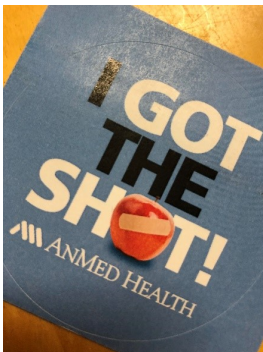




UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

March 24, 2021



FROM PASTOR JON

It has been wonderful these past two Sundays to be able to gather safely for worship outdoors. I appreciate that everyone old enough to wear a mask wore theirs throughout the services. I thoroughly enjoyed joining together in song with other voices live, and for the piano accompaniment for the worship service at University Lutheran.

As promised, the Worship & Music Committee met Monday night to discuss our experiences at UniLu and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. We then decided that our **outdoor worship services for Palm Sunday (3/28) and Easter Sunday (4/4) will be held at 11 am at University Lutheran in the Sloan Street parking lot. For Easter Sunday we will have an additional outdoor worship opportunity for a sunrise service at the Sanders' Abundant Blessing Farm. We will still have a 9 am online service for both Sundays.**

I am thankful that over one hundred people of University Lutheran have now received their first vaccine and two thirds of those have received their second. (My first shot was 3/13 and my second will be 4/3). I'm waiting with anticipation to see the Covid test results of Clemson University students and staff to be released by Clemson University on 3/26. I have concern for what is going on in Europe right now with the B117 variant and the frightening news out of Brazil, South America of the P1 variant.

So, I ask you to please remain vigilant. Please get your vaccine if you are eligible. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the vaccine, we have several people in the congregation in the healthcare field more knowledgeable than me who I'm sure would be willing to listen. Please continue to wear your mask, practice physical distancing and enjoy the outdoors as much as possible.

From the beginning of the pandemic, we've said we were going to take our faith and science seriously. This to me is a way of living out the two great commands, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength... and...love your neighbor as yourself."

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

PALM SUNDAY OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Palm Sunday, March 28 we will meet at 11 am Upper Parking Lot, Sloan Street

(Same worship guidelines as for March 21.)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 1 - Maundy Thursday 7 pm Online Worship

April 2 - Good Friday 7 pm Online Worship

April 4 - Easter Sunday 6:45 am Sunrise Service at *Abundant Blessing Farms* aka *The Sander's Place*, 178 Riggins Bridge Road, Liberty, SC 29657

9 am Online Worship

11 am Upper Parking Lot (Sloan Street)

If it is raining hard for Palm Sunday/Easter Sunday outdoor worship, we will still offer drive up holy communion from 11 am to 11:30 am.

For our outdoor, in person worship, **masks are required, please practice physical distancing, bring your own chair (and maybe hats & sunglasses too!)** We will have a limited number of folding chairs available for those whom camping chairs are a bit wobbly.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The old testament lesson for today in the common lectionary is Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23. According to the NIV Study Bible, Haggai was a prophet who encouraged the exiles returning to Jerusalem from Babylon to rebuild the temple. Here are God's words to the returned exiles.

Haggai 2:4b-5

" 'Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the Lord, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the Lord Almighty.

'This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.' "

These words apply to us today. The God who was with the returning exiles encouraging them to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem is with us today as we try to rebuild our lives and our country after a year of Covid-19 and political strife. I like the reassurances of Pastor Julie Kanarr of Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair, Washington, in today's devotion written in *The Word in Season*.

"Haggai kindled their hopes by offering words of assurance and comfort. God had not abandoned them. Haggai's message for them is also a word for us, especially when we feel overwhelmed or demoralized by the scope of the problems we face. Do not be afraid, and do not give up. God is with you."

Just as rebuilding the temple did not happen overnight, our lives will not suddenly return to normal. On the other hand, we are not alone as we slowly and safely return to a more normal life and work to heal a country that is torn by social and political divisions. God is with us!

-Jean Mehlman

LCM NEWSLETTER

LCM recently published another newsletter!

Click [HERE](#) to check it out!

And as always, there is a place for you to update our mailing list if you'd like to receive this newsletter in print or online automatically.

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES

VACCINATIONS

Have you received your vaccination?

Please let Pastor Jon know so we can get a feel for how much of the congregation is vaccinated.

pastorjon12@gmail.com

843-304-5664



FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

UniLu has 12, 2 bulb fluorescent light fixtures available for re-use. Please contact Pastor Jon or Abi if you are interested. They are all fully

functional although the plastic lenses are faded.

Our thanks to Herm Spitzer, Harold Holt and John Dreher for redoing the ceiling tiles and light fixtures in the two upstairs classrooms in the education building. Let there be more light! (and fresh, clean ceiling tiles).



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

I challenge you to listen to these three variations of the song *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XE_Sf_CyPYk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2YBM-YZXzo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpKWtBboq9g>

Then I invite you to tell us which you preferred and why during our class.
We'll be reading *Joshua: Prophet of Conquest* in our quarterly study of *Prophets Faithful to God's Covenant*.

-Linda Holt

Join Zoom Meeting at 10 am Sunday:

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

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Meeting ID: 962 7387 2837

Passcode: 865931



CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Since we will be meeting face to face for worship at 11:00 on **Sunday March 28 and Sunday April 4**, we will have face to face Sunday School at 10:15 am in front of the sanctuary. This will be outside, physically distanced and we will wear masks. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Mollie Barrow

RECONCILING IN CHRIST DISCUSSION



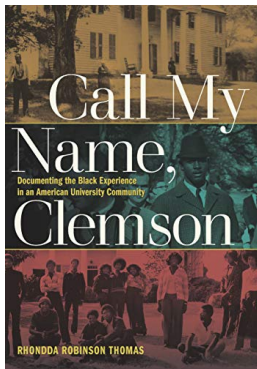
Dear Congregation,

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. Rhondda Robinson Thomas? We cordially invite you to join our online discussion group on **Sunday mornings 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

PLEASE NOTE: NO TUESDAYS TOGETHER ON MARCH 30

The Wisdom of God

April 6 - 27

10:00 to 11:15 am

You can download *Faces of CHRIST* by clicking this link

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.



GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD LENTEN OFFERING THROUGH 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

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

***No Tuesdays Together Bible Study on March 30**

Tuesdays Together Bible Study, 10 - 11:15 am

Karen Dreher jkdreher@att.net

The Wisdom of God

April 6-27

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study, **1:30 pm until May 5th**

Marty High marty@martyhigh.com

The Gospel of Mark

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:

Myrna Johnson; Karen & Freddie Waltz; Martha & Nancy Harris; Larry

Reamer; Alton Fanning; Brenda Monn's mom, Betty Lighty; Gregg Dupree; Marty Copenhaver & family; Jimmie Pletta & family; Gail Paul; Pat Wagner; Rosalyn Flanigan; Tony Quesada; Randy Gilchrist; Joyce Lillehamer; Judi Key's friend, Gary.

UNILU CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this coming week: Allen Barrow; Debbie Paul; Signa Daunt; Lynn Kunkle.

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 7:30 am - 11:30 am

Abi can be reached during the above hours at: [864-722-5504](tel:864-722-5504) or
unilusecretary@gmail.com

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Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

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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.***