



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

March 3, 2021



FROM PASTOR JON

Well, allow me to introduce you to our two year old granddaughter, Olivia. She, her older sister Willow, mom Elise (our daughter) and her dad Ben moved in with us close to two months ago. Life's been an adventure ever since!

After having them across the country in LA, it's wonderful that we are now a flight of stairs away. They'll be moving to Simpsonville once their house is built, but till then we'll be a three generation household just like my mom grew up in in Brazil, IN.

In this season of Lent I said I'd be consciously focusing on gratitude/joy. Most days I've remembered to write some things down; a few days I haven't. Grace abounds even when discipline goes down the drain. Perhaps especially then.

What I do know is each day I'm glad to be with family. It's been fun to experience with our granddaughters various wonders of the natural world (thank you bunny for leaving a deposit in the garden), an owl hooting in our neighbor's yard then swooping off to another perch, a red shouldered hawk screeching before it's morning breakfast, and the various flowers and shrubs now in bloom. It's fun when the girls can get such joy out of simple things like

playing with a plastic sign – a sign of God’s love for us, and our love for one another.

God’s peace, hope & joy,

Pastor Jon

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

On March 14 at 11 AM we’ll gather in our upper parking lot on Sloan Street for worship. Please wear your mask, bring your own chairs and practice physical distancing.

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.)

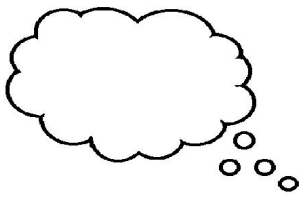
Following these two worship experiences we’ll review what went well and where we can make modifications. Then we can put plans together for Palm Sunday March 28 and Easter Sunday April 4. What is guaranteed, is that on all four of these Sundays (March 14 – April 4) we will have our regular 9 AM Facebook Live service.

THURSDAY LENTEN SERVICE

Please be sure to join us [on Facebook Live this Thursday evening at 7 PM](#) for our midweek Lent 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 worship service bulletin in addition to the link to join the service will be emailed out to everyone on Thursday morning.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The last year has been a rough one with many ups and downs. One of my favorite bible quotations is Matthew 11:28-30.

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Many times over the last year, things have seemed more than I was capable of dealing with. My normal reaction when that happens is to work harder to deal with the situation. I quickly realized that I could do very little to solve the problems besides listening to scientists, supporting politicians I thought could help the situation, and voting. But I also knew that I was not the only one "pulling the plow." The yoke was and is a two-person yoke. I am in the yoke with Jesus.

We are not alone in our battle! Thank you God for giving us Jesus as our yoke partner.

-Jean Mehlman

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY TIME CHANGE

Please note that Wednesday morning Bible Study **will now be held at 1:30 PM.**

We will return to 10 AM on May 5, 2021.



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

RECONCILING IN CHRIST DISCUSSION



Dear Congregation,

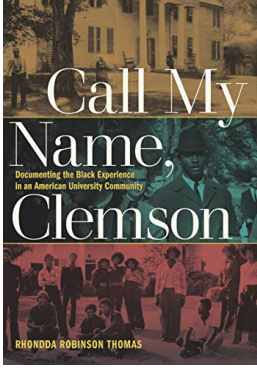
Do People feel welcome at UniLu? Is University Lutheran welcoming? Is the welcome mat to our Church on the inside of our church or is it outside in the community?

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. Rhonda 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.

FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Lent slipped up on me this year and I did not get the Lenten Devotionals Ordered. The printed versions are no longer available but you can download a

copy with the following link:

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/9781506474335/eBook-A-Story-to-Tell>

While we are not meeting in person yet, the Education Committee is working hard to continue with Sunday Church School. If you are looking for something meaningful to add to your Lenten journey this year, consider joining one the groups. We would love for you to join us!

-Mollie Barrow



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?>

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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/tZMtduCvqTMqGNT7E7gMqKL9](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMtduCvqTMqGNT7E7gMqKL9uvZILtNGR2vw/ics?)

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

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, **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:
Karen & Freddie Waltz; John Vinson; Martha & Nancy Harris; Marie Lynn's sister, Ellen; 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.

UNILU CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this coming week: Devin Lehmacher; Rachel Quesada; Peter Runge; Cindy Donnan; Susanne Lemcke.

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 or

unilusecretary@gmail.com

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

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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.