

## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS October 14, 2020



#### FROM PASTOR JON

Congratulations on Lutheran World Relief's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Initially founded in 1945 as a response to the

one in five Lutherans in Europe who were without a home, this ministry has continued to expand through the years to love and serve our neighbors.

Yesterday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, I received a call from Pastor David Wangaard of Lutheran World Relief to thank University Lutheran for all of our support. Thanks to the many quilters who have sewed quilts - - dozens and dozens every year to help refugees have a blanket for warmth. A quilt that can be fashioned into a carrying container for one's earthly belongings, and perhaps most important of all, a tangible reminder that they are not forgotten. That as children of God in a horrifying situation people are praying for them and working to help them.

Thanks to everyone who contributes through Lutheran World Relief for the school kits, or health kits, or through financial offerings. I asked Pastor David whether the polarization in our political life, and in the wake of the pandemic, are people still financially supporting the ministry and he responded that they have been blessed by the continuing generosity from you and others. In fact, they are "experiencing one of our best giving years of all time."

Here is a link to their home page for many great stories of how your gifts are helping our neighbors around the globe: <a href="https://lwr.org/">https://lwr.org/</a>. And here's a ninety second video on their 75 th Anniversary: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">https://www.youtube.com/watch?</a> v=j5AeAvGEpiY&feature=youtu.be

Thank you for loving and serving our neighbors both locally and globally.

God's peace & hope, Pastor Jon

"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right..." Galatians 6:9a

## **LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY**



LCM NEWS: THE NEW NORMAL

These past few weeks in LCM, we have been adapting to the new normal. On top of our usual Wednesday night

meals and Sunday worship, we've been having small social activities. Last week, we got into the Halloween mood with a movie night! While watching *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, we wrote thank you cards to our donors and supporters. This week, Eunice Lemacher will be joining us to discuss coping with stress during COVID-19. We all appreciate your generosity throughout these odd times! Thank you for donating to our "Quarantine Pantry" and showing love in so many different ways.

- Amanda Taylor

If you haven't seen our newsletter from last month, check it out <u>HERE</u>.

There is an option to opt-into our monthly electronic newsletter.



## **PARISH NEWS & UPDATES**

## A PROCLAMATION!

Congratulations to Bella Rockow for being selected to serve as one of the 7th/8th Grade Representatives on the South Carolina Lutheran Church Youth (SCLCY) Executive Council for 2020-2021. We look forward to hearing from you, and supporting you, in this endeavor. Go Bella!



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The psalm for the first part of this week from the Revised Common Lectionary is Psalm 34. Below is a part of this psalm.

### Psalm 34:4-7

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

There have certainly been enough things to fear in our lives this year - things that are certainly above my paygrade - that I have little or no control over. But, I am not defenseless. God is with me. I have learned to not only take deep breaths to relax but also to use them as an opportunity to talk with God - nothing fancy, but a two-way conversation just the same. Doing these devotions causes me to think about what I read in the morning and has strengthened my faith and my relationship with God. The devotions and people's responses to them help me feel connected with others when we can't be together.

I can feel God encamping around me. He has surrounded me with a strong family, friends, and church family. We have all learned new ways to communicate and share God's love. Thanks to Zoom and similar programs, we can not only talk with but also see others. I have discovered the power of sight. It really does make a difference when I can see others as well as hear them. We have new tools we can use after the pandemic.

God does answer us when we call to him. Thank you, God!

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 (<u>marty@martyhigh.com</u>) or Abi

(<u>unilusecretary@gmail.com</u>) for a paper form.

To access the online form click on this <u>link</u>. 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.



## 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 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.

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. 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://gzest.zoom.us/j/96273872837?

pwd=RoVobW14aC9EN3FscENaeGxaRU02Zz09

Meeting ID: 962 7387 2837

**Passcode: 865931** 



## CHILDREN'S 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=bmk5cEdmN1FkdGtONUtMQmpjeDJSQTo9

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 <a href="http://uniluclemson.org/">http://uniluclemson.org/</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/">https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/</a> later posted to our website <a href="https://www.uniluclemson.org">www.uniluclemson.org</a> and YouTube <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQVMnXOXzFkX65vue">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQVMnXOXzFkX65vue</a> 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

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## FAMILY PROMISE LOOKING FOR VEHICLE DONATION

Family Promise of Pickens County is looking for someone willing to donate a car to one of their families. Mom just got a job and her current vehicle is beyond repair.

If anyone has a vehicle, please contact JoAnn at the following:

**JoAnn Musto Brink** 

**Case Manager** 

**Family Promise of Pickens County** 

864-644-8828

Jbrink@familypromisepickens.org

## **UNILU ONGOING EVENTS**

#### **SUNDAY:**

Worship 9 am on Facebook Live <a href="https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/">https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/</a>

Adult Bible Study 10 am

Linda Holt <a href="mailto:lindaGTholt@bellsouth.net">lindaGTholt@bellsouth.net</a>

"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 mbarrowir@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
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/">https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/</a>

#### **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 <a href="mailto:pastorjon12@gmail.com">pastorjon12@gmail.com</a> for the Zoom link.

## **UNILU CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS**

## **UNILU PRAYER CONCERNS**

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends: Brenda Monn's mom, Betty Lighty; 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: Emily McMacken - Schumpert; Alison Mero; Stephen Chapman; Janelle Merritt.

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

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

## LINKS

**SC LUTHERAN MAGAZINE** 

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

**LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY • SC SYNOD** 

**ELCA GOOD GIFTS** 

## **MISS A SERVICE?**

The recorded church sermons, audio and video, are posted weekly to the website: <a href="www.uniluclemson.org">www.uniluclemson.org</a> and to the University Lutheran Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/">https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/</a>

#### **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.