



## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

November 13, 2024



### FROM PASTOR JON

**In my morning walk I can disappear in the predawn darkness and hear not a sound...except for my breathing, sometimes the sound of my feet hitting the pavement, and now that fall is fully**

**here, the crunch of leaves. Walking by the pond in Patrick Square I see silhouettes of Canada geese floating, unmoving, in the water. A large fish splashes; presumably after securing a morning snack from the water's surface. The sunlight has yet to crack the dawn.**

**Then into this idyllic setting my thoughts wander back two summers ago when I visited Sachsenhausen concentration camp (<https://www.sachsenhausen-sbg.de/en/>) and then asked questions of our guide while visiting Dachau (<https://www.kz-gedenkstaette-dachau.de/en/>).**

I asked, “When was the tipping point for Hitler? When was is too late?” I knew that Lutheran pastor/professor/scholar Dietrich Bonhoeffer had his public radio broadcast prematurely ended in 1933. I only recently learned from Lutheran travel author Rick Steves of Hitler’s imprisonment of 95 political opponents in 1934. (Rick’s two-minute video is on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1363863331256571>, his longer 1 hour show on Fascism in Europe is here: [www.ricksteves.com/facism](http://www.ricksteves.com/facism)) The guide’s answer to my questions “When was the tipping point for Hitler? When was is too late?” was, “I don’t know.”

So yes, when I hear talk of “replacing Generals” with those loyal to a person and not to their Constitutional Oath, I take notice. When there are calls to jail one’s political opponents when no crime has been committed and proven in a court of law, I take notice. When someone advocates for law enforcement to have free reign for “one hour” or be a dictator for “one day”, I take notice. Why? Because that is not loving my neighbor. That is not seeking shalom for our society.

So, we live in the both/and of this transition in elected leadership. Praying that both the good of our neighbor and the health of our democracy will be prioritized...regardless of political party.

God’s peace & hope,  
Pastor Jon



## 2025 ESTIMATE of GIVING

*Thank you to all who have turned in Estimate of Giving and Time and Talent statements for 2025!* As a community of faith, the annual stewardship appeal helps us to support our

ministries.

The Stewardship Committee is using an online process to submit your 2025 Estimated Giving and Time and Talent Drive for your convenience and safety. Paper copies of the forms are also available in the narthex. You may also email Abi to request a paper form at [unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com). Paper forms may be placed in the wooden box located on the large round table in the Narthex or mailed to the church.

The online Estimated Giving Form is accessible at this link:

[Estimate of Giving](#)

You may use the online link as many times as you like. For example, you can make an estimate of giving for one individual and then use the link again for another individual in the same household.

The TIME AND TALENT DRIVE: The 2025 Time and Talent Drive form is accessible at this link:

[Time and Talent Drive](#)

The online forms can also be found on University Lutheran Clemson's website at [www.uniluclemson.org](http://www.uniluclemson.org). Both forms are located under the "Learn" tab under "Newsletters".

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ESTIMATE OF GIVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024.** Time and Talents forms may be submitted later.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

University Lutheran Men's Breakfast will meet on **Tuesday, November 19th at 8 a.m.** We will meet at Dimas Brothers Cafe in Seneca. For information, call Jim Jones at 240 671-7182 or [lmjones4@nctv.com](mailto:lmjones4@nctv.com).

## WELCA NOVEMBER MEETING

WELCA Ruth Circle will meet on **Monday, November 25 @11:30 am at Sunnyside Cafe, Patrick Square, Clemson, SC.** Please RSVP to Susan Boatwright at [saboatwright80@gmail.com](mailto:saboatwright80@gmail.com) no later than Wednesday, November 20 if you plan to attend.

## SANTA SHOPPE

### The Dream Center – Easley

**Bring unwrapped toys or books to the Narthex by MONDAY, DEC. 8th**

You can also make cash donations to University Lutheran, mark memo: Santa Shoppe. Please make **monetary donations in by December 1**

The good news: Parents will be able to select gifts for their children at the Santa Shoppe.

Parents can earn credit money by taking classes or supporting the Dream Center.

**Thank you for your support!**

Questions or comments: Karen Dreher - [jadreher@att.net](mailto:jadreher@att.net)

Community Ministry Team



## THE ORDINATION OF COURTNEY NOYA

We are so pleased to announce that Ms. Courtney Noya, our former intern, graduated from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in May and has recently accepted a call to Christus Victor Lutheran Church in Naples, FL.

Her ordination was on November 7 at All Saints Lutheran Church in Lutz, FL.

If you would like to send her a message of support or send funds to help unwrite some of her financial challenges during this transition, please utilize the information below.

Congratulations, Courtney! Godspeed!

