

UNILU NEWS & EVENTS September 2, 2020



FROM PASTOR JON

Grace & peace to you.

Beginning this Sunday, September 6, and for successive first Sunday's of the month, Pastor Josh

and I will be serving drive up Holy Communion from 10:30 – 11 a.m. in the upper parking lot. Not quite the upper room, but nevertheless we are looking forward to serving anyone who wishes to receive. Please note, we will also continue offering Holy Communion as part of every Sunday's worship service, including the first Sunday of the month.

Logistics: Please enter the upper lot off Sloan Street as you normally would. Continue through the lot so you can then move adjacent and parallel to the curb closest to the sanctuary. If you are first in line, or when the space becomes available, pull up adjacent to the Narthex entry doors and remain in your car. Please turn off the car engine. I'm reasonably quick, but the alb might slow me down enough if you were to accidentally hit drive. Please wear masks as both Pastor Josh & I will too. Pastor Josh or I will present the elements of bread and wine or grape juice to each person in the vehicle. Please take the plastic cups home to dispose of them. One last note, we will be serving regardless of the weather; rain or shine.

As awkward and technical as this sounds in my head as I write this, we are

confident that the Holy Spirit will be present and it will be nice to see a bunch of smiling eyes. If you have any questions before Sunday, please contact either me at 843-304-5664 or Pastor Josh at 919-744-1590.

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY





UPDATE FROM LCM!

With students back in town, LCM is back in action. And this community comes as a great relief in the middle of the stress and responsibilities of online classes. Masked up and six feet apart, we've also tried to mix in some virtual opportunities for a handful of students who are still out of town.

Wednesday nights Cindy Sanders has been pre-packaging delicious meals for us to take outside to eat. Sunday nights we're trying a new, casual, student-led worship service. Tuesdays a virtual coffee group meets for devotion and conversation. Last Friday we gathered for an online game night via Zoom. So far it has been refreshing to be in each other's company again - online and in person.

Stay tuned for occasional updates from us each month. We miss seeing y'all, and we appreciate all of your prayers and support!



PARISH NEWS & UPDATES



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The world got to me at the end of last week. When that happens my body goes into overdrive and I don't sleep well. By Saturday, I was a mess. I spend

the day trying to slow my body down. I am still working to relax more and not let "the world be too much with me."

I started Saturday off with my normal devotions. The reading for Saturday in *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young showed me the way to deal with the world. One of the readings was Luke 12:22-26. That section of Luke 12 is titled *Do Not Worry*. I am a devoted worrier who feels comfortable only when I know what I would do if bad things happen. The world right now seems quite a bit more than I know how to handle. The first sentence in Sarah Young's devotion gave me the solution.

Demonstrate your trust in Me by sitting quietly in My presence.

I do this when I do my morning devotions. I really can feel myself unwind and concentrate on God. I did this often last Saturday. Things slowly improved and I began to relax. I am sleeping better now. I will work to let God provide the things I need and let him guide me, rather than trying to do these things myself.

I am reminded of the song 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!

HUGS FROM CHRISTEL LOESCHER! Also celebrating the birth of her first great granddaughter, Hayley Dahlhausen!



HUGS FROM KATIE HEALY!



HUGS FROM JUDY AIKENS!



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!



FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

NO K-12 SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS COMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH!

There will be no k-12 Sunday school this week so that everyone can participate in the drive-through communion. K-12 Sunday School will resume at 10 AM on September 13th .

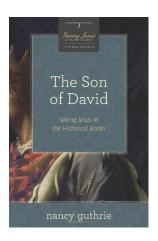
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN MEETING THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH AT 10 AM VIA ZOOM!

We will be using the Adult Bible Studies series as we have in the past. This quarter's study topic will be Love for One Another. As it says in the introduction: It's not as easy to love some people as it seems at first glance. That's why we need three months to dig into this study of Jesus's commandment to love one another.

