



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

March 31, 2021



FROM PASTOR JON

We are midway through Holy Week. Looking back on Palm Sunday in person worship, it was great to welcome back Trey & Emily Schumpert and to meet Susan and Vendo in real life. Although we were cut short by the rain, that was only after Eunice Lehmacher and her pup led an impromptu Palm Procession and we were able to sing “All Glory Laud and Honor” (plus a little more). A handful of students remained to receive Holy Communion in the rain, a first for me!

Looking ahead, both our **Maundy Thursday service and Good Friday service will be on Facebook Live at 7 PM**. For **Easter Sunday** (with the weather forecasted to be beautiful!) **we’ll gather at 6:45 AM at Abundant Blessings Farm, aka The Sanders place, for a sunrise service**. This view (picture above) is from the balcony of their apartment where Renee & I first lived when we arrived in Clemson. **Their address is 178 Riggins Bridge Road, Liberty**. There is plenty of parking, but be prepared for uneven ground that you’ll find in pastures and alongside gravel roads. The views are breathtaking.

At **9 AM** we will have a **Facebook Live online service** and then at **11 AM** we’ll **meet in the upper parking lot at 111 Sloan Street for another in person worship**. For the outdoor services **please wear a mask, bring your own chair and dress for the weather**.

Locally, for a Covid 19 update, the initial numbers released by Clemson University look very positive following spring break

<https://www.clemson.edu/covid-19/testing/dashboard.html>. I'm holding off spiking the ball until the next wastewater numbers are released

<https://www.clemsoncity.org/PublicSafety/tabid/844/Default.aspx>.

Please let me know if you've received your vaccinations. As of this writing I'm aware of 109 people from University Lutheran who've received at least one vaccination out of approximately 300 people over age 16 on our roster. As of today, March 31, anyone over 16 is now eligible to make an appointment for vaccination. We have plenty of medical personnel in our congregation if you have any questions or need help with scheduling an appointment.

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 1 - Maundy Thursday 7 pm Facebook Live Online Worship

April 2 - Good Friday 7 pm Facebook Live 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 In Person Worship - Upper Parking Lot (Sloan Street)

If it is raining hard for 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.

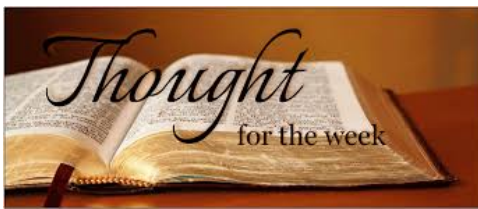
REMOTE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR HOLY WEEK

In observance of Good Friday the remote church office **will be closed this coming Friday.**

If you need anything, please make contact the following Monday and I'll be happy to assist you.

Easter Blessings to Everyone!

-Abi



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

During Holy Week there are special devotions for each day of the week in the common lectionary. This Holy Week, the old testament lessons for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday come for Isaiah and are Isaiah's 4 *servant songs* describing God's ideal servant, our savior, Jesus.

In the first *servant song*, Isaiah 42:1-7, Isaiah describes what God's charge to the servant is and what the servant will do for God's people and the whole world.

Isaiah 42:6-7:

I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

In the third *servant song*, Isaiah 50:4-9, the servant describes his instructions from God.

Isaiah 50:4:

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

God instructed the servant to free us from the prisons that the world has

constructed and that we have constructed for ourselves and to open our eyes to see needs around us. There has certainly been enough darkness in the last year. But, the servant is listening to our prayers. His well-instructed tongue knows what to say to save us weary followers. God continues to sustain us.

As we continue through Holy Week, we will again remember all that the servant suffered in order to redeem and save us.

-Jean Mehlman

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

COVID 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.

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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).



CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Easter Sunday, April 4th, we will have **Face to Face Sunday School at 10:15 am** in front of the sanctuary.

Outside, physically distanced, masks required. See you 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

TUESDAYS TOGETHER LENTEN BIBLE STUDY via ZOOM

The Wisdom of God

April 6 - 27

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.



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

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 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: Simon Barrow; Jerad Green; Charlie Smith.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this coming week: Reed & Sandra Severance.

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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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.