



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

January 27, 2021



FROM PASTOR JON

Have you received your Covid-19 shot(s)? I'm compiling what I call a "Spreadsheet of hope." As of the time of writing this article I know of two UniLu members who have received both their first dose and their second dose, and nineteen others who have received their first shot! A couple more have let me know of their appointments for their first shot. If you don't think I have you counted, please let me know, [843-304-5664](tel:843-304-5664) or pastorjon12@gmail.com.

Why is this important or meaningful? It represents progress towards the day when we will feel more comfortable meeting indoors. When our opportunity for engaging with other people in person (albeit still with masks and physically distanced) is growing closer. To twist Winston Churchill's words a little bit, "This is the beginning of the end." We will ultimately suppress the virus by our communal behaviors: mask wearing, physical distancing, washing our hands, being outdoors more than in, getting vaccinated etc. Being extra diligent can help expedite that process.

Personally, I can't wait to receive the vaccine. I don't want to cut in front of anybody, but if circumstances arose such that I could receive it sooner than later I'd be ecstatic. Till then, our "quaranteam" has grown from Renee & I to

adding our daughter Elise, son-in-law Ben and two granddaughters. We are remaining vigilant so that everyone stays as healthy as possible, and we recognize how fortunate we are to be able to work from home or in controlled environments outside the home.

Thanks for your patience in continuing to worship online. Thank you for readily adapting to online meetings so that the ministry of the congregation has never shut down. Thank you for your generous support of our ministries such that in 2020 we could offer our full support to Clemson Community Care, Our Daily Bread, Our Daily Rest, Safe Harbor, the SC Synod, Lutheran Campus Ministry and many others.

If you ever need a listening ear, both Pastor Josh and I are available.

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The old testament reading for today in the common lectionary is from Proverbs. This is a book of the bible that I am not too familiar with, but the more I read from it, the more I want to read it. The reading for today is from the 8th chapter of Proverbs. Wisdom is speaking.

Proverbs 8:17:

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.

I have never seen a time in my life when there has been so much discussion about what is true in this country. I love the words of Paul Lutter, an ELCA pastor and writer from Plymouth, Minnesota, who writes in today's devotion from the *Word in Season*.

In a world ripped apart at the seams so that no one knows what is true, or where truth can be found, these verses give us guidance and encouragement. Wisdom, truth, and love have not only become flesh; they are also available to us. We find Wisdom when we seek her in the word and the water, in the bread and the wine. When we search for Wisdom in the gathered community, love will find us. When we see Wisdom's presence in

prayer and silent reflection, truth will show us the way.

When we seek wisdom, we will find love and truth. Our country needs this desperately. This morning in his *Jammies with Jesus* devotion, Pastor Jon talked about our church being a welcoming congregation and about our involvement in the *Clemson Area Pledge to End Racism*. I am looking forward to being able to be together as a congregation and again involved in the community and seek wisdom. Our country needs this. We can start in our own community.

God be with us!

Jean Mehlman

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES

DEATH OF DONALD SHABKIE

It is with sadness that we report the death of Donald Shabkie who was Uni-Lu's Choir Director and Organist for a few years in the 1980's.

Donald died on January 16th in Greenville and was 68 years old.

His obituary suggests that memorial donations can be made to Heifer International Project at www.heifer.org and that comments for the family can be posted to www.westvillefunerals.com (Donald's obituary is posted there also).

You can read more about Donald at www.donshabkie.com.

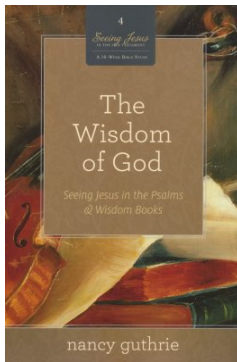


SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The UniLu youth are participating in the Souper Bowl of caring again this year! Our goal is to exceed the 300 pounds of food donated last year. Please drop off your donations in the narthex **before February 7th**.

The youth will also be collecting via safe social distancing during drive up communion of February 7th. If you can't bring food items, they will be

collecting monetary donations as well.



TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY via ZOOM

***The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms & Wisdom Books* DVD and study book by Nancy Guthrie**

10 sessions: Jan. 12 – March 16, 2021, 10:00 to 11:15 am

THE WISDOM OF GOD books are available with home study or you can just watch the lecture video when you join 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 can help with using Zoom, if you need it.

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



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)

Join Zoom Meeting at 10 am Sunday:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87019778020?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87019778020?pwd=emVTUW1GcDVZbTVIalFFSTFJeWZuUT09)

[pwd=emVTUW1GcDVZbTVIalFFSTFJeWZuUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87019778020?pwd=emVTUW1GcDVZbTVIalFFSTFJeWZuUT09)

Meeting ID: 818 1200 1614

Passcode: SSK-12

We do not meet on the first Sunday of each month so that everyone can get to

drive through Communion.

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZMtduCvqTMqGNT7E7gMqKL9uvZILtNGR2vw/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGvrjojHdOdsBuHRpwEAoj4Xe3wtlxfjY1pyzqyBA1CSS-vI_R4G55rPv_i

See you on Sundays!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come and join the adult Sunday school class that is meeting via Zoom! We are starting a new quarterly study on the topic *Call in the New Testament* where we will examine God's call in stories found in the New Testament. 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 we'll develop a broader and deeper understanding of God's call and an appreciation for the ways people respond positively to that call.

Join Zoom Meeting at 10 am Sunday:

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

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Meeting ID: 962 7387 2837

Passcode: 865931



A NEW HOME NEEDED FOR REX

This is Rex. He needs a new, loving home. He is 2 1/2 years old, fixed and litter box trained. He is very sweet and independent. Please call Rebecca Quesada at [561-213-0059](tel:561-213-0059) if you have room in your heart and home for this little guy.

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

Youth Sunday School, 10 am

Mollie Barrow mbarrowjr@aol.com

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

"*Tuesdays Together*" Bible Study, 10 - 11:15 am

Karen Dreher jkdreher@att.net

"The Wisdom of God"

January 12 - March 16

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study, 10 am

Marty High marty@martyhigh.com

"The Book of Isaiah"

FRIDAY

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

Drop in for a few minutes or hang out for the full hour.

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

UNILU PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends:
Marie Lynn's sister, Ellen; Larry Reamer, George, Martha & Nancy Harris;
Alton Fanning; Brenda Monn's mom, Betty Lighty; Kenneth Cothran, Sr.;
Gregg Dupree; 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: Kevin Parkhill; Beth
Stephan; Elise Smith.

PARISH INFORMATION

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](tel:864-722-5504) or

unilusecretary@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.