Please contact me, Linda Holt, via email <u>lindaGTholt@bellsouth.net</u> prior to gathering time. I will send you the meeting ID and passcode for the meeting,

along with some materials you may want to preview (but it's not necessary). I am excited to gather again in community, even if it is in a new way, with previous classmates and with new classmates.

TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM



The Son of David Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books DVD and study book by Nancy Guthrie

10 sessions: Sept. 15 – Nov. 17, 2020 10:00 to 11:15 am

SON OF DAVID books are available with home study or you can just watch the lecture video and join the Tuesday's class. The lectures are printed in the book if you miss a class. We will deliver books.

Sign up or questions please contact

Karen Dreher jkdreher@att.net

We will have help for using Zoom.

For more information about the material see *The Son of David*by Nancy Guthrie on the internet.

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 <u>CLICK HERE</u> to go directly to the giving page.

CARDS & LETTERS FOR BENEDICT

Mr. Benedict Eyong is seeking asylum in the U.S. from persecution in his native Cameroon. Benedict, an anglophone, closed his business because of threats of violence from separatists in his home city of Buea. Government authorities punished him for acceding to these threats by beating him with batons and kicking him with their boots. A year later, he was seen exchanging greetings outside a grocery store with an old schoolmate who, unknown to Benedict, was a suspected separatist. The government jailed him without filing charges and tortured him weekly for information on the separatist movement even though he does not support any violent separatists. He was released, but threatened with being unlawfully jailed again. He is currently incarcerated in the U.S. immigrant detention system at the LaSalle Detention facility in Jena, LA. Benedict is a devout Christian who has never seen his young son. He has been experiencing medical difficulties and suffers from the poor medical care provided immigration detainees.

I am sure that he would appreciate receiving your prayers, cards, or letters.

If you would like to receive a reply, I suggest you provide him a selfaddressed, stamped postcard or letter with stationery. His address is

Mr. Benedict A. Eyong, A# 213 327 821 830 Pinehill Road Jena LA 71342

"Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Hebrews 13:1-3

If you would like to know more about Benedict or the immigration system in general, feel free to contact me at marty@martyhigh.com.

-Marty High



ELCA LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Give now for Hurricane Laura response.

Checks or money orders can be sent to: Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Please write "Hurricane response" on your check memo line.



WHAT'S SO AMAZING THAT KEEPS US STARGAZING? CONTINUES TONIGHT!!

Wednesdays - September 2 & 9 at 8 p.m.

For nearly sixty years, the marvels of God's universe have been a source of joy and wonder for Pastor Bruce Booher. You are invited to join him for a three session Zoom event to explore some of these marvels and consider how they can inspire faith and awe. There will be links and resources to help you continue to explore the marvels of God's creation, and the opportunity for you to share your thoughts and questions.

Touring Our Solar System -9/2/20 – We will explore stunning images of the Sun, Moon and planets from observatories and space probes. Discover what you may expect to see through telescopes as an amateur astronomer.

Introductory Stargazing - 9/9/20 - Learn the basics of telescopes and

binoculars and how to use them. Find out easy ways to locate some of the brighter deep sky objects in the night sky. Learn some constellations and the stories behind them.

These events are free, but you must register in advance!

Sign up for any or both of these sessions by going to:

https://bit.ly/33e7R5t

Each presentation will last about 30 minutes, followed by time for questions and discussion. These events are intended for ages 12 and up.

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 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; Randy Gilchrist; Larry Bock; Joyce Lillehamer.

UNILU CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating Birthdays this coming Week: Libby Queener; Judy Aikens; Frank Boatwright; Miles Rockow.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this coming week: Josh & Cheryl Summers; Sean & Beth Stephan.

PARISH INFORMATION

Click <u>HERE</u> for UniLu Calendar Click <u>HERE</u> for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

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<u>UNILU WEBSITE</u> • <u>LECTIONARY/READINGS</u>

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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/

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.