



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

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FROM PASTOR JON

Jesus said, “Love your neighbor as yourself. He didn’t say love your Christian neighbor as yourself. Or love the neighbor who looks like you as yourself. He said, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

No truer words were spoken. And this by a confirmation student from close to fifteen years ago. It obviously made a deep impression on me, this student sharing wisdom with the teacher.

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

This pandemic is getting wearing. For those of us and our neighbors who have been relatively unaffected, this may be through an overall sense of dis-ease. A sense of loss for those weddings missed, vacations to family cancelled, graduations and anniversaries upended. I described it to Renee as like a low grade fever that you know is there but you keep muddling through.

This pandemic may be suffocating for our neighbors who thrive on interaction with others, or be debilitating for our neighbors with anxiety or depression.

This pandemic may be economically crippling for our neighbors who have lost

jobs or had their hours reduced. It may be life threatening if compelled to return to work environments that are not yet reasonably safe.

This pandemic is over for our neighbors who have lost their lives. What remains is the grief of our neighbors mourning their loved ones, and not being able to mourn in traditional, face to face, shoulder to cry on kinds of ways.

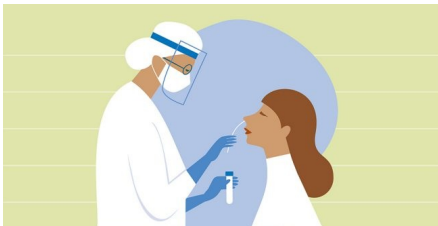
“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

This may be through a text, a card or a call. It may be in a few extra minutes in intercessory prayer, or trying to find new ways to creatively connect while maintaining safe physical distancing. It may be expressed in laments hurled to the heavens, “How long O Lord?!” It could be a gift of any size to a local food pantry or summer camp trying to hang on.

If me or Pastor Josh can be of any help, please let us know. It is good to hear from one another, to catch up and be part of that mutual care and consolation of the saints.

God's peace & hope,
Pastor Jon

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES



SHOULD I GET TESTED FOR CORONAVIRUS IF I AM NOT SICK?

The test done with a swab of the nose or mouth detects if the virus is present. There is a delay between the time that someone is exposed to the virus and the time that the virus can be detected through this testing. It can only be reliably detected when someone is sick with symptoms. If someone tests negative for the virus when they are not sick, this does not mean they will not eventually become sick. This should be considered when someone gets tested when they do not have symptoms.

As of May 23rd, a total of 168,908 total tests have been conducted in the state by both DHEC's Public Health Laboratory and private labs. DHEC's Public Health Laboratory is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week. The Public Health Laboratory's current time-frame for providing results to health care providers is 24-48 hours.

As part of an ongoing effort to increase testing in under-served and rural communities across the state, DHEC is working with community partners to set up mobile testing clinics that bring testing to these communities. Currently, there are 58 mobile testing events scheduled through June 26th with new testing events added regularly. In addition to the mobile testing events, there are also 145 permanent testing locations at health care facilities throughout the state.

To find a location near you – including address, hours of operation and additional details – at www.scdhec.gov/covid19testing

Have a general question about COVID-19?

Call the DHEC Care Line at 1-855-472-3432 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily.

Additional information can be found on DHEC's FAQ site at:

<https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/frequently-asked-questions-covid-19>

God's Peace,

Lena Jones, RN, BSN, MS

TESTING FOR THOSE WITH COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Prisma Health is offering community screenings for COVID-19:

**Thursday, May 28th, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Walhalla High School
(Spring Sports Parking Lot), 4701 Hwy. 11, Walhalla 29691**

Here is what you should know about testing sites:

- All those who think they might have COVID-19 will be tested.
- No one needs a doctor's order.
- Testing will be given regardless of ability to pay.
- No appointment is needed.
- All those taking part will be given masks when they arrive. They will also be asked to maintain social distancing.
- Test results should come back within four days.
- Everyone tested will receive follow-up information about test results – whether positive or negative – from providers at Prisma Health.
- Everyone will get tips on isolating at home if sick, caring for themselves and seeking more help if symptoms worsen.
- In the event of inclement weather, testing events could be rescheduled.
- For more information, go to www.prismahealth.org/coronavirus

COVID-19

Guidance for persons who have tested positive for COVID-19

If you have tested positive for COVID-19, it's important that you take precautions to protect other people's health and limit the spread of this illness.

