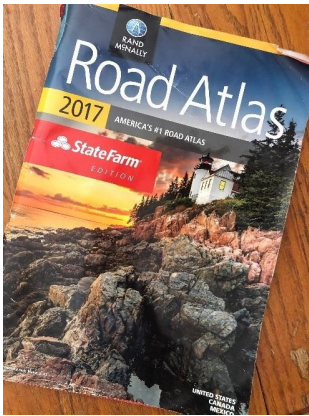




UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

May 5, 2021



FROM PASTOR JON

Are we there yet?

How many dozens and dozens (hundreds and hundreds?) of times did I ask that question on long seemingly interminable drives (looking at you Ontario, Canada; and you too Pennsylvania Turnpike).

Are we there yet? Depends where “there” is. Now that I’m fully inoculated I have much greater freedom of movement and activity. In some ways, I feel “there,” especially for outdoor activities. But as a community the question is still “Are WE there yet?” For some families with children under 16 years old the answer is “not yet.” For those unable to take the vaccine due to medical conditions the answer is “not yet.” For the virus being eradicated in Clemson, SC the answer is “not yet.”

The “Task Force for Return to In-Person Worship” will be meeting next week to be able to provide updated recommendations to Council for our meeting on Monday May 17. We’ll review the positive news of increased vaccinations, decreased local and statewide cases and what options that opens for us. In the Task Force we’ll also discuss small group meetings inside, Bible Studies, Women of the ELCA, Ministry Teams & Committees, etc.

For this Sunday we’ll continue to offer our online worship at 9 AM, with up to 30 people plus worship leaders in the sanctuary. We’ll also continue our 11

AM outdoor worship in the 111 Sloan Street Parking lot with singing and live piano music. Plus visiting before & after worship. The weather looks a little warmer so please bring a hat and pack a cool drink if you'd like.

Are we there yet? We are getting closer. So much closer.

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The psalm for the first part of the week according to the revised common lectionary is Psalm 80. God's people are praying for restoration. They are in the promised land, but God seems to have left them. The following verse appears in several places in the psalm.

Psalm 80:3:

Restore us, Oh God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

The Israelites were no longer following God. They felt that God was angry and had turned against them. They felt that God had left them. Times were tough.

For us, times have been tough now for over a year, but we know that God has not left us. We are not alone. God sent his son Jesus to earth and he is with us always. The Israelites were hoping their Savior would come. Jesus did come and died for our sins.

But we need to constantly remind ourselves of His presence with us. It is so easy to try to rely on our own "strength" rather than God's strength. That certainly does not work for me.

Thank you God for sending us your Son! Be with us as we go through this week and help us be more aware of your presence in our lives.

-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.

NEWS & UPDATES

**Clemson Community
Vaccination Clinic**

**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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843-304-5664

WELCA RUTH CIRCLE



The Ruth Circle will meet on **Monday, May 24, 2021** at **12 noon in the Fellowship Hall**. This will be a “bring your own lunch” planning meeting. Dessert and beverages will be provided. **Masks and social distancing will be required.**

Looking forward to seeing our current members. We welcome any new ladies who would like to join us. If you have any questions, you can **contact Molly Parkhill at 828-551-9447.**

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!

4 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:
Keith & Carol Miller; 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: Mollie Barrow; Karen Waltz; Frank Honeycutt; Keith Kargel; Freddie Waltz.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this coming week: John & Jackie Broadwell; Jon & Tammy McGinney.

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.