



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

April 22, 2020



FROM PASTOR JON

Time has taken on a different dimension during this sheltering in place. No big white board calendar to see in Abi's office. Daily routines thoroughly upended. Leading me to this point: "Pastor Jon, do you have an article for the Enews?" Nuts.

Not one that I had prepared well.

So, know this. If you too are feeling a little discombobulated you are not alone. When I think I've gotten it together, I've forgotten where I put it, as the saying goes.

Next week I'll be better prepared, till then enjoy this picture of these beautiful Iris decorating our yard – compliments of Pastor Chris and Laura Heavner.

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

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



Church
Council

COUNCIL NOTES

Council met on Monday, April 20th to discuss the current status and future plans of the church.

- Lena Jones gave a very informative overview of the new federal guidelines for re-openings. THANK YOU, Lena! (See next article entitled "Reopening Our Lives.")
- We will continue to monitor the guidelines from federal, state, and local officials as to re-openings and gathering sizes. Gatherings of 100 or more people is the target we are using.
- We will continue to meet virtually through at least May 31, at which time

Council will re-evaluate. We are not in a hurry to re-open the physical church and gather together in person until it is safe to do so.

- Worship and devotions will continue on Facebook Live (and posted to other venues) as they are currently.
- Upon physical re-opening, worship will still continue to be streamed on Facebook Live and posted for those who are not ready or able to resume face-to-face worship.
- Worship and Music Committee will evaluate how we carry out our worship services and discuss changes that should be made as we move forward once we begin worshipping back together in our physical space.
- A big THANK YOU to our pastors, Judi, and everyone else who have worked so hard to provide us with a meaningful Sunday worship, devotions, music, and the many other things that enrich our lives spiritually and emotionally during these times! May the Holy Spirit continue to work in all of us!



REOPENING OUR LIVES

Saturday while in our backyard my husband Jim and I spotted a monarch butterfly fluttering around a milkweed plant. The monarch looked weary from its long journey from Mexico, but was determined to carry on with laying her eggs to create the next generation. I am sure we are all feeling weary from our journey with the coronavirus. During this difficult time remember *Isaiah 26:4. Trust in the Lord forever; for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock.*

The White House Task Force recently published *Opening Up America Again* guidance on the reopening of local businesses, educational and recreational activities to be done in a phased approach that includes an initial *Gating Phase* followed by three additional phases. The document provides guidance on when it is advisable to proceed on to the next phase in order to reduce the risk of a resurgence of the virus while protecting the most vulnerable people within our community. People such as the elderly and individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions

requiring such therapy.

Below is a brief synopsis of each of the phases. The guidelines include continued good hygiene such as hand washing, disinfection for all phases.

The *Opening Up American Again* guidance can be found at:

www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/#criteria.

Gating Phase:

- **Downward trajectory of both influenza like illness and coronavirus illness cases and positive cases as measured by percentage of total tests during a 14-day period.**
- **Robust testing capability in place for high risk healthcare workers including antibody testing.**
- **Local healthcare providers have ability to treat all patients and an increase in cases without entering crisis mode.**
- **Ability to quickly and independently supply efficient Personal Protective Equipment and critical medical equipment to handle dramatic surge in need.**
- **Prior to advancing to Phase 1 and subsequent phases, the above criteria should again be satisfied before proceeding to the next phase.**

Phase 1:

- **ALL VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS should continue to shelter in place.**
- **WHEN IN PUBLIC (e.g., parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), maximize physical distance from others.**
- **SOCIAL SETTINGS OF MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE, where appropriate distancing may not be practical, should be avoided unless precautionary measures are observed.**
- **SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES (e.g., daycare, camp) that are currently closed should remain closed.**
- **VISITS TO SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS should be prohibited.**
- **LARGE VENUES (e.g., sit down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under strict physical distancing protocols.**

Phase 2:

- **ALL VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS should continue to shelter in place.**

- **ALL INDIVIDUALS, WHEN IN PUBLIC** (e.g., parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), should maximize physical distance from others.
- **SOCIAL SETTINGS OF MORE THAN 50 PEOPLE**, where appropriate distancing may not be practical, should be avoided unless precautionary measures are observed.
- **SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES** (e.g., daycare, camp) can reopen.
- **VISITS TO SENIOR CARE FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS** should be prohibited.
- **LARGE VENUES** (e.g., sit down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under moderate physical distancing protocols.

Phase 3:

- **VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS CAN RESUME** public interactions, but should practice physical distancing, minimizing exposure to social settings where distancing may not be practical, unless precautionary measures are observed.
- **LOW RISK POPULATIONS** should consider minimizing time spent in crowded spaces.
- **VISITS TO SENIOR CARE FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS** can resume.
- **LARGE VENUES** (e.g., sit down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under limited physical distancing protocols.

What does all this mean? Vulnerable people will need to continue to shelter in place as much as possible as we progress through the phases. And, we all need to continue to practice good hygiene to protect ourselves and our neighbors. PEOPLE WHO FEEL SICK SHOULD STAY HOME!

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Amen.

God's Peace, Lena Jones, RN BSN MS



Thank you for your support! At this time, please save you banks until we can safely worship together again. Thank you!

-Karen Dreher



A LETTER FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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 and subsequently the severe storms and tornado. 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_fON0g.
- 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 OFFICE.** Pastor Jon: 843-304-5664; Pastor Josh: 919-744-1590.
- 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.** Please thoroughly sanitize after use.
- 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!

A huge Thank You to all the mask makers!!!

Our masks are traveling nationwide!!

Over 100 masks from UNILU have been taken to



AnMed. At the end of last week, AnMed met their goal of 8,000 masks (2 per employee). They are now partnering with United Way of Anderson County to disperse any extra masks to first responders and others in need of masks.

Folks in our church have sent masks to California, Colorado, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Massachusetts and Virginia! Health care workers throughout the country are in need of these.

We are starting work on the polypropylene masks for Cathy Harris at GHS Memorial. Let me know if you wish to sew any of these or if you know of health care workers or first responders in need of these.

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

OPERATION INASMUCH ALTERNATIVE

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

***Jesus said in essence, “Inasmuch as you serve the least of these,
you serve me.”***

**UNILU’s doors will remain shut through May.
However, we still can continue to love our neighbors by:**

- 1) Donate to Seneca Tornado Relief Fund. Mail your check to: Seneca City Hall PO Box 4773, Seneca SC 29679. Or – give to *Our Daily Bread* or other food banks in Seneca area.
- 2) Keep sending cards! See the list of names of our “LCM Friends,” “shut-ins,” those who are ill, first responders/health care workers 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 are appreciated! Send cards to those impacted by the tornado too!

3) 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!

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

5) Continue with all the things you have been doing – church online, shop for someone who is high risk, make a phone call, be creative!

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UniLu Concerns & Celebrations

UNILU PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends: 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 WEEK: Chris Cox; Greg Bauld; Rebecca Quesada; Sara Quesada; Marian Benton.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: James & Sue Reneke.

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar
Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

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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: <https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/>

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.