



## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

### October 7, 2020



#### FROM PASTOR JON

So...the other morning I was in the shower when I began to think about the Christmas Eve candlelight worship. I'm trying to come to peace with not having a full sanctuary, brimming with candlelight as voices wash over us while singing "Silent Night". No one knows what December 24<sup>th</sup> will look like, what our situation will be with regards to how many people will be able to safely gather indoors at that point, but we do know that it will not be all of us who would normally be there. So I began humming "Silent Night" until I got choked up. Then the familiar feelings resurface: sadness, anger, resolve, hope. Rinse. Repeat.

When looking around, there are so many who have suffered so much more, and who continue to suffer so much, this grieving over a candlelight worship seems inconsequential. And it is. And it isn't.

Then I remember the Serenity Prayer about those things we can control, those things we cannot, and the wisdom to know the difference. I've gotten my flu shot – in my control. I wear a mask and physically distance – in my control. Who is elected next month? Mostly out of my control but I AM VOTING!

We are thinking of how our special holiday liturgies can be meaningful in this

time of online worship. As we look towards All Saints Sunday, please email/text/call Pastor Josh or me with the name of any loved ones of yours who have died and we will make sure to include lighting a candle in their memory as part of our worship service, along with those siblings in Christ from University Lutheran who have died this past year. We will continue to see how we can broaden our worship safely and in meaningful ways. We will continue to witness to the light of the world. We will continue to love God and love our neighbor.

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

## PARISH NEWS & UPDATES



### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The psalm for the first part of this week in the Lectionary is Psalm 144. The psalm begins with the following:

**Psalm 144:1-2:**

*Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war,  
my fingers for battle.*

*He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer,  
my shield, in whom I take refuge.*

I have never been involved in war outside of watching on the nightly news. For the last 7 months, that has changed. We are fighting a virus that is a significant adversary. Our country seems almost to be at war with itself - liberals versus conservatives, white nationalists versus the rest of us, science versus non-science, truth versus nontruth.

Verses 7 and 8 of Psalm 144 are an appropriate prayer at this time. The words in parentheses are my additions.

**Psalm 144:7-8:**

*Reach down your hand from on high; deliver me and rescue me from the  
mighty waters (the virus) from the hands of foreigners  
(those who sow discord) whose mouths are full of lies,  
whose right hands are deceitful.*

God has reached down his hand. He is with us as we celebrate new lives as well as deaths in our congregation. We have found new ways to communicate and stay in touch safely. People have stepped forward to stand up for what they believe and tell the truth. Scientists are speaking truth to us. Psalm 144 ends with the following words.

Psalm 144:15b

*Blessed is the people whose God is the Lord.*

Our God is up to the battle. With His help, we will win the war.

Jean Mehlman

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## 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](mailto:marty@martyhigh.com)) or Abi ([unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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## 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 at 678-458-1840.



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult Sunday school class that is meeting via Zoom would like to encourage you to join in. We are all still getting used to the digital meeting space but we are connecting and learning together. The topic for this quarter is *Love for One Another* and this week's lesson is titled *Love Your Enemies*. There are some of the participant books available at the church, in the classroom (cry room) beside the sanctuary, if you'd like to pick one up. Or click [HERE](#) to get a .pdf version of this week's lesson. But you do not have to prepare, **just join in at 10 am on Sunday morning** and let's share a bit of time exploring how our love is a response to God's love for us.

Join Zoom Meeting at 10 am Sunday.

[https://9zest.zoom.us/j/96273872837?  
pwd=RoVobW14aC9EN3FscENaeGxaRUo2Zz09](https://9zest.zoom.us/j/96273872837?pwd=RoVobW14aC9EN3FscENaeGxaRUo2Zz09)

Meeting ID: 962 7387 2837

Passcode: 865931

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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

JOIN US FOR  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL



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 am until Dec 27th.**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81812001614?  
pwd=bmk5cEdmN1FkdGtONUtMQmpjeDJSQT09](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.

## 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!

## 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

- 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

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## UNILU ONGOING EVENTS

### SUNDAY:

*Worship 9 am on Facebook Live* <https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/>

*Adult Bible Study 10 am*

Linda Holt [lindaGTholt@bellsouth.net](mailto:lindaGTholt@bellsouth.net)

"Love for one another"

(Link to join at 10 am on Sunday in *Adult Sunday School* article above)

*Youth Sunday School 10 am*

Mollie Barrow [mbarrowjr@aol.com](mailto:mbarrowjr@aol.com)

(Link to join at 10 am on Sunday in *Children's Sunday School* article above)

*First Sunday of Each Month 10:30 - 11 am Drive Up Communion*

In church upper parking lot

**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](mailto:jkdreher@att.net)

"The Son of David"

**WEDNESDAY:**

*Bible Study 10 am*

Marty High [marty@martyhigh.com](mailto: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](mailto:pastorjon12@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

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## UNILU CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

### UNILU PRAYER CONCERNS

**PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends:**  
Sarah Heyer's family; Gregg Dupree; Kenneth Cheek's family; 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:** Myrna Johnson; Jean Mehlman; Tony Quesada; Cece Parker.

**Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this Week:** Jim & Diana Vetter.

# PARISH INFORMATION

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

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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/>

## 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](tel:864-722-5504) or [unilusectetary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusectetary@gmail.com)

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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.*