lou Steirer; Herm Spitzer; Patty Smith; Gail Paul; Pat Wagner; Rosalyn Flanigan; George Harris; Tony Quesada; Gene Copenhaver; Randy Gilchrist; Larry Bock; Joyce Lillehamer; The Childress Family as they await the arrival of Baby Boy #2.

UniLu Celebrations

Celebrating Birthdays this Coming Week: Dan Shonka.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this Week: Don & Marie Lynn.

Parish Information

Click <u>HERE</u> for UniLu Calendar

Click <u>HERE</u> for Prayer Fellowship List

Click <u>HERE</u> to see Sunday Servers

LINKS

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

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.