



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

September 23, 2020



FROM PASTOR JON

“Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end...And now

faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”

I Corinthians 13:8, 13

One of my favorite seminary professors, Dr. Phil Baker (this morning’s “Jammies with Jesus Devotion” found here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jEOlf1kNKw>, often played off the Greek word “telos” and asked “To what end?” Our thoughts, our actions, where do they lead? To what end? As an ambassador for Christ, am I sharing God’s good news of life, love and wholeness through Christ?

Dr. Baker quickly became a Professor I looked up to and turned to for wisdom, input and guidance. He is a fully human follower of Jesus who modeled confession and repentance, boldness and deep care for others. “To what end?” Well, love never ends. We get to practice here on earth what we claim we want in the fullness of God’s kin-dom: love for all. Unfortunately, I’ve already forgotten the person’s name who said “this is not a squishy kind of love, but Christ’s love” that serves others. That calls us to pray for our persecutors and to love our enemies. To feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to let the oppressed go free.

We have only one Messiah, and that is Jesus. We have only one Lord who we follow with our heart, mind, soul and strength. “To what end?” So that others may know God’s love as we too grow in sharing God’s love.

God’s peace, justice and hope,

Pastor Jon

P.S. I took this picture at the Sea of Galilee beach at Tabgha where Jesus had a post resurrection breakfast with the disciples. John 21:4ff

God’s peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

COUNCIL NOTES & UPDATES



THE CHURCH COUNCIL MET SEPTEMBER 21st. HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING:

- Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will install Reverend Ginny Aebischer as Bishop of the South Carolina Synod on **Sunday, October 4th at 3:00 pm**. The worship service will be livestreamed at <https://scsynod.com/installation/>, on the SC Synod Facebook page, and on the Synod YouTube Channel. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- University Lutheran will continue to worship online up through and including October 25, at which time a new decision will be made. We will use this time to develop plans for re-introducing in-person worship.
- University Lutheran will continue to offer online worship even after we resume in-person worship to reach those who are not ready to participate in-person and to reach the many others both near and far who have joined our worship services these past six months.
- In preparation for livestreaming in-person worship services, council has approved funds for enhancing the video and audio capabilities in the sanctuary. We thank Ned Johnson for his input and planning for what we will need.
- Council elections are coming up in December. We are seeking nominations for people to fill three seats. If you would like to nominate someone else or yourself, please feel free to email Cheryl Smith

(cheryli@clemson.edu), David Foster (djfooster329@gmail.com), Cece Parker (parkercc53@gmail.com), or Abi Donhauser (unilusecretary@gmail.com). David, Cece, or I will contact nominees to be sure they agree to be on the ballot.

- A big THANK YOU to our Sunday school teachers and Bible study leaders for putting together children and adult classes and other offerings!
- A big THANK YOU to our Pastors for their hard work in bringing us wonderful online worship services, daily devotions, and drive-up communion!
- Lastly, a thank you to everyone for continuing to support University Lutheran with your financial offerings and your patience as we all wait and look forward to when we can safely be together again.

God's peace and blessings,

Cheryl Smith, Council secretary

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sarah Young, in her book *Jesus Calling*, writes as if Jesus is the one speaking. She started her devotion for yesterday, August 22nd, with the following, "*Trust Me and refuse to worry, for I am your strength and song.*" One of the bible verses for the devotion is Exodus 15:2. This verse is from the song that Moses and the Israelites sang to praise God after they had crossed the Red Sea on dry land and then watched the Egyptians drown in that same Red Sea.

Exodus 15:2

"The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him."

It was easy for the Israelites to praise God after just crossing the Red Sea and realize that God was with them. What about us in the middle of a pandemic, being bombarded by political ads from both sides, and having our lives turned upside down in many ways? Jesus' last words to his disciples as recorded in Matthew's gospel are the answer:

Matthew 28:20

"... I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

God is still our strength, our defense, and our salvation everyday. He wants to help us, hold our hand, and guide us. We just need to turn to Him.

God, be with us this week, guide us in the direction you would have us go, and give us your Peace.

Jean Mehlman



PLEDGE, TIME, AND TALENT

We are using an online Pledge, Time and Talent form electronically this year for your convenience and safety in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But, don't worry, if you would like to have a paper copy, we can provide one.

Please email Marty High (marty@martyhigh.com) or Abi (unilusecretary@gmail.com) for a paper form.

To access the online form click on this [link](#). You may use the link as many times as you like. For example, you can make a pledge for a family and a separate submission for Time and Talent pledge for an individual (child or adult). Every individual in the family can submit a time and talent form without the pledge form. Everyone in the family can participate in our Church.



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS & VOLUNTEERS!

The youth would like to host an (online?) auction of handmade items to raise money for the next National Youth Gathering. We're still working out the dates and details but would like to ask all our congregational crafters to start gathering items and services to donate! We're also looking for volunteers to help coordinate the event. Please contact Amy Cribb at cribb4@gmail.com if you would like to contribute your time or talents!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



BUILD OCTOBER 14 - 24

This year's Homecoming build will be held but with some significant changes. The build will not take place on

Bowman Field but rather at the location where the house will actually remain. The number of student volunteers will be reduced to 8-10 per shift.

What hasn't changed is that a family who has long awaited their own home will have it within their grasp with wonderful student volunteers coming together to make a family's dream come true.

What can we do to help? We are asking you to please donate "Gatorade" type drinks. Please bring them to the Narthex until Friday October 23. These drinks will be brought to the site each day and appreciated by the hard working students and their supervisors.

Please help with this very worthy outreach. Questions? Call Katie Healy; 678-458-1840.



FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mollie Barrow is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday School K-12

Time: 10:00 am Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sunday at 10:00 am until Dec 27th.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81812001614?pwd=bmk5cEdmN1FkdGtONUtMQmpjeDJSQT09>

Meeting ID: 818 1200 1614

Passcode: SSK-12

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.

HUGS FROM MARTY & KAREN HIGH!



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!

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

UNILU ONGOING EVENTS

SUNDAY:

Worship 9:00 am on Facebook Live

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

Adult Bible Study 10 am - Linda Holt lindaGTholt@bellsouth.net

"Love for one another"

Youth Sunday School 10 am - Mollie Barrow mbarrowjr@aol.com

MONDAY - SATURDAY:

Morning Devotion "Jammies with Jesus" 7:30 am on Facebook Live

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

TUESDAY:

Bible Study 10 - 11:15 am - Karen Dreher jkdreher@att.net

"The Son of David"

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Study 10 am - Marty High marty@martyhigh.com

"The Book of Acts"

FRIDAY:

Zoom Drop in with Renee & Pastor Jon 5 - 6 pm

Drop in for a few minutes or hangout for the full hour.

Contact Pastor Jon pastorjon12@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

UNILU CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

UNILU PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends:
Kenneth Cheek; Marty Copenhaver & family; Jimmie Pletta & family; Gail Paul; Pat Wagner; Rosalyn Flanigan; George Harris; Tony Quesada; Randy Gilchrist; Larry Bock; Joyce Lillehamer.

UNILU CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating Birthdays this Coming Week: Zoraya Rockow; Richard Carlson; John Wagner; Katie Kargel; Ann Brown.

PARISH INFORMATION

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

[SC LUTHERAN MAGAZINE](#)

[UNILU WEBSITE](#) • [LECTIONARY/READINGS](#)

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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/>

REMOTE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Thursday 7 am–12 pm; 1 pm–2:30 pm
Fridays 8 am - 12 Noon

Abi can be reached during the above hours at: 864-722-5504 or unilusectetary@gmail.com

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.