



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

April 8, 2020



FROM PASTOR JON

We invite you to join us for worship on Maundy Thursday at 7 PM, and again on Good Friday at 7 PM.

Both worship services will be presented on Facebook Live, then posted to our UniLu YouTube Channel soon thereafter.

You can also view the worship services on our website:

www.uniluclemson.org and select the tab “Sermons.”

Our Easter Sunday worship will also be presented using Facebook Live at 9 AM.

Please join us for all three services to make this Holy Week meaningful, even as we are unable to be in the same physical space.

God's peace & hope, Pastor Jon

Here's the link to our YouTube Channel where you can also see the morning devotionals and previous worship services:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQVMnXOXzFkX65vue_fONog



SCAM ALERT!

Dear Friends,

Pastor Josh and I will never, never, email, text, Facebook Messenger or any other non-face to face/unprovable way of asking you for funds.

Scammers go into overdrive during times of crisis counting on many people wanting to respond generously and that people may not be paying as close attention due to the times. Unethical people can get my photo & title from the web, including our own website, and then fake that they are me, or Pastor Josh, asking for money to help someone else. Most of the time the email address and phone number may resemble mine, but it will not be mine, unless I've truly been hacked. If that happens, please re-read the first paragraph above.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the ministries that are known to you as we go about loving and serving our neighbors.

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

Parish Updates



REDUCING THE RISK OF CONTRACTING OR TRANSMITTING THE CORONAVIRUS

South Carolina is now under a *Home-or-Work Order*. Over 2,232 cases have been confirmed and on Monday the Dept. of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) estimated that South Carolina could currently have around 15,300 total cases!

How Best to Protect Myself, My Family, Friends and People in the Community:

- ***Stay home!*** Minimize contact with people outside your household to prevent the spread of the disease. People may still leave their homes to work, obtain essential supplies such as food or medicine, engage in exercise and care for family members.
- Practice social distancing.
- Regularly wash your hands.

Anyone with concerns about their health should reach out to their healthcare provider or use the telehealth services provided by several health care systems. For telehealth options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit www.scdhec.gov/COVID-19. Visit www.scdmh.net for stress, anxiety and mental health resources from the S.C. Department of Mental Health.

Use of Cloth Masks for the General Public: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released recommendations regarding the use of cloth face coverings. Homemade masks may reduce the amount of virus one breathes out and may prevent you from touching your nose and mouth. Homemade masks are recommended to be used in situations where social distancing may be difficult to maintain, like at a grocery store, pharmacy, etc. Homemade masks are *NOT* intended to replace social distancing and hand washing, which we must continue in order to protect ourselves. Please do not run out and buy masks! It is important that we save the manufactured masks for our healthcare providers and first responders who need them most.

Heavenly Father, please help us to stay strong in body as well as in spirit, to have the wisdom and prudence to do what is called for, to have empathy for all those who are suffering, and to live in your love, presence, and strength. Protect our first responders and health care providers as they care for us during this difficult time. Amen.

God's Peace, Lena Jones, RN BSN MS



To give electronically, look for this icon on the lower right of the University Lutheran webpage at <http://uniluclemson.org/>. Click on “Give an Offering.” Or [CLICK HERE](#) to go directly to the giving page.

Dear Congregation,

We know all members of the congregation are under some form of distress given the coronavirus pandemic. We all miss seeing each other in Church. The ministries of the church do go on, and you should all know that you can reach out to the church for assistance. Many of us stand ready to fetch medications and groceries and provide other help.

Our other regular ministries go on as well. So, if you are able to continue contributing financially to our Church, please do so. We appreciate that some of you cannot. Electronic giving is available from the Church website or you can go directly to the giving page by [CLICKING HERE](#). Of course, you can also mail your contributions directly to the church. The mail is being collected – in a proper socially distant manner.

