



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

February 17, 2021



FROM PASTOR JON

Additional Time to Receive Imposition of Ashes!

We will be offering drive up ashes from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm in the upper parking lot on Sloan Street (in addition to 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the lower lot on N. Clemson Ave).

This came about by a household requesting a time that could accommodate people who are working. My apologies for not thinking that through the first time. There are also baggies of ashes in the narthex if you'd like to pick some up for your own use.

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As today begins our Lent Season, how will you be observing this special time of reflection and preparation for Easter? I mentioned last week that I'm going to try to add something this year, versus give something up. Giving God thanks and being grateful for things great (a raucous house with joy filled grandkids) and small (the beauty of a flame transforming last year's palms into this year's ashes) will be my daily discipline.

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Our "Return to Worship Task Force" recommended to Council, and Council adopted the recommendation on Monday night 2/15/21, to continue with online only worship through March 21. Although this may be disappointing, I choose to think that the weather should be turning by then, more folks in the

congregation will have received their second vaccination and completed the “post vaccination” waiting period, which is why the Task Force also recommended to Council, and Council adopted, requesting that the Worship and Music Committee begin planning for some outside worship opportunities.

I appreciate your patience and understanding. Judi Key, our organist and Director of Music Ministry, will be receiving her first dose of the vaccine on March 2, so things are looking up. As of now, clergy are still categorized in class 1C which looks like late spring/early summer for Pastor Josh & I to receive our vaccinations.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 843-304-5664 and we can have a conversation.

God’s peace & hope,
Pastor Jon



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The psalm for Ash Wednesday is Psalm 51. This very familiar psalm is described in the NIV bible as "A psalm of David. When the prophet Natuan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba."

In the psalm, David prays for:

Mercy

"1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to you unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions."

Forgiveness

"3 For I know my transgression, and my sin is ever before me."

Cleansing

"7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities."

Renewal

**"10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit"**

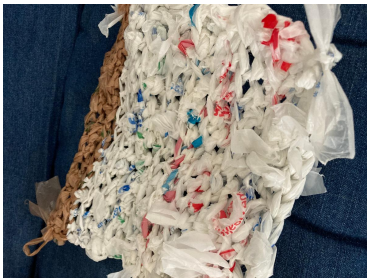
These words are very familiar, especially to the members of the UniLu *Tuesday Together Bible Study* group, which is based on *The Wisdom of God, Seeing Jesus in the Psalms* and *Wisdom Books* by Nancy Guthrie. This week we studied Psalm 51 and the outline above comes from Nancy's lesson yesterday.

David realized that he had committed two grievous sins - adultery and the murder of Bathsheba's husband, Uriah. David wants to be right with God. Nathan, the Man of God, tells David in 2 Samuel 12:13, "The Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die." Just as David's sins are "put away," Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

Over this Lenten season, we will have a chance to learn more about and appreciate the amazing gift we received when Jesus died for our sins.

Jean Mehlman

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY



LCM SERVICE PROJECT

One of our students had a great idea for a hands-on project to serve the community. Using plastic grocery bags, we can crochet them together to make mats that can be used in homeless shelters for more comfortable sleeping. So, we're asking that you might drop off some plastic grocery bags if you have them. I'll create a spot in the Narthex to collect them. Above is a sample picture of what the project looks like when it starts to come together.

-Pastor Josh

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://clemson.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. You can also download the annual report by clicking the link address below.

<http://uniluclemson.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Annual-Report-Final-2020-1.pdf>



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We donated 302.6 lbs. of food to Clemson Community Care! Two years ago we donated about 250 lbs., and in hindsight I think we over-estimated last year's total. CCC were especially excited to get the baking mix and syrup! They're full of peanut butter and rice, but would really appreciate canned soup and vegetables.

Great work!

-Cyra Phelan



GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD LENTEN OFFERING FEBRUARY 17 - MAY 30

Update: Because of the Pandemic, many of the Barnyard coin banks were not able to make it to church this past year. If you still have your bank you can use it again this year.

Save your coins and help purchase barnyard gifts. These gifts make a world of difference for a family in need.

Barnyard coin boxes are available in the Narthex for pick up and return. You may also give by check through Unilu. Mark check memo line as: *God's Global Barnyard*.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Questions: Karen Dreher- jkdreher@att.net

Dear Congregation,

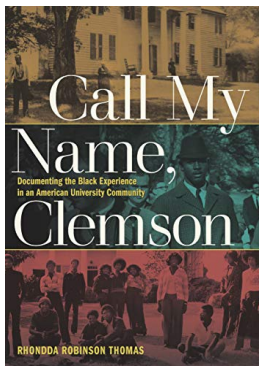


Do People feel welcome at UniLu? Is University Lutheran welcoming? Is the welcome mat to our Church on the inside of our church or is it outside in the community?

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 (2 nd and 4 th 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**

The *Call my Name* group will meet at 10:30 am this coming Sunday as planned, as other churches are involved. Feel free to join the group after our congregational meeting.

Would you like learn more about the hardships and contributions of African Americans in the history of Clemson University from local author Dr. Rhondda Robinson Thomas? We cordially invite you to join our online discussion group on **Sunday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 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 LENTEN BIBLE STUDY via ZOOM

Faces of CHRIST
Who do you say that I am?

5 Tuesdays: Feb. 23 – March 23
10:00 to 11:15 am

You can download *Faces of CHRIST* by clicking this link
<https://search.elca.org/Pages/Results.aspx?k=WH Lenten Study guide.pdf>

We can also get a copy to you if you like. Sign up or questions contact:

Karen Dreher: jkdreher@att.net

Jean Mehlmen: jmehlman43@gmail.com

We can help with using Zoom if needed.

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=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/meeting/tZMtduCvqTMqGNT7E7gMqKL9uvZILtNGR2vw/ics?](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMtduCvqTMqGNT7E7gMqKL9uvZILtNGR2vw/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGvrjojHdOdsBuHRpwEAoj4Xe3wtlxfjY1pyzqyBA1CSS-vI_R4G55rPv_i)

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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:

[https://9zest.zoom.us/j/96273872837?](https://9zest.zoom.us/j/96273872837?pwd=RoVobW14aC9EN3FscENaeGxaRU02Zz09)

[pwd=RoVobW14aC9EN3FscENaeGxaRU02Zz09](https://9zest.zoom.us/j/96273872837?pwd=RoVobW14aC9EN3FscENaeGxaRU02Zz09)

Meeting ID: 962 7387 2837

Passcode: 865931

UNILU ONGOING EVENTS

SUNDAY

Worship at 9 am on Facebook Live

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

Call My Name, Clemson: Documenting the Black Experience in An American
University Community Zoom Discussion Group at 10:30 am
(Zoom sign-in information in article above)

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

Faces of CHRIST Lenten Bible Study Feb. 23 - March 23

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:
Karen & Freddie Waltz; John Vinson; 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: Seth Beckley; George Askew.

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** or

unilusecretary@gmail.com

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar
Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

[SC LUTHERAN MAGAZINE](#)

[UNILU WEBSITE • LECTIONARY/READINGS](#)

[LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY • SC SYNOD](#)

[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.