



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

April 21, 2021



FROM PASTOR JON

In his 1992 book, “The Five Love Languages...” Gary Chapman put forth a premise that we each have a predominant/preferred way of both expressing and receiving love. I confess, I’ve never read the book, just summaries. Here are the Five Love Languages per his insights: 1. Quality Time 2. Words of Affirmation 3. Gifts 4. Acts of Service 5. Physical Touch.

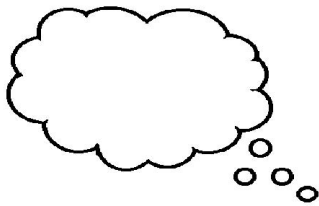
I’ve been thinking on this because we are currently visiting our daughter in Tennessee at her rental home. We’ve had some Quality Time in the evenings when she’s returned from post, and throughout the day I’ve been tackling home projects inside and out and Renee’s been doing a bang up job inside. Acts of Service are the ways I most readily demonstrate love. I try with the others, and certainly recognize their importance, they just aren’t as natural a go to for me as helping a Habitat build, cleaning out gutters, unclogging drain pipes, doing landscaping etc. Your way of expressing/receiving love is every bit as important as mine or anyone else’s which is why it’s so important that we have the varied gifts, and varied ways of expressing love in a Christian community. Matching gift givers with gift receivers, huggers with hugges, words of affirmation with ears longing to hear them, taking time with one another.

Jesus told his disciples, “I give you a new command that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you are to love one another.” What’s your love

language? Do those close to you know?

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sarah Young's devotion on Sunday (April 18) put together two very familiar bible stories. The first was Exodus 16:14-20. God provided bread from heaven each morning. The Israelites were to gather only as much as they needed for the day. If they saved some for the next day, because they had more than they needed or were afraid there would be none the next day, what they saved rotted overnight. The Israelites were to trust that God would provide for them each and every day. On the sixth day, they were to gather twice what they needed so that they would have enough for the sabbath. Then the extra did not rot but was fine for the sabbath. The second reading is one of my favorites.

Philippians 4:6-7, 19:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

I really like Sarah Young's discussion of God providing manna and peace to his people in her devotion for Sunday in *Jesus Calling*.

The day-to-day collecting of manna kept My people aware of their dependence on Me. Similarly, I give you sufficient Peace for the present, when you come to me by prayer and petition with thanksgiving. If I gave you permanent Peace, independent of My Presence, you might fall into the trap of self-sufficiency.

Seventy-seven years of life have shown me that I need God's Peace every day. I am not self-sufficient, although I often try to be. I am much better off when I turn to God and can feel God's presence and his Peace. In the words of the hymn, *I need thee every hour*.

Thank you God for giving me your Peace!

Jean Mehlman



EARTH DAY

April 22, 2021 is the 51st Earth Day, a day when all of us remember what God told us in Genesis 2: take care of the earth. In 2021 we can tell how people have changed the earth. We've had more forest fires in Australia and California and more floods in coastal areas. As a child in the south I remember having snow nearly every winter, that the tomato plants could survive the heat of the summer, and that large hurricanes were rare. Consider doing some of the following this year to take care of the earth.

- Walk somewhere instead of driving
- Pick up litter around your neighborhood or town
- Turn off your screens and talk or play board games instead
- Instead of paper napkins and plates, use real plates and napkins and wash them.
- Grow some lettuce or other veggies yourself
- Start a compost pile to make dirt out of your food scraps (contact Eunice for a cheap way to start a pile at home without buying a compost container)
- Buy a rain barrel to collect rain to water your plants instead of using your spicket
- Plant a tree
- Buy local fruits, vegetables and meats. Farmer's markets start this month in Clemson (Thursdays), Pendleton (Saturdays), Six Mile (Thursdays), and Westminster (Saturdays). Or order your local produce at clemsonareafoodexchange.com on the weekend to pick up at one of six locations on Tuesdays.
- Buy more efficient light bulbs
- Shop at thrift stores instead of buying new
- Turn your AC down one degree or your heater lower one degree and change your clothes to adapt
- Reuse bread, noodle and rice bags to pack your lunch instead of buying ziplocks. Can you make a no-waste lunch?

- Turn off the water periodically when taking a shower, washing dishes, or brushing your teeth
- Call your representatives and advocate for climate friendly policies (Follow SC Conservation Voters or Upstate Forever)
- Buy less (we did it in 2020 for the pandemic and learned we can do with less)

Individual actions can make a big difference in caring for God's creation! There will be some pieces of paper in the Narthex this week and on Sunday where you can write down some of the things you're doing to take care of the world around you. Next time you're near the church, stop by and let us know what you're up to.

-Eunice Lehmacher

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES

CLEMSON COMMUNITY COVID VACCINATION CLINIC

Local vaccine clinic at Clemson United Methodist Church.

Click link below to learn more.

<https://www.clemsoncity.org/Activityfeed/Myarticles/TabId/197/ArtMID/2433/ArticleID/4227/Clemson-Community-Vaccination-Clinic.aspx>

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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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



GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD OFFERING

THANK YOU For *GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD* BANKS THAT ARRIVED IN THE NARTHEX!

6 MORE SUNDAYS TO TURN IN: MAY 30, 2021!

Save your coins and help purchase barnyard gifts. These gifts make a world of difference for a family in need.

You may also give by check through Unilu. Mark check memo: *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/>

Outdoor Youth Sunday School, 10:15 am

In Front of Sanctuary

Mollie Barrow mbarrowjr@aol.com

Outdoor Worship Service at 11 am

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 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; Cece Parker's son and daughter-in-law, Billy & Lauren Parker.

UNILU CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this coming week: Jim Keogh; Chris Cox; Greg Bauld; Rebecca Quesada; Sara Quesada.

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–3:30 pm

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

unilusecretary@gmail.com

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

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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.