Email Address: [courtney.noya@my.lr.edu](mailto:courtney.noya@my.lr.edu)

Venmo Address: @Courtney-Noya

Postal Address during transition: 508 Meredithville Drive, Brodnax, VA 29230

## SHARING CHRISTMAS - ADOPTING A CLASSROOM

**Thank You!**

All students and teachers have been adopted!

Don't forget all gifts need to be turned in this Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**A great way to share Christmas!**

Questions: Karen Dreher; 864 280 0407; [jadreher@att.net](mailto:jadreher@att.net)

## UNILU ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendar! The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday, December 8 between worship services**. The Congregation will be voting on new Council members and the 2025 budget.

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE SEEKING COUNCIL

**MEMBERS**

The nominating committee is currently soliciting volunteers who are willing to serve on our Church Council for the 2025-2028 term. If you are interested in serving in this very important leadership role at UNILU, please let Stephen Avery, Linda Holt or Molly Parkhill know.

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[lindagtholt@bellsouth.net](mailto:lindagtholt@bellsouth.net)

[parkhill.molly@gmail.com](mailto:parkhill.molly@gmail.com)

## Join us for TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY

### *When You Pray*

6 different speakers (video) will speak on the various ways to approach meaningful prayers.

Tuesdays 10:00 am – Youth Room

October 8 - November 19

No need to sign up - join us anytime!

Questions: Jean Mehlman: [jmehlman43@gmail.com](mailto:jmehlman43@gmail.com)

Karen Dreher: [jadreher@att.net](mailto:jadreher@att.net)

## WELCOME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

- **Preschool Class meets in the Crawl Room on top floor of education building back right corner - Sunday School Teachers - Renee Heiliger, Kelsey Tibbs and Jan Fritz.**
- **Elementary Class meets in the Walk Room - top floor of the education building back left corner - Sunday School Teachers - Molly Parkhill - Joanne Avery and Tammy McGinney Subs.**

- **Middle/High School Class meets in the Fly Room - top floor of the education building front left corner - Sunday School Teachers - Sam and Elena Plonk.**
- **Confirmation class will also be held in Fly Room led by Pastor Jon Heiliger.**
- **Adult Class meets in the Fellowship Hall - Sunday School Teachers - Linda Holt and Eunice Lehmacher, Allen Barrow - sub.**

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Adult Sunday school is utilizing a Bible study curriculum developed by the South Carolina Synod Bible Team. We are in the section *What Child Is This? How The Old Testament Prepares Us for the Coming of God's Messiah.*

These classes are held on Sundays between services (10 am) in the Fellowship Hall and are led by Linda Holt and Eunice Lehmacher.

## **UNILU ONGOING EVENTS**

### **SUNDAY**

Indoor Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am

Facebook Live Worship Service at 9 am

<https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/>

Preschool, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 10:00 am

Renee Heiliger (Preschool) [rch719@gmail.com](mailto:rch719@gmail.com)

Molly Parkhill (K - Grade 5) [parkhill.molly@gmail.com](mailto:parkhill.molly@gmail.com)

Sam & Elena Plonk (Middle & High School) [samplonk@hotmail.com](mailto:samplonk@hotmail.com)

Linda Holt (Adult) [lindagtholt@bellsouth.net](mailto:lindagtholt@bellsouth.net)

Children's Choir 10:45 am - 11:15 am

## 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 am

Jean Mehlman: [jmehlman43@gmail.com](mailto:jmehlman43@gmail.com)

Karen Dreher: [jadreher@att.net](mailto:jadreher@att.net)

## WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at 10 am

Choir Practice 5:30 pm

Bell Choir Practice at 6:30 pm

## UNILU CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

### UNILU PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends:  
Marilyn Bull, Russell Brown, John Broadwell, Jackson Flanigan, Larry Reamer,  
Alton Fanning, Scott Crane, Gregg Dupree, Gail Paul, Pat Wagner, Rosalyn  
Flanigan & Family, Tony Quesada, Joyce Lillehamer, Mona, Jean Erskine, Chris,  
Elise (Smith) White.

### UNILU CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this coming week: Jo Ann Abernathy, Elizabeth  
LaFleur, Joyce Lillehamer.

## 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 & Wednesday 7 am–3:30 pm

Friday 7 am - 12 noon

Abi can be reached during the above hours at [864-280-5605](tel:864-280-5605)

or [unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com)

## ONSITE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9 am to 1 pm. Other days by appointment.

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

Pastor Jon Heiliger, Parish Pastor: [pastorjon12@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjon12@gmail.com)

Pastor Josh Kestner, Campus Ministry Pastor: [jkkestner@gmail.com](mailto:jkkestner@gmail.com)

Abi Donhauser, Office Administrator: [unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com)

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Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

## LINKS

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[LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY](#) • [SC SYNOD](#)

[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.*

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