



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

July 15, 2020



FROM PASTOR JON

Well, it's July 15, revised Tax Day for us! This morning's devotion referenced Mark 12:13-17; an interaction between some Pharisees and Jesus regarding taxes and the Emperor. You

can view that on University Lutheran Church's Facebook page or here on our University Lutheran YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zY1uDwpiq38&t=13s>

I'd like to touch on a different aspect of that encounter which I did not address in the devotion, and that is with regards to honest communication and openness to learning. Mark writes "...they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him..." This was not a good faith encounter or an open exchange of ideas and desire to learn. There was a hidden agenda. But Jesus, "knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, 'Why are you putting me to the test?'"

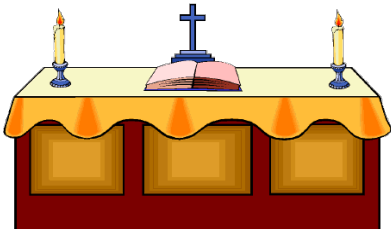
How different that encounter could have been if those particular Pharisees and Herodians had been open to what Jesus was teaching and doing. If they had been able to temporarily set aside everything they knew, or thought they knew, to be open to the new thing God was doing through Jesus.

That's the opportunity we have from one another. To learn. To grow. To

provoke one another to good deeds and to become more like Christ. Thank you for the many ways you are a “little Christ” (Martin Luther’s phrase from “Freedom of a Christian”) to me and to our neighbors near and far.

God’s peace, justice & love,

Pastor Jon



VISITING THE SANCTUARY

These days, while we are worshiping together online, it may be nice to visit the sanctuary and use that space to connect with God in different ways. It could provide an opportunity for individual peace and prayer for yourself (or together as a family unit).

Thank you for respecting the following guidelines. They will help to ensure your safety and the safety of others.

Please:

- *Wear a mask while you are inside.*
- *Wash your hands after you enter and before you leave.*
- *Put a sign on the doors to indicate that the space is occupied. Remember to remove them again when you leave. If the space is currently being used, please do not interrupt. Simply come back at a different time.*
- *Use the provided wipes and/or spray to sanitize any surfaces you touch or places you sit.*
- *Try to avoid using the restroom or going into any other areas. But if you do, take extra care in cleaning up after yourself.*
- *Make sure the door locks behind you when you leave.*

Thank you. God bless you.

If you have any questions or comments, contact the pastors.

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES

HALLELUJAH CHORUS

Click [HERE](#) to enjoy a very uplifting version of Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* preformed by



College Church of Wheaton, Illinois parishioners.

Thanks to Ned Johnson for sharing this with us!



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sarah Young's Jesus Calling devotion for last Sunday, July 12, was especially appropriate for me. The devotion was based on the following Bible verses.

Acts 4:12

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

John 16:24

"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete"

Sarah Young's words were extremely relevant on Sunday.

"Whenever you feel distant from Me, whisper My Name in loving trust. This simple prayer can restore your awareness of My Presence. ... The grating rancor of the world's blasphemies cannot compete with a trusting child's utterance: 'Jesus.' The power of My Name to bless both you and Me is beyond your understanding."

Our family got together this last weekend. When we planned this back in early June, we had no idea that the Covid-19 pandemic would get worse rather than better. We have all been socially distancing, but Karen and Mark go to work each day. Jennifer, Craig, and Ella and 4 dogs came for the weekend and Karen and her family came for the day on Saturday. We had a wonderful day at the lake on Saturday enjoying each other and Jennifer's 3 month old

puppy, Mayzie. We got to Facetime with our grandson Hugh from Glendive, MT as he and the Boy Scouts bike across the country.

By Saturday night, I had a scratchy throat. I did my normal panic. The simple prayer "Jesus" was enough to calm me, let me see that this was the 5th time this has happened since March. Each time it was my sinuses and allergies that caused this to happen and not Covid-19. I doubled my sinus treatment like the doctor had recommended and got a good night's sleep after again praying "Jesus, be with me." By morning my throat was better and we had a relaxing time with Jennifer's family.

My song for Sunday was *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*.

