



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

February 10, 2021



FROM PASTOR JON

Next Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday, February 17th** and it marks the beginning of Lent. Through the years I've practiced "giving things up" and "taking things on." This year feels like a year where I'll be trying to take on a beneficial spiritual practice (journaling, additional prayer/meditation time, almsgiving...) versus trying to shake bad habits or reduce my coveting (chocolate or the like). Although there are numerous hopeful signs, like the full vaccination of close to fifty UniLuers by month's end, the pandemic continues.

So what spiritual practice will I become more mindful of this Lent? Fresh air & appreciation for all God's beautiful works; especially those ready to burst forth this spring.

So how about you? Any thoughts as to how you may approach Lent this year? Please email, call or text me if you would like to share.

This picture was taken today of my first Crocus to bloom this year. Timely and beautiful.

Looking to **Ash Wednesday, February 17th**, we'll be offering drive up ashes

from 2 – 2:30 PM in LOWER PARKING LOT off N. Clemson Avenue. Please wear a mask, as will Pastor Josh & I, and remain in your cars. We'll also offer an online Facebook live worship at 7 PM. The 7 PM service will also include the imposition of ashes so we will have snack baggies of ashes in the Narthex ready to pick up on Sunday February 14th if you need some. If you have ashes at home, please be sure to use a little baby oil or olive oil if you need to mix them a little bit. Wood ashes + Water = Lye which equals irritation to most people's skin!

God's peace & hope,
Pastor Jon



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One of the verses that Sarah Young used in her Jesus Calling devotion for yesterday (February 9) spoke to me.

Isaiah 12:2:

"Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he had become my salvation."

The last 11 months have not been easy. We have been disappointed that we can't be with family and friends, as we would like. We miss activities we did in the past. We still fear the future and what it might bring. We want to return to NORMAL. This verse reminds us that we are not alone. God is with us every day giving us strength.

Another verse from yesterday's devotion tells us what we need to do. The psalmist's heart is telling him what to do.

Psalm 27:8:

"My heart says of you, 'Seek his face!' Your face, Lord I will seek."

God is our salvation! We know that, but we often forget and try to go through the day relying on our own strength. I would rather "do it myself." When we do this, we are not taking advantage of God's strength. The words to *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* will not get out of my mind!

"O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer."

-Jean Mehlman

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 10:30 AM

We will hold a short congregational meeting on **Sunday, February, 21 at 10:30 am** to approve the Annual Report for the Congregation.

This meeting will be online at <https://clemsun.zoom.us/my/khigh>.

Annual Reports will be emailed out to everyone on Friday, February 19th, so watch for them in your inbox that day.

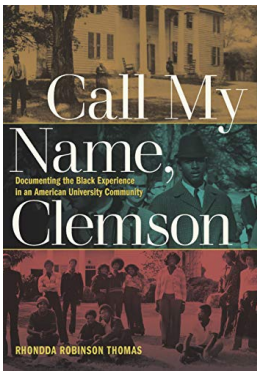
Dear Congregation,



Do People feel welcome at UniLu? Is University Lutheran welcoming? Is the welcome mat to our Church on the inside of our church or is it outside in the community?

Many of our members say yes, but others have told us no. Since 2019, a group of members have been meeting to work through ways that our church can be as welcoming to members outside in our community as we are to those inside. If you would like to join us in our meetings (2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month) just let Marty High know. The aim of Reconciling in Christ is to prominently display a "Welcome Mat" to those outside our church regardless of race, economic status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. We hope to present an affirming statement to Church Council and the congregation this year for your support. Please join this discussion!

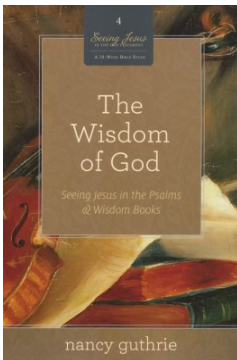
-Your *Reconciling In Christ* Taskforce



CALL MY NAME, CLEMSON: DOCUMENTING THE BLACK EXPERIENCE IN AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

Would you like learn more about the hardships and contributions of African Americans in the history of Clemson University from local author Dr. Rhonda Robinson Thomas? We cordially invite you to join our online discussion group on **Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 am** at [this link to Zoom](#) (passcode 010203) or contact Marty High or Eunice Lehmacher for more information. Also, Clemson is hosting a Book Talk on February 21 at 4:00 with Dr. Thomas. You can register for the book talk [here](#).

Our group is multid denominational and focused on a biblical interpretation of current events. We are currently focusing on issues related to race and equity. You can view the book on [Amazon](#). Feel free to join us!



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 through Tuesday, 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.

For 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

JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY
SCHOOL



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=emVTUW1GcDVZbTVlalfFSTFJeWZuUT09)

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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/meeting/tZMtduCvqTMqGNT7E7gMqKL9uvZILtNGR2vw/ics?>

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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:

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Meeting ID: 962 7387 2837

Passcode: 865931

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

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 CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

UNILU PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends:
Martha & Nancy Harris; Marie Lynn's sister, Ellen; Larry Reamer; 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; Tony Quesada; Randy Gilchrist; Larry Bock; Joyce Lillehamer.

UNILU CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this Coming Week: Pastor Josh Kestner; Keith Rockow; Donald Harris.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this coming week: Richard & Zoe Carlson.

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 noon; 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

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

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[ELCA GOOD GIFTS](#)

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.