



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

December 11, 2024



FROM PASTOR JON

This Advent Season we selected the theme of “Hope” - - always a timely message...

This ornament was given to me by a dear Lord of Life parishioner, Bette George, back in 2007 and it has been adorning my office shelf ever since.

The color has faded a bit. It accidentally got mushed so now it is supported by some not so invisible tape.

But I treasure it.

Perhaps because Bette was an accomplished artist in her younger years, but in her eighties (possibly early nineties, I never asked!) and utilizing a

wheelchair for mobility, she was still using her God given talents to bring joy to others. Perhaps it's because of the message itself: hope. My guess is that it is a combination of the two.

I invite you to come out this evening, or tune in to our Facebook live broadcast, for our second Advent service using the Holden Evening Prayer service. Come join us for dinner at 6 PM and then add your voice to a beautiful, reflective worship service.

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

DECEMBER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OUTCOME

The meeting was called to order, and an opening prayer was offered by Pastor Jon Heiliger. The following agenda items were presented and voted on.

· The congregation warmly recognized the 24 years of service to the church by Jon and Renee Heiliger by giving them a standing ovation. Their Christian journey is quite remarkable. He gave up a successful business career, she went to work while he was in seminary for four years... all while caring for two beautiful daughters. This couple heard the calling of God and answered it, what courage, what faith! Congratulations on a job well done.

There will be a farewell reception for Jon & Renee on Sunday, January 26th in between services.

· The congregation unanimously approved the minutes from April 14, 2024 congregation meeting as written.

· The financial budget for the calendar year 2025 was presented by Jean Mehlman, Chairperson of the Financial Committee. It should be noted that the budget had a modest surplus and was prepared prior to Pastor Heiliger's announcement of his retirement. The congregation unanimously approved the budget as prepared.

· The congregation unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Tamie Herin to fulfill the final year on Council of Ms. Katie Caterino, who resigned earlier this year. Congratulations and thank to Ms. Tamie Herin for her willingness to serve.

· The congregation voted to appoint Ms. Kim Lanier, Ms. Tammy Mckinney, and Ms. Carol Miller for three-year terms on Council beginning in January of 2025. Congratulations and thank you to all of you for your willingness to serve.

· A review of the parish's 2024 Annual Goals was then presented. The construction phase of the Embracing Inclusivity (EI) campaign has drawn to a close. The four bathrooms in the administration/education building have been renovated closer to ADA compliance and critical interior and exit doors have been widened and or automated. EI Fund Raising Campaign is still ongoing as there remain outstanding pledges. A second goal was to increase the participation of children and LCM students in the Sunday worship services. The success of this initiative is on view almost every Sunday.

· Finally, with the blessing and encouragement Bishop Ginny Aebischer the congregation unanimously approved the initiation of an Internal Discernment for the candidacy of Pastor Josh Kestner to fulfill the role of University Lutheran's Parish Pastor prior to any external search.

The congregation commissioned a four-member subcommittee consisting of Ms. Tamie Herin (chairperson), Ms. Carol Miller, Michael Scott, and Zoie Bowers (LCM student) to discern with Pastor Josh the week of January 13th. Should you have a question for him or his candidacy you can pose it to one of the subcommittee members or pose it directly to him.

Please remember, this is as much a discernment process for him as it is for us. Consequently, do not hesitate to openly express your support for him directly to him and amongst the congregation.

With the subcommittee's input the Council will vote on Pastor Josh Kestner's candidacy on January 20th. Depending on the outcome, the

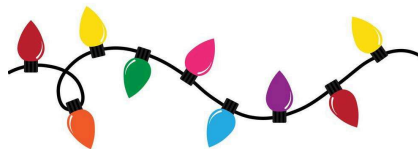
Council could convene a congregational meeting in early February for a vote.

The congregation voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

A commissioning prayer for the four newly elected Council members was offered by Pastor Jon Heiliger.

A closing prayer was offered by Pastor Josh Kestner.

**Stephen Avery
Council President**



**The toys have been delivered to
SANTA SHOPPE AT THE DREAM CENTER!**

Thank you for your support!

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Dear Congregation,

Our staff have provided exemplary service to our Church in ministering to our congregation, community, and beyond. Now, you have an opportunity to recognize our hard-working staff with a Christmas gift. Please consider providing a gift for our staff by placing a contribution in the box in the narthex marked "Staff Gifts." Our staff will appreciate your

acknowledgment of the efforts and talents that they provide to our congregation. **Kindly provide your staff gifts by Dec. 22.**

Stephen Avery

Council President



ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

On Wednesday evenings (December 11th and 18th) at 7 pm the congregation is invited to worship together using the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer. A meal will be offered prior to worship beginning at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.

Please join us for these special evenings of fellowship and worship.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

University Lutheran Men's Breakfast will meet on **Tuesday, December 17th at 8 AM.** We will meet at Dimas Brothers Cafe in Seneca. For information, please contact Jim Jones at **240 671-7182** or lmjones4@nctv.com.

Join us for TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY

TAKE COURAGE

A study of Haggai

DVD: Jennifer Rothschild

**Haggai is an Old Testament book
What does it have to say to us today?**

Tuesdays 10:00am – Youth Room

Dec. 3 - Jan.28, 2025

No class on Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st

UPDATED ADDRESS FOR PASTOR COURTNEY NOYA

Pastor Courtney Noya

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**GREENVILLE
CHORALE**

**HANDEL'S
MESSIAH**

**Greenville Chorale
Greenville Chorale Soloists
Chorale Orchestra
Bingham Vick, Jr., Conductor**

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7:30pm
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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

Molly Parkhill (K - Grade 5) parkhill.molly@gmail.com

Sam & Elena Plonk (Middle & High School) samplonk@hotmail.com

Linda Holt (Adult) 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 (No class on Dec. 24 or 31)

Jean Mehlman: jmehlman43@gmail.com

Karen Dreher: 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: Leah Severance, Barbara Blackmon, John Fulmer

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 & Wednesday 7 am–3:30 pm

Friday 7 am - 12 noon

Abi can be reached during the above hours at **864-280-5605**

or unilusecretary@gmail.com

ONSITE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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Pastor Josh Kestner, Campus Ministry Pastor: jkestner@gmail.com

Abi Donhauser, Office Administrator: 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.

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