Everyone in the Church is receiving prayers. Please keep our Church in your prayers, too.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND AS WE NAVIGATE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY TOGETHER (Subject to Change as Circumstances Change)

- **All worship services and church meetings will be conducted online until CDC/NIH give a declaration that people can gather in groups of more than 100.** Sunday service livestreamed at 9 AM on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/> later posted to our website www.uniluclemson.org and YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQVMnXOXzFkX65vue_fONog.
- Council has requested that the pastors not have in-person pastoral visits, except in the case of life-threatening emergency.
- Pastors will use telecare or other methods for the duration of this public health emergency.
- Pastors can be reached via cell phone 24/7. Please **DO NOT CALL THE**

- Church administrative assistant, Abi Donhauser will work remotely from her home office. She can be reached during normal office hours Monday - Thursday, 7 am to 12 noon & 1 pm to 2:30 pm; Friday 8 am to 12 noon at **864-722-5504 or by email; unilusecretary@gmail.com.**
- LCM meals will be provided as boxed/to-go meals rather than usual group meals. A small number of people will help with meal preparation.
- This public health emergency may leave people feeling isolated. To combat this, Council and others in the congregation, who desire to do so, (volunteers are welcome!) will be asked to contact others regularly to check in (lists will be provided).
- Church facilities remain available to congregation members, but we suggest that this be for **INDIVIDUALS ONLY AND NOT FOR GATHERINGS/MEETINGS.**
- Clemson Community Care will continue their regular schedule of operations. Donations can be made at the church (baskets in narthex) or can be brought directly to their facility. Online monetary donations are also greatly appreciated

Community Ministry



Masks, Masks Everywhere!

Anmed is still requesting sewn cloth masks. See their website at <https://anmedhealth.org/coronavirus>. Scroll down to "Donations" and it will explain what they require. They are requesting 8,000 masks. There is a donation form to be completed with the masks. Please include University Lutheran Church as the organization.

While GHS is not officially in need of masks at the moment, Cathy Harris will take masks made from the Halyard H600 two-ply spun polypropylene for the hospital. These are made following the prototype created by anesthesiologists at the University of Florida. Go to this link to read more about them and for instructions on making them:

<https://www.gainesville.com/news/20200326/more-coronavirus-diy-uf-upcycles-for-masks>

Cathy has obtained a large amount of polypropylene. All you need in addition to this is 16-gauge wire. Anyone interested in making these masks, let me know and I will share the material with you!

Blessings to all during this unique time. Any questions, contact Judy Aikens at 724-831-8104; jbaikens57@gmail.com.



*A huge "Thank You" to Brenda Monn!
These are 50 masks she has completed that are on
their way to Anmed!*

OPERATION INASMUCH ALTERNATIVE

**When: Now Thru End of Social Distancing
*Serve Eagerly!***

Jesus said in essence, *Inasmuch as you serve the least of these, you serve me.* **PHYSICAL DISTANCING HAS BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH APRIL.** Here is an updated list of **THINGS WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO** to serve our neighbors.

- 1) Keep sending cards! See the list of names of our "LCM Friends," "shut-ins," those who are ill, and healthcare workers/first responders by clicking **[HERE](#)**. If we have left anyone off this list, please let us know and we will send out an updated list. We know these cards are appreciated!

- 2) We have many members who work in health care or are first responders. Pray for them during this time. In addition to these, any other folks working in the community (grocery stores, postal workers, etc.) where they are exposed to more people need our prayers. Those being laid off need our prayers. Those with COVID-19 need our prayers. If you have names to be

added to the list, let the church know!

3) Hospitals are experiencing a blood shortage right now. If you are healthy and qualify, donate!!!

4) The church is organizing a group to make sure each of us in our church family is contacted each week. You too can reach out to others, your neighbors, family or friends. Facetime or Skype with them!

5) View Pastor Jon's messages each day on Facebook. Participate in online worship. <https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/>

6) When grocery shopping (if you still go out), pick up items for a neighbor and leave them on their doorstep. If you cannot or should not go out, **ASK!** someone to shop for you! Those who can are willing to help! Alternately, make an online donation to Clemson Community Care, Our Daily Bread or other charity.

7) Take pictures and share them with us through email or Facebook! It was great to see everyone's palms!

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UniLu Concerns & Celebrations

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; Judy Morrison's nephew, Christopher Stott; expecting parents, Donny & Cathy Harris.

UNILU CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating Birthdays this Coming Week: Jean Askew; Sarah Hood; Douglas Paul; Becky Spray.

Parish Information

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

[SC LUTHERAN MAGAZINE](#)

[UNILU WEBSITE • LECTIONARY/READINGS](#)

[LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY • SC SYNOD](#)

[ELCA GOOD GIFTS](#)

* 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.