



## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

### March 10, 2021



#### FROM PASTOR JON

This **Sunday, March 14 at 11 AM**, we'll offer our **first outdoor worship service**. The service will be held in the upper parking lot on Sloan Street.

**Please wear a mask and practice physical distancing with those not in your "quaran-team group."** Since we may have both vaccinated and unvaccinated people present, please do your best to respect the body language of your siblings in Christ!

Having said those precautions, I'm almost giddy about gathering together. Although we are doing our best to plan, I ask in advance for your grace when things don't go exactly as we hope. For communion distribution Pastor Josh and I will bring the elements to you.

Other details. **Please bring your own chair and dress appropriately.** If you are able, please park on the street, in the parking deck or in the lower lot so that the back two rows (furthest from Sloan Street) can remain available for anyone who may need to park a little closer.

**We will still have our 9 AM online service.** Although the time may change in the future, our commitment to continuing this outreach will not. So if you are ever traveling, or at home sick, or anywhere with access to a smartphone,

tablet etc. you'll be able to join in for worship at University Lutheran.

Please let me or Pastor Josh know if you have any questions! Looking forward to being with you either **online (9 AM) or in person (11 AM) this coming Sunday!**

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

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## **THURSDAY LENTEN SERVICE**

Please be sure to join us **on Facebook Live this Thursday evening at 7 PM** for our midweek Lenten Service. The choir has recorded some music from Taize, we'll have reflections on "Welcoming & Inviting" by various members of University Lutheran, and have the opportunity for in home holy communion.

These meaningful worship services usually run about 20 - 30 minutes in length.

**Please note, the service bulletin and link to join Facebook Live will be emailed out on Thursday morning.**

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## **ANOTHER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE!**

**On March 21 we will meet at 4 PM at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Clemson in their new outdoor space, "Trinity Place."**

**(Same worship guidelines as for March 14.)**

Following our outdoor worship experience we'll review what went well and where we can make modifications. Then we can put plans together for Palm Sunday, March 28 and Easter Sunday, April 4. What is guaranteed, is that on all of these Sundays (March 21 – April 4) we will have our regular 9 AM Facebook Live service.

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## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**



The psalm in the common lectionary for the first part of this week is Psalm 84. The psalmist was barred from going to the temple, perhaps when the Assyrians ravaged Judah. Verses 1 and 2 reflect his situation.

**Psalm 84:1-2:**

**"How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!  
My soul yearns, even faints, for the court of the Lord; my heart and my flesh  
cry out for the living God."**

The psalmist remarks that even the sparrow has found a home in God's house. He also remembers the pilgrimages to Jerusalem that he did in the past.

The last year has given us some feel for how the psalmist felt. It has been a year since we worshipped in our sanctuary as a congregation. The last year has been very different - although very special in other ways. Thanks to Ned and Myrna Johnson, Pastor Josh, and Pastor Jon, we have developed an amazing online presence for the church. Thanks to Judi and Rebecca, we have wonderful music. We can start each day with a morning devotion from one of the pastors.

Thanks to vaccinations and warmer weather, we are going to have an outdoor worship service this Sunday. It will be great to begin to be together again! It is a wonderful step as we slowly and carefully begin to return to normal.

Thank you God for being with us this past year and watch over us as we begin to return to a more normal life.

**-Jean Mehlman**

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## **PARISH NEWS & UPDATES**

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**March 14 at 10:30 in front of the church** will be a face to face Sunday School for all children and youth. **This is outside, physically distanced and masks required.** Face to Face worship will be at 11:00. I hope to see you all there.



## 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=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=RoVobW14aC9EN3FscENaeGxaRUo2Zz09)

[pwd=RoVobW14aC9EN3FscENaeGxaRUo2Zz09](https://9zest.zoom.us/j/96273872837?pwd=RoVobW14aC9EN3FscENaeGxaRUo2Zz09)

Meeting ID: 962 7387 2837

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## RECONCILING IN CHRIST DISCUSSION



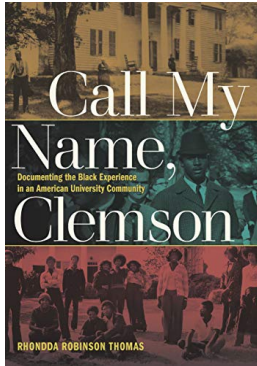
Dear Congregation,

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. Rhondra 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**

***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](mailto:jkdreher@att.net)

Jean Mehlmen: [jmehlman43@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lindaGTholt@bellsouth.net)

Youth Sunday School, 10 am

Mollie Barrow [mbarrowjr@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:jkdreher@att.net)

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

Marty High [marty@martyhigh.com](mailto: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](mailto:pastorjon12@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

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## UNILU CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

### UNILU PRAYER CONCERNS

**PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends:**

Myrna Johnson; Karen & Freddie Waltz; John Vinson; 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; Larry Bock;

Joyce Lillehamer; Judi Key's friend, Gary.

## UNILU CELEBRATIONS

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** this coming week: Rachel Creech; Cyra Phelan; John Blackmon; Addy Willis; David Foster; Rich Ringeisen.

**CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES** this coming week: Keith & Carol Miller.

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## PARISH INFORMATION

### MISS A SERVICE?

The recorded church sermons, audio and video,  
are posted weekly to the website: [www.uniluclemson.org](http://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** or

[unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com)

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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.***