



## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

### April 14, 2021



#### FROM PASTOR JON

What a joy to celebrate Bharath Kunduru's baptism this past Sunday! Once more the welcome that is offered through the students of Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM),

congregation members involved with LCM, Pastor Josh and the congregation's overall support of LCM have created space for the Holy Spirit to continue bringing people to faith in Jesus. Thanks also to Bharath's sponsors Calvin & Linda Schoulties and Cindy & Rick Sanders, each of whom could share with you how their lives are enriched by the students' presence.

If the weather is good this Sunday (if it's not raining) at the 11 AM service we'll celebrate the baptism of Valen Childress and his younger brother, Solomon, and officially welcome their parents Brie and Chase as members of University Lutheran. Valen's baptism and Brie & Chase's joining the congregation were under discussion right before the pandemic struck; now we'll have the added blessing of receiving Solomon too!

Along the lines of welcoming one another, our Reconcilingworks core group met last night to discuss how we can continue to expand our invitation and welcome to all people. To affirm that all of us have been created in God's image and that through Christ we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves. Coincidentally, (God-incidentally?) as I checked my email after the meeting I had received an invitation from the Clemson Area African American

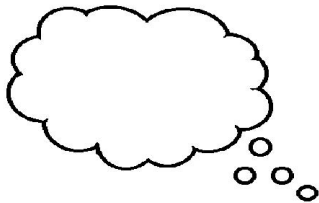
Museum to a 3 pm meeting this Sunday for input on a “Unity” mural that is being planned. Again, a witness of being a community where all are valued and loved.

Hope to see you this Sunday for **worship either online at 9 am, or weather permitting, 11 am in the 111 Sloan Street lot.** Please wear a mask, bring a chair and dress for the weather.

God’s peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

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### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The psalm according to the common lectionary for the first part of this week is Psalm 135. This is a psalm telling the people to praise the Lord and pointing out the good things God has done for Israel. The third verse tells us why we should praise the Lord.

**Psalm 135:3:**

*Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name,  
for that is pleasant.*

We enjoy praising God. There are times, particularly over the last year, when it seems hard to praise God with all that is going on around us and in the larger world. On some days, there do not seem to be many good things happening in our lives and in the world.

Pastor Nancy Raabe of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Marshall, Wisconsin, in her devotion for Monday quotes one of my favorite verses of scripture.

**Matthew 11:28:**

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*

Jesus knows the problems of the world that we have to deal with. He lived among us. But we do not have to deal with the problems alone. God and his son Jesus are always just a prayer away. They are ready to provide guidance and rest for the weary.

**We praise you, O God!**

## 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.

[pastorjon12@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjon12@gmail.com)

843-304-5664



### WE NEED YOU FOR PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE!

Dear Congregation,

I hope that you have been enjoying our outdoor services in this beautiful weather we have been having.

Church Council is searching for someone to head up our Parish Life committee. **This committee helps coordinate fellowship opportunities such as cookouts, potlucks, casual group get togethers etc.** We have several members who are willing to **continue their** work on the committee, but no one to organize the efforts. This is a particularly important committee given that we have been worshipping remotely for over a year and we are possibly going to be back for in-person worship soon. Please contact me ([marty@martyhigh.com](mailto:marty@martyhigh.com)) or Abi ([unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com)) if you would like to donate your talent to our Church.

Marty High, Council President

### 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 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/>

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)

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](mailto:jkdreher@att.net)

*The Wisdom of God*

**April 6-27**

## 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.

# 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:** Cleo Shields; Billy Parker; Sue Reneke; Cindy Honeycutt; Jennifer Ealey; Willie Kunkle.

**CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this coming week:** Keith & Zoraya Rockow.

## 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–3:30 pm

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