



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

October 28, 2020



FROM PASTOR JON

This coming Sunday, November 1 is All Saints' Sunday. A time for us to remember our siblings in Christ from University Lutheran who have died in these past twelve months. These saints who are now part of the Church Triumphant are: Marvin Doerr, George Rasula, Wayne Gilchrist, Carol Spitzer, Martha Lee, Eric Molin, Meg Moyle, Bill Pletta, Rev. Gene Copenhaver and Sarah Heyer. We will call out their names during the Prayers of the People and we will have a single rose on the altar for each of them.

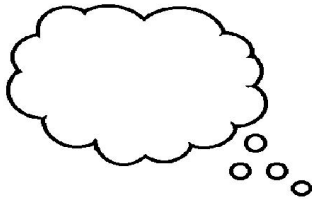
We will also light a votive candle in their memory and we invite you to send me or Pastor Josh the name(s) of loved ones who have died through the years that you would like candle(s) lit for.

We speak of the “communion of saints”; those who are living, those who have died, and those yet to come whom the Holy Spirit calls and gathers in the name of Jesus the Christ. A day such as All Saints Sunday invites us to recall and share the stories of those who have died, how their lives and witness touched our lives. How knowing them impacted and changed us for the better. Maybe through music or a smile, through providing meals to LCM students or persons recovering from surgery or illness. Maybe just the joy of being together and sharing a laugh or a hug.

Also, this Sunday we will be streaming on Facebook live from the sanctuary. Ned Johnson has been at work since early in the pandemic planning for our return to this space. We will be using some new technology, and although he and Pastor Josh have been working diligently in preparation, please share an extra measure of grace if things don't go exactly right. After all, we are still in 2020.

Please contact me or Pastor Josh if you would like us to light a candle in memory of your loved one(s).

God's peace & resurrection hope,
Pastor Jon



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today in the church year, we honor the Apostles, Simon and Jude. The gospel reading for today is John 14:21-27. In this reading Jesus is talking to his disciples about PEACE. He says the following to the disciples:

John 15:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Pastor John Horner-Ibler of Unity Lutheran Church in Brookfield, Wisconsin gives a wonderful description of this peace in *The Word in Season* devotion for today.

When Jesus offered his disciples peace, he clarified that it was not the traditional, narrow definition of peace. Neither the absence of war nor a warm feeling, Jesus' peace emerges from the daily storms of life. It is found whenever we extend ourselves to others. ... Peace is a gift and it's also a choice. The peace of Jesus is unlimited, so that goodness is saved up for tomorrow. Share it today.

Every time we do an errand for a neighbor, check on someone we have not seen in a while, have a kind word for the person who bags our groceries, or go out of our way to help someone, we are sharing God's peace and both of us are

the better for it.

-Jean Mehlman

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES



THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who contributed Gatoraid for the Habitat build these last few weeks! The volunteers were most appreciative for the refreshments!

-Katie Healy



NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL CANDIDATES

We will be electing three new council members at our December congregation meeting. If you would like to nominate someone for council or nominate yourself, please contact Abi Donhauser (unilusecretary@gmail.com) or Cheryl Smith (cheryli@clemson.edu). All members nominated will be contacted to confirm they would like to be placed on the ballot.

COUNCIL NOTES FROM OCTOBER MEETING

- We are working toward resuming in-person worship. New audio/video equipment has been installed in the sanctuary to enhance our capabilities to provide online worship from the sanctuary as we resume in-person worship. A task force is developing guidelines for safe, in-person worship.
- Our next congregation meeting is coming up in December (details to come). We will be approving our 2021 budget and electing three new council members. If you would like to nominate someone for council or nominate yourself, please contact Abi Donhauser (unilusecretary@gmail.com) or Cheryl Smith (cheryli@clemson.edu). All members nominated will be contacted to confirm they would like to be on the ballot.
- THANK YOU to everyone for your patience. This has been a long road and

we are not yet at the end, but I believe we have shown our strength as a church during this time apart. We all look forward to being together again for worship and fellowship. Please reach out and let council know of your thoughts, concerns, and questions.

- **THANK YOU** to the many many people who work so hard to keep things going during COVID: Cindy Sanders for preparing meals for LCM, Judi Key for her beautiful organ music, Abi Donhauser for all her hard administrative work, our Sunday School teachers Mollie Barrow and Linda Holt, our weekly Bible study leaders, our choir for their beautiful voices, those who work hard keeping our church and grounds looking beautiful, and Jean Mehlman for her weekly devotions. This is not an exhaustive list by any means, but we thank everyone for all you do for our congregation and watching out for each other in these tough times.

- **THANK YOU** to our pastors for providing us many opportunities for worship and reflection!

-Cheryl Smith, Council Secretary



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.

STRATEGIC GIVING FOR



RETIREES

You may be wondering if you can still do a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) for 2020 even though RMDs are waived. The answer is yes! QCDs from IRAs are still available in 2020 and still offer tax benefits. And, you can support University Lutheran!

QCDs allow IRA owners who are age 70 ½ or older to directly transfer up to \$100,000 annually from an IRA to a charity, tax-free. If you are married, you and your spouse may both transfer \$100,000 for a total of \$200,000. QCDs are also available to IRA beneficiaries over age 70 ½ but are not available from company plans or active SEP or SIMPLE IRAs. The QCD is paid directly from the IRA to University Lutheran.

After tax reform arrived in 2018, QCDs became more valuable than ever. Many taxpayers now take the standard deduction that eliminates the tax deduction for charitable gifts. QCDs add to the standard deduction by allowing the donations made from the IRA to be excluded from income. With a QCD, you get a tax break for your charitable contribution even if you are using the standard deduction.

If you would like to make a QCD contribution to University Lutheran, feel free to contact the Stewardship Committee (marty@martyhigh.com) for more information.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

If you are in the mood for some wonderful Lutheran camaraderie and Bible Study on **Wednesdays at 10:00 AM**, please join us at this [link](#). If you have technical questions, contact [Marty High](#). If you have questions regarding the class, contact [John Wagner](#).

We would love for you to join us!



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

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=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.

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

UNILU ONGOING EVENTS

SUNDAY

Worship at 9 am on Facebook Live

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

Adult Bible Study, 10 am

Linda Holt 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

(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" at 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:
Alton Fanning; Brenda Monn's mom, Betty Lighty; Stephen Sanders; Kenneth Cothran, Sr.; 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: Katie Healy; Keith Miller; Carmen Cummings; Laura Heavner.

PARISH INFORMATION

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

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[ELCA GOOD GIFTS](#)

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.*