DHEC recommends that you isolate yourself from others and do the following:

1. Do not have direct contact with others.



- Stay home and avoid contact with others.
 - Do not go to work or school during this period.
 - Discuss your work situation with your employer before returning to work.
- Do not take public transportation, taxis, or ride-shares while practicing social distancing.
- Do not go to crowded places (such as shopping centers and movie theaters) or participate in public activities.
- Avoid contact with others in your home. Household members should stay in another room or be separated from you as much as possible. Household members should use a separate bedroom and bathroom, if available.
- Keep your distance from others (about 6 feet) and don't allow visitors.
- Avoid contact with pets and other animals. If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wash your hands before and after you interact with pets and wear a facemask or cloth face covering.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60 to 95% alcohol.
- Wear a facemask, if available, when around other people. If you can't wear a facemask, others should wear a facemask, if available, when they're around you.
- Avoid sharing personal and household items such as dishes, bedding, towels, and other items. Wash these items thoroughly after you use them.
- Clean 'high-touch' surfaces frequently with a household spray or wipes. These surfaces include such things as counters, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, phones, keyboards, and lamps.
- DHEC recommends that you do these activities until your respiratory symptoms (such as cough and shortness of breath) and other symptoms are better AND at least 10 days have passed since your illness onset AND you have been fever free without the use of fever-reducing medication for 3 days.

2. If you need to seek medical care during this time:

- Call your healthcare provider before going to their office.
- If emergency medical treatment is required for any condition, call 911. Tell the 911 operator and the emergency crew that you are in Home Isolation due to COVID-19.



**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 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

**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.



COMMUNITY MINISTRY

CLEMSON COMMUNITY CARE NEEDS

Clemson Community Care has a need for the following food items:

Jello, cans of soup, pudding, and cans of mixed vegetables.

Any food items will be appreciated.

Non-food items which are always needed: diapers, wipes, toiletries, laundry detergent.

We are so thankful for your continued support!



JOIN THE 75,000 - NOW 150,000! 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!!

Lutheran World Relief's mask challenge has increased to 150,000 masks. 84,200 are pledged as of May 19, 2020. See their website: lwr.org/masks to make your pledge and get instructions on how to make their masks. Ellen Reneke has offered to mail all masks we make for LWR when we are done. Ellen now has a drop off box inside the narthex door as you come in from the upstairs parking lot. Please package in bags of 25 masks. Any additional ones, place in box loose.

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 June. However, our hearts remain open to continue to love our neighbors by:

1) Be sure to take care of yourself: get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather, take advantage of the fresh produce - strawberries can be picked locally, start your day with other Unilu members at "Jammies with Jesus" each morning, Monday - Saturday at 7:30 am on facebook (link below). We are no good to others if we are depleted.

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

2) Donate locally: give to Clemson Community Care or other charities in Clemson and Seneca.

3) 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!

4) 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!

5) Hospitals are experiencing a blood shortage right now. If you are healthy

and qualify, please donate!!!

6) Sign up to cook a meal for Family Promise in June. **See Family Promise article below.** A huge "Thank You!" to those who have already signed up. We are almost filled!

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

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



FAMILY PROMISE JUNE MEAL PREPARATION

2020 has been a bit unique for Family Promise.

We, with Holy Trinity Episcopal (HTE) were scheduled to host a week in February and a week in March. These had to be canceled due to construction at HTE.

Subsequently, we have been forced to close our doors as a result of COVID-19. Currently, there are no guests at Family Promise. We had a recent graduation! Family Promise is doing intake interviews and is devising a plan as to how best to house a family in light of COVID-19

As of now, we will not need cooks May 31 thru June 6. However, we are still planning to provide meals - just in case - June 14 thru June 27.

Please sign up at [Family Promise June Meal Signup](#) or email me if you are willing to prepare a meal, dates you are available and if you are willing to drive the meal to Easley. If not, there are folks both at UNILU and HTE that are willing to deliver the meals. Also, let me know if you don't wish to cook but would be willing to deliver a meal.

UniLu's goal is to prepare at least 12 of the meals. Thus far, we have 9 meals covered.

A huge Thank You to all who volunteer!

Judy Aikens; jbaikens57@gmail.com

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

UNILU CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating Birthdays this Week: Ellen Reneke; Molly Parkhill; Richard Sanders; Marion Fisher; Isabel Espinoza.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this Week: Dan & Deanie Shonka; Bill & Cleo Shields; Raz & Sue Rysinski; Bill & Jennifer Neary.

PARISH INFORMATION

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

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Miss a service? The recorded church sermons, audio and video, are posted weekly to the website: www.uniluclmson.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.