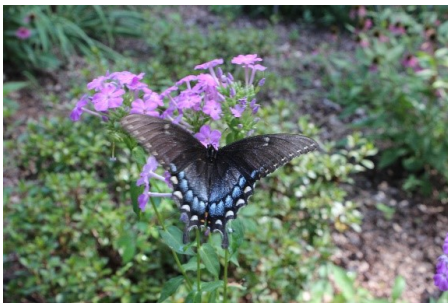




## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

### August 5, 2020



#### FROM PASTOR JON

*“[Jesus says] This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”*

*John 15:12.*

During these months of physical distancing we've had to express our love for one another at a distance. Or with sign hugs. Or through cards, notes, calls, texts and limited outdoor visitation. We've continued praying for those who are sick, undergoing treatment, afflicted with anxiety and/or depression, or have faced job losses or reduced hours. We pray for healthcare workers and their resilience. We've celebrated over the births of children and grandchildren - - primarily via social media. We continue to place one foot in front of the other into a future that seems even more mysterious, maybe even more scary, than just the ordinary not knowing what tomorrow may bring.

*“Love one another.”*

One tangible way I invite you to do so is by dropping a card or note to Bill & Jimmie Pletta. Bill has been hospitalized in Virginia due to Covid-19, and Jimmie is still awaiting her test results. The trip to Virginia was planned, the hospitalization was not. **Their address is P.O. Box 66, Pembroke, VA 24136 .** Pastor Josh and I are in regular contact with Jimmie, and they appreciate all the love, prayers and support from the congregation.

God's peace, hope and love,

Pastor Jon



**ReconcilingWorks**  
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION

## ***ReconcilingWorks* CORE GROUP MEETS VIRTUALLY TONIGHT!**

Our *ReconcilingWorks* core group continues its work during the summer and through the pandemic. Our group is looking at ways to make our church openly affirming to welcome all people to our church.

A new virtual discussion will be held on **Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:00 PM** beginning **TONIGHT, Aug 5** based on the *ReconcilingWorks* text entitled “Lutheran Introduction To Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, & Gender Expression” (available [here](#)). If you're interested in participating please contact [Marty High](#).

## **PARISH NEWS & UPDATES**



### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The lectionary readings for today, August 4, are *Matthew 15:32-39* and *Exodus 16:2-15 and 31-35*. Both deal with providing food for God's people.

In Exodus God's people are in the wilderness. They are complaining loudly that they do not have enough food. God provides manna and gives them instructions on how to gather it. He continues this process of providing daily bread for his people for 40 years while they are in the wilderness.

The reading in Matthew's gospel is the feeding of the 4,000. This is a second parable, much like the feeding of the 5,000 which was the gospel reading for last Sunday. Here, the people do not ask for food, but Jesus realizes that they must be hungry and feeds them with 7 loaves and a few small fish. This time, there were 7 baskets full of left-over pieces.

God provides for our needs, and not just our need for food, but for all of our needs. Right now, it is so easy to think about the things we do not have and fret about them. If we follow God's example, we will be thankful for the things we have and share with those who have less. That is God's plan for our lives.

-Jean Mehlman



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to Judi Key, Jan Fritz, and Libby Queener who have all contributed to the beautiful flowers you've seen during our online worship services these past several Sundays. Without the flowers, the altar and backdrop seem a little bland.

But with them it has some added color and enhances the spirit of the morning! Thanks, y'all! The pastors will try to remember to post pictures of flowers each week we have them in the [UniLu Fellowship Group](#) on Facebook so that you can see them more clearly in all their glory!



## YOU ARE INVITED!

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Walhalla, and University Lutheran Church, Clemson, are invited to a watch party for the [Perseid Meteor Shower, Wednesday Evening, 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 on August 12, we will try to do this on 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.

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### **HUGS FROM HERM SPITZER!**

**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](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com) and it will be included in the next newsletter!

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### **HUGS FROM HAROLD & LINDA HOLT!**



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### **HUGS FROM FREDDIE & KAREN WALTZ!**





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## 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.

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## 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**

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### **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](http://www.uniluclemson.org) and YouTube [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQVMnXOXzFkX65vue\\_fON0g](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](mailto: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](mailto:jbaikens57@gmail.com)**.

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***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 remain shut.**

**However, our hearts remain open continuing 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. Support your local Farmer's Market! 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 a charity in 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](mailto:jbaikens57@gmail.com)

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## UNILU CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

### UNILU PRAYER CONCERNS

**PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends:**  
Bill & Jimmie Pletta; 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:** James Cox; Linda Schoulties; Deanie Shonka; Angela Gowan; Reece Dedecker; Barbara Quinn.

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## PARISH INFORMATION

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

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### LINKS

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**Miss a service?** The recorded church sermons, audio and video, are posted weekly to the website: [www.uniluclemson.org](http://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**

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**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.*