



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

April 28, 2021



FROM PASTOR JON

Yesterday the CDC released “Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People” which can be found at this link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

My biggest takeaway is that for our outdoor worship services, if you have been vaccinated, they feel it’s safe to not wear a mask (except in “large” gatherings.) I will probably continue to do so during the time of communion distribution, but forgo it for the other parts of the service. Of course, I’m not sitting near anyone so your choice may differ. And I expect that dynamic to continue for the foreseeable future.

Different contexts call for different responses. Everyone has their own comfort threshold and many have different personal or home situations to also consider. I’m not sure if my Ethics Professor taught me this, or I just heard it, but I believe he said that a Lutheran Ethic is rooted in “How does my action/inaction affect my neighbor?” Notice this isn’t, “What do I want to do?” or “What do others tell me I should do?” It’s a question I have to ponder as to how my action/inaction expresses love towards my neighbor. Compound that with God’s clear words through the prophets and the addendum could well be, “...especially my neighbors who are most vulnerable.”

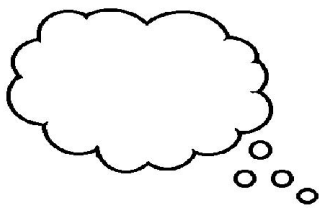
It has been great gathering for worship outdoors and this past weekend to

meet a few people who have connected with University Lutheran these last fourteen months through our online worship and devotions. **This Sunday, May 2, we will begin the process of re-introducing people into the sanctuary by having up to 30 people present during the 9 AM online service.** We emailed the link to sign up this past Monday afternoon and as of Wednesday morning at 8 AM 10 of the 30 slots had been reserved. If you are interested (masks are required, we'll spread out in the sanctuary and not have in person singing just yet) then follow this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45acaf28aofec34-sunday>

If you have any questions or problems with Signup genius please contact me. If the 30 spaces are filled, please let me know and I'll make sure that you are signed up for May 9. You can **text or call me at 843-304-5664 or email me at pastorjon12@gmail.com**. In the meantime, we continue to try and be creative in expressing our love for God and our neighbor.

God's peace & hope,
Pastor Jon



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The new testament lesson for today in the revised common lectionary is the very familiar story from Mark 14:26-31. Jesus and his disciples have finished their Last Supper. Jesus predicts that all of the disciples will fall away. Peter and Jesus have this conversation.

Mark 14:29-30:

"Peter declared, 'Even if all fall away, I will not.'

'Truly I tell you,' Jesus answered, 'today - yes, tonight - before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times.' "

We all know what happened that night. Peter did deny Christ three times. Semi-retired Pastor Darlene Muschett from Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church in Dillon, Colorado, shows what happened to Peter after Jesus' resurrection in her devotion for today in *The Word in Season*.

"In Mark 16:7, the angel singled out Peter to receive the news of the resurrection: 'But go, tell his disciples and Peter.' In John 21:15-17, the risen

Christ appeared to the disciples and asked Peter three times if he loved Jesus - one time for each of Peter's denials. Peter was made whole - restored in relationship to Jesus. There is no expiration date on God's forgiveness. No matter how far we've pulled away from God, God won't pull away from us. Daily we're made new through the forgiveness and love of Jesus."

We all have our Peter moments when we either deny or forget about Jesus and what he did for us on the cross. God is always there waiting for us to turn back to him. Thanks be to God.

-Jean Mehlman

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY



CELEBRATING GRADUATES

As a congregation that loves and supports students in campus ministry, we are blessed to be able to celebrate with them when they graduate! This May there are 9 students who will be graduating and/or finishing their degrees. Pray for Stephanie Braswell, Mariah Swygert, Sam Studer, Andrew Rifkin, Lars Nelson, Austin Dollar, Sze Wing Yu, Sandra Tsiorintsoa, and Ethan Severance these weeks as they come to the end of something and begin something new in their lives.

If you'd like to congratulate these students individually, just reach out to Pastor Josh for their contact information.

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES

CONGRATULATIONS FREDDIE WALTZ!

This past weekend, Freddie Waltz was inducted into the Georgia Agricultural Education Hall of Fame. What an honor! And what a



wonderful way to celebrate all of Freddie's love and hard work.
Congratulations, Freddie! We always pray for you and Karen!

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!**

5 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* has no scheduled meetings at this time**

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; Robert Knoerr; 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: Marion Benton; Cynthia

Nelson; Ned Johnson; Harold Holt.

**CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this coming week: James & Sue
Reneke; George & Jean Askew.**

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** 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.*

