



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

March 11, 2020



From Pastor Jon

I am grateful to Lena Jones for her article on Covid-19 (see below) and what we can be doing to help protect ourselves and our neighbors. The next two to four weeks will be crucial in our ability to mitigate the damage done to friends, families, neighbors and strangers. Renee and I have cancelled our April trip to California; missing two family weddings and seeing our grandkids is disappointing to say the least, but since we made our decision TSA agents at San Jose and LAX Airports have tested positive for the virus. Personally, Renee and I are in good health although we are inching closer to the 60 year mark. But, if we were to become exposed/infected, and with an incubation period of up to 14 days without any symptoms, it wasn't a risk we wanted to take on behalf of everyone we would subsequently come in contact with.

Regarding the congregation, as of Wednesday morning at 10 AM, we still plan on having our 6PM Thursday night Lenten meal followed by worship at 7PM. Our Sunday worship services are still planned although we encourage you to refrain from shaking hands in the coming weeks. Our sermons are posted to the University Lutheran Clemson Facebook page, if you decide to stay at home for a week or two. A tip I picked up from a colleague was to put the trash cans outside of the bathrooms to remind people that after washing your hands use the paper towel for use on the door handle, then throw it away. Millions of

people individually doing wise things can have a dramatic, positive effect in slowing the spread, or “flattening the curve”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/11/science/coronavirus-curve-mitigation-infection.html>

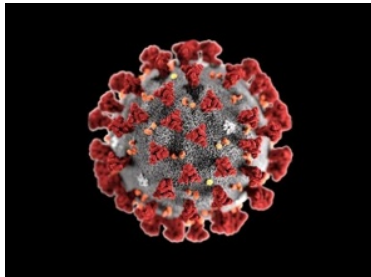
“What is the greatest command?” Jesus was asked. “To love the Lord your God with all your heart, MIND, soul and strength.” Even as we pray for those who are mourning, those who are sick or dying, we can also take other mindful actions to assist during this outbreak.

Please contact me at 843-304-5664 or pastorjon12@gmail.com if you have any questions, concerns or just want to talk. Please also check in with one another, especially if you haven’t seen a friend at worship in a while.

As for the daffodil picture, these are known as “Fortissimo.” Hope you enjoy.

God’s peace & hope,

Pastor Jon



Ways You Can Protect Your Family and Help Slow the Spread of CoronaVirus in Our Community

Greater numbers of people are being infected with the COVID-19 coronavirus. Below are steps we can take immediately to reduce our risk of getting and spreading the virus within our community.

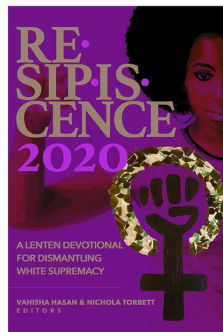
- Proper and frequent hand washing with soap and water for 20 seconds. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Abstain from close contact with sick individuals.
- *If you are sick, stay home! If someone in your house is sick, stay home* to avoid unknowingly spreading the virus to others.
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces with approved cleaners.

- If you are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19 because of your age or because you have a serious long-term health problem, take extra measures to reduce your risk of getting sick with the disease. Put distance between yourself and other people to further reduce your risk of being exposed to this new virus.
- Check in with family and friends who live alone—especially those with chronic diseases. If you live alone, ask your friends and family to check in with you if you become sick.

For additional information and ongoing updates on COVID-19, please refer to local and state health departments and the CDC's Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

-Lena Jones, RN BSN MS

Fellowship & Service



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.

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

LENTEN OFFERING

NOW THRU 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

Hilltoppers

You may have heard news reports about the death of Katherine Johnson last month at the age of 101. This may not have meant anything to you, but our very own Cindy Honeycutt will be telling us about her amazing life at our March Hilltoppers meeting on **March 19th at 12:00.**

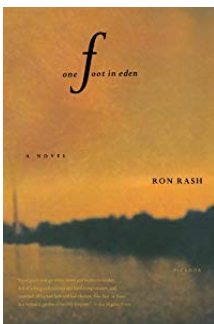
Katherine Johnson was one of the black female “computers” working for NASA to calculate the trajectories that allowed the astronauts to land on the moon and safely return.

Their stories are told in the book and movie “Hidden Figures”.

We invite everyone who is interested to join us.

Bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we can plan for food.



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.

WELCA - Ruth Circle

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

All ladies are invited.

Donna Hershberger is in charge of the program and is hostess.

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!

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

Please click [HERE](#) to sign up!

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



Blood Drive

Early Notice: UniLu Blood Drive **March 30th, 4pm to 7pm.**
More information to follow soon!



Men and Women in Blue

The Evangelism Committee is once again providing a lunch, **Thursday, April 9th** for the *Men and Women in Blue* who work in Clemson and at Clemson University as police, fire fighters and EMS.

If you would like to contribute a dessert for the lunch, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Sharon Runge at myfivegrands@bellsouth.net
or 864-247-8912.

Desserts may be dropped off Thursday, April 9th by 9am.

UniLu Prayer Concerns

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends:

Ada Lou Steirer; Herm Spitzer; 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: John Blackmon; Addy Willis; David Foster; Rich Ringeisen; Logan Pelfrey; Sarah Smith.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this Week: Keith & Carol Miller.

Parish Information

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

Click [HERE](#) to see Sunday Servers

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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.*