



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

August 12, 2020



FROM PASTOR JON

The students are coming! The students are coming!

Though not a modern-day Paul Revere, this is the thought that crossed my mind in the Publix parking lot this past Sunday. In the store it was obvious that there were a lot more college age students shopping (fewer wrinkles around the eyes & foreheads above their masks) than in previous months. But what clinched it for me were the quintessential scenes in the parking lot of parents bidding goodbye to their children and wishing them well with the new semester.

University Lutheran Church, to restate the obvious, is a congregation rooted in Clemson within a block or two of the University. The South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (the ELCA and its predecessor bodies) has been reaching out to cadets at the military college, then students, faculty and staff at the University for over one hundred years. University Lutheran Church is a grateful home to Lutheran Campus Ministry and has partnered with the SC Synod and the ELCA to make outreach to college students its primary ministry focus.

This year, as was the end of last semester, will be different. We don't know how many students will be coming. Or when they will be coming. What we do

know is the LOVE that you have shown students for decade upon decade will be here to greet however many return to campus. Pastor Josh, the student leaders and the LCM Directing Committee will keep us apprised of how we can best express our love and support to students throughout the year. Cindy Sanders and others will help guide us in the best, safe practices for providing meals and snacks.

For now, please pray for students of all ages, their families, teachers, staff and all who are doing their best in juggling priorities to continue the education experience in the safest way possible. Please pray for Pastor Josh and our student leaders as they continue to demonstrate flexibility, adaptability and persistence in showing welcome to all students; especially those who need a place where they know they are loved.

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY



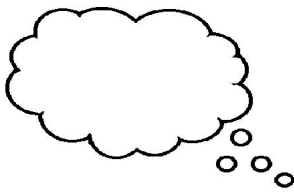
HELP LCM MEET SAFELY THIS SEMESTER!

Clemson classes will be online until mid-September, but many of our beloved LCM students will be in town beginning next week. We are hoping to offer a few in-person, outdoor opportunities to meet. To make it easier to do that, I wanted to ask if anyone would be willing to let LCM borrow your camp chairs or tailgate tents? We could use some help making our outdoor events more comfortable.

If you're willing, please email Pastor Josh (jkestne@g.clemson.edu) so that he can arrange a pick-up or drop-off.

Thanks for all you do to help support students! Especially in these days of great uncertainty!

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There has been a common thread through a number of the devotions and readings the last few days. Tuesday morning, using 1 Kings 19:9-13, Pastor Josh talked about the many ways God appears to us - sometimes in fire or an earthquake and sometimes as a gentle whisper. As Pastor Josh said, this can make it hard to recognize God when he can show up in so many different ways.

Last Friday's (August 6) devotion in Jesus Calling by Sarah Young gave an additional view of God being with us. The readings were:

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Romans 5:1

Therefore since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

I like the way Sarah Young finished her devotion. *My peace is not an elusive goal, hidden at the center of some complicated maze. Actually, you are always enveloped in Peace, which is inherent in My Presence.* As we figure out God's will for us in this crazy world we live in, where everything seems topsy-turvy, we are surrounded by God's peace. Just relax and say his name.

God's peace be with you,

Jean Mehlman

**YOU ARE INVITED THIS
EVENING!**



Members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Walhalla, and University Lutheran Church, Clemson, are invited to a watch party for the *Perseid Meteor Shower*, **THIS**

EVENING, Wednesday, August 12, at the Biggerstaff Retreat Center. The gate will be open at 8:00 pm, for any who want to arrive early. The Sun will set at 8:22 pm and it should start getting dark a little before 9:00 pm. Bring a reclining lawn chair or blanket and bug spray. Bring binoculars if you have them (not for the meteors, but for some stargazing). You might also want to bring a light jacket. Everyone is asked to practice social distancing. While the meteor shower continues all night, we will end our watch party at 11:00 pm, although you are welcome to leave earlier. All of this is dependent on clear skies, of course. **If it is cloudy tonight, we will try to do this tomorrow evening, Thursday, August 13.**

The Perseids are the most reliable meteor shower of the year, averaging at least 20-30 meteors (shooting stars) per hour once it gets fully dark. The Perseids happen when the Earth passes through a cloud of small ice and rock particles left in the orbit of Comet Swift-Tuttle.

Retired pastor, Bruce Booher, an amateur astronomer for over 55 years, will host the event. He will point out constellations, some star clusters and nebulae with a laser pointer and try to answer questions you might have.

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!

HUGS FROM ED & JEAN MEHLMAN!



HUGS FROM AUGIE & LYNN TORTORA!



THANK YOU!

The Education Committee thanks everyone who has packed a backpack for Lutheran World Relief. We still have a few available in the narthex if you want to participate.

The **Blessing of the backpacks will be on August 23 at the Children's message during the church service.** If you need a backpack blessing tag for your backpack, please email Mollie Barrow at mbarrowjr@aol.com and she will make sure you get one delivered to your home before August 23rd.



FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

August 16th is Rally Day! Join us for a Zoom meeting to prepare for the start of the School Season, We will recap Summer Sunday School, learn about each other, introduce Sunday School teachers and get ready for a great Sunday School Year. Please Join us!

Topic: Rally Day

Time: Aug 16, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81240186019?pwd=eHlGR1ZVKzYyRGF2Y3JzczQ4UotRUT09>

Meeting ID: 812 4018 6019

Passcode: Rally Day

-Mollie Barrow, Education Committee Chair

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.

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

- 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 - 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.

118,475 are pledged. **You have until August 15th to drop them off at the Narthex.** Ellen Reneke will be mailing them then.

Any questions, contact Judy Aikens at **724-831-8104; jbaikens57@gmail.com.**

UNILU CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

UNILU PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends:
Jimmie Pletta & family; 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: Carina Huizenga; Carol Miller.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this week: Farrell & Ann Brown; Patrick & Alison Mero; Michael & Aija Seflic; Ned & Myra Johnson; Rich & Carolyn Ringeisen.

PARISH INFORMATION

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

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[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 Noon

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.*