



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

January 22, 2025



FROM PASTOR JON

If you have not yet watched, or listened to, the full homily that Bishop Budde offered at the Prayer Service in the National Cathedral I encourage you to do so. Go deeper than the sound bites and draw your own conclusions on how biblically sound her message is; how well she did in speaking the truth in love.

The sermon is around 15 minutes long and can be found at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwwaEuDeqM8&t=115s>. Here's a brief outline of her main points:

Foundations of unity (at least three):

1. Honoring the inherit dignity of every human being.
2. Honesty; in both private conversation and public discourse.
3. Humility. (She quotes Alexandr Solzhenitsyn; I wished she had given a shout out to Martin Luther and each of us being simultaneously “saint and sinner”)

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon



CELEBRATION OF PASTOR JON & RENEE HEILIGER'S MINISTRY

Please save the date, mark your calendar...

THIS SUNDAY, January 26th at 10:00 am
(between services in the Fellowship Hall),

University Lutheran will be holding a special coffee hour to recognize Jon and Renee Heiliger for their twenty-four years of service and sacrifice to the Lutheran church. Twenty-eight years ago, this very close family of faith truly answered the call of God.

Jon gave up a very successful commercial career at mid-life, and moved to Columbia, SC to tackle four years of seminary. To support their young family of four, Renee returned to work teaching. What a true act of faith!

And now after twenty-four years of ministry, he has decided to retire. This man and his wife have done so much for us as a congregation and friend, both professionally and personally. So please don't miss this opportunity to express your personal appreciation and gratitude for all their efforts over the last eight years.

If you would like to help with refreshments, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Adult and Children's Sunday School classes will not be held this day.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**The Discernment Vote(s) for Pastor Josh Kestner
for University Lutheran's Parish Pastor.**

10:00 am Sunday February 9th, 2025

In accordance with the constitution and bylaws of both our Lutheran Senate and University Lutheran we are calling a special congregational meeting in order to