



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

April 29, 2020



FROM PASTOR JON

A few random stories:

1. I spoke of these Japanese Iris last week during my Front Yard Garden Tour devotion; but now they are really starting to bloom.

For those who missed the devotion, these iris were a gift from my neighbor. Her yard had grown too shady, so they were no longer blooming. We have afternoon sun so I said I'd be happy to transplant them to our yard and we can both enjoy them! So that's what I did three years ago. The first year they had transplant shock so they didn't bloom. But this year & last year they have bloomed profusely. It was nice to see her and her husband enjoying the blooms as they went for their neighborhood walk.

2. I saw a Facebook meme that certainly resonated with me with regards to trying to keep time straight during this complete upheaval of schedules: "Today is Blursday, the fortyteenth of Mayprilay."

3. What has become an almost weekly event for me, other pastors and bishop's offices, someone has written a "phishing email" claiming to be me (they did spell both first and last name right this time!) but the email address

they used was off by one character: pastorrjon12@gmail.com. Sure looks like me, but it's off by one "r". This is not a hack of my email account, it's someone lying by using an email account close to mine. Although we have a column elsewhere about Scams/Spam/Phishing, I'll say it here too. **Pastor Josh & I will never send texts, emails, etc. trying to raise funds from you for causes you don't recognize as legit, beg you to help me rescue a cat up a tree, or "am currently away in a meeting so please just send me gifts cards, \$1,000,000 or your first born puppy."** Although I do like dogs. Sadly, especially during chaotic times, there are those unscrupulous people who prey on other's generosity. So I'll share this blessing someone from the congregation shared with me:

“May God bless them with a more positive and socially productive livelihood. Or arthritic fingers.”

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

Lutheran Campus Ministry

RECOGNIZING LCM SENIORS

One of the realities of being a congregation that supports campus ministry is that we regularly say goodbye to people we've grown to love. This year is a little different, because our goodbyes are coming at a distance. The following students will be graduating this summer. If you would like to reach out to them personally, talk to Pastor Josh to get in touch with them.

Emma Berry graduated in December with a B.A. in Performing Arts, concentration in Audio Technology. She has been in Clemson this past semester working at Brooks. And she plans to work as an audio tech for a production company, as well as a stage assistant for Joyce Meyer Ministries.

Alice Cox will receive her Master's in Agricultural Education in August, after having received her Bachelor's just this past December. She is hoping to return to Southwest or Southern Virginia to teach Agriculture in a High

School.

Katherine Floyd is graduating with degrees in Microbiology and Biochemistry. And this fall she will move to St. Louis to begin working towards a PhD in Molecular Cell Biology.

Kristen Klein is graduating with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering with a minor in Music. She is heading to Lancaster, PA sometime this summer to work as a process engineer for Armstrong World Industries.

Daniel Koon is graduating with a degree in Environmental and Natural Resource Management, with a minor in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology. He has a job lined up with the SCDOT Environmental Office once the pandemic dies down.

Calvin Norman is graduating with a Master's of Science in Forestry. He has accepted a job with Penn State Extension, and he will be working as a Forestry and Wildlife Extension Agent starting this June in Altoon, PA.

Megan Pietruszewski will also be moving, and hopes to continue to teach for Clemson online.

Rebecca Suhr is graduating with a B.A. in History and a minor in Travel and Tourism. This summer she will be a part of the Senior Staff at Lutheridge, and then she will pursue a career in Heritage Tourism.

Parish Updates



REOPENING OUR LIVES

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

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD



Thank you for your support! At this time, please save your 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

Join the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge!



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

Our masks are traveling nationwide!!

If you are personally in need of a mask, please contact me!!!! We have plenty to share!!

We are continuing 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. Currently, GHS has an adequate supply of N95 masks.

A new challenge has been raised by Lutheran World Relief – to make 75,000 masks to send worldwide. See their website: lwr.org/masks

From the LWR website:

Not all heroes wear capes. Some make face masks. Many people in developing countries don't have the option of social distancing or frequent hand washing to slow the spread of COVID-19. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now says cloth face masks, along with hand washing and social distancing may help reduce transmission.

We need your help to sew cloth face masks to help us reach men, women and children in vulnerable communities.

After all, Lutheran World Relief was founded 75 years ago to help neighbors around the globe who were suffering during World War II. What will be our generation's legacy during this time of crisis?

Go to the website for detailed instructions. They are accepting masks thru October 1, 2020.

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

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 locally: give to Our Daily Bread, other food banks in Seneca area or to the Seneca Tornado Relief Fund.
- 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 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; Marie & Don Lynn's son, John Nagle; Judy Morrison's nephew, Christopher Stott; expecting parents, Donny & Cathy Harris.

UNILU CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Noelle Ealey; Cynthia Nelson; Ned Johnson; Harold Holt.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: George & Jean Askew.

Parish Information

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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.