"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

Oh, what -peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear -

all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!"

The simple prayer "Jesus" is all we need. Jesus "knows our every weakness."

-Jean Mehlman



A MOST PLEASANT SURPRISE!

This was a most pleasant surprise and most appreciated!

-Janelle Merritt

HUGS FROM JOHN & BARBARA BLACKMON

HUG SIGNS: If you would like to share a picture or story about your "Hug Sign" in the newsletter, please send the information to Abi at unilusecretary@gmail.com and it will be



included in the next newsletter!



WEEDING HELP IS NEEDED EVERYWHERE!

1) Areas needing special attention:

Muhly Grass area, the Sloan Street embankment, the Variegated Ophiopogon or Variegated Liriope bed, and the Daffodil beds.

2) The Melampodium volunteers growing beside the sidewalk, as well as other weeds in the Fellowship Hall flower bed, can be pulled.

OTHER NOTES:

3) Because of the virus, it would be a good idea to bring your own tools, weed bucket, hand sanitizer, etc...

4) Do not weed: Violets in the Muhly Grass area and Ebony Spleenwort Fern growing beneath the Chinese Juniper on the Sloan Street embankment. Both of these plants prevent other weeds from becoming established just by taking up real estate, so let's keep them.

Thanks!

Jean Askew; (Cell) 864-650-0055



FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

"Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities." - Lutheran World Relief

We as a UniLu community usually collect school supplies in July and then gather together at Sunday School hour to pack backpacks for Lutheran World Relief. We will not be able to do that this year. If you would like to be involved in creating school kits for Lutheran World Relief, please follow these guidelines. I will place backpacks in the Narthex on July 26th. You can shop for the needed items to fill one. Then place the filled Backpack back at the Narthex by August 9th. Pastor Jon will bless them during service that day.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT:

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper.

ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.

ONE pencil sharpener.

ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).

FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band.

ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons.

HOW TO PACK YOUR KIT:

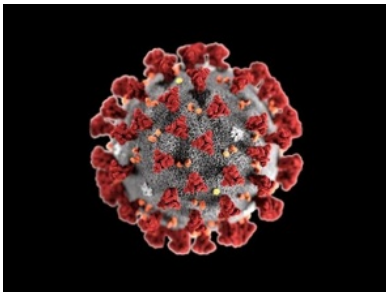
Place ruler between notebooks. Place all items neatly into the bag and draw the drawstring together. Please, do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.

I will also have a box for school supply donations for Clemson Community

Care in the narthex, if you want to donate to that.

Thanks for your support,

Mollie Barrow, Education Committee Chair



IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE COVID-19

What to Do if You Feel Sick

If you have fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell, you might have COVID-19. Please call your healthcare provider. Most people have mild illness and can recover at home. Monitor yourself for worsening symptoms, and if you are getting sicker, call your healthcare provider.

When to Seek Medical Attention

If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19, call 911 for immediate medical attention. Emergency warning signs include*:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

Mobile Testing Sites

COVID-19 mobile testing sites are operating in counties across the state. As providers across the state continue to increase testing, DHEC wants to make sure South Carolinians know where they can go to get tested. The mobile testing clinic webpage provides information to help you locate where testing is happening right now, in your community. You can find a mobile testing clinic event near you at www.scdhec.gov/covid19mobileclinics.

All listed DHEC mobile and popup testing clinics are part of an ongoing efforts to increase testing in underserved and rural communities across the

state. Currently, there are 63 mobile testing events scheduled through July 21 with new testing events added regularly.

God's Peace,

Lena Jones RN, BSN

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.



Visit scdhec.gov/COVID19 for more information or call the CARELINE at 1-855-472-3432 for general questions.

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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

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



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. 107,450 are pledged. 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.

Any questions, contact Judy Aikens at [724-831-8104](tel: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 July. 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 your community.

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) 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

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; Kristeen Balcombe's brother, Stephen Slice.

UNILU CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating Birthdays this Week: Rosalyn Flanigan; Patrick Mero; Sandra Severance; Tiffany Vetter.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this Week: Willie & Lynn Kunkle.

PARISH INFORMATION

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

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[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:

<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.