

UNILU NEWS & EVENTS February 3, 2021



FROM PASTOR JON

By my count, 7 UniLuers have now received both doses of the Covid 19 Vaccine while another 33 have received their first dose. This is wonderfully hopeful news! If you don't

think I have you counted, please let me know, 843-304-5664 or pastorjon12@gmail.com.

However, not a but, but a however, there are still unanswered questions (to my knowledge, please correct me if I'm wrong!) Of most importance to me is, "Can someone still inadvertently and asymptomatically transmit the virus after being vaccinated?"

Our "Planning to Return to Worship" Task Force will meet again tomorrow. From the start we've said we are going to take both our Faith and Science seriously. I haven't spoken with anyone who doesn't WANT to come back to worship. The questions are "When" and "How" we can do it in the safest way possible.

What I can say is that on Ash Wednesday, two weeks from today, we'll offer drive up ashes just as we've offered the First Sunday of the Month drive up Holy Communion (next one is this Sunday, February 7). We'll all wear masks and I'll draw a cross of ashes on foreheads while saying the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." What I can say is Pastor Josh and I are planning on offering online Thursday evening services during Lent. What I can say is that our congregation continues to be active in ministry as you are salt and light for the world.

God's peace & hope, Pastor Jon



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I seem to be spending a good deal of time waiting waiting for the Covid vaccine, waiting for it to be safe to be with family, waiting for our country to settle

down, waiting for things to return to "normal." The common lectionary lesson for today also talks about waiting. It is from the 29th chapter of Jeremiah. From Jerusalem, Jeremiah writes a letter to the exiles in Babylon. He tells the exiles that they will be in Babylon for a long time, so they need to make lives for themselves there. They need to wait. But he promises them that the Lord will not forget them.

Jeremiah 29:11:

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

I really like the way retired ELCA pastor Jan LaVake of Neenah, Wisconsin describes our current situation in her devotion in *The Word in Season*.

"As I read today's Bible passage, I heard God's words for the world in crisis. They remind me that God's plans for us are not for harm, but for our well-being. God's plans always include God's presence in the hardest of times. We are not promised that everything will go our way, but that God will never abandon us."

Thank you God for being with us! Jean Mehlman

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES

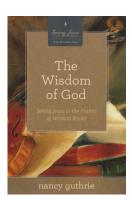
SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



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 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 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://uso2web.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: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMtduCvqTMqGNT7E7gMqKL9</u> <u>uvZILtNGR2vw/ics?</u> <u>icsToken=98tyKuGvrjojHdOdsBuHRpwEAoj4Xe3wtlxfjY1pyzqyBA1CSS-</u> 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: <u>https://9zest.zoom.us/j/96273872837?</u> <u>pwd=RoVobW14aC9EN3FscENaeGxaRU02Zz09</u> 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 <u>lindaGTholt@bellsouth.net</u>

Youth Sunday School, 10 am Mollie Barrow <u>mbarrowjr@aol.com</u>

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

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 <u>marty@martyhigh.com</u> *"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 <u>pastorjon12@gmail.com</u> 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: Marilyn DeLoach; Pastor Chris Heavner; Christel Loescher. CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this coming week: Pete & Sharon Runge.

PARISH INFORMATION

MISS A SERVICE?

The recorded church sermons, audio and video, are posted weekly to the website: <u>www.uniluclemson.org</u> 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 <u>HERE</u> for UniLu Calendar Click <u>HERE</u> for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

<u>SC LUTHERAN MAGAZINE</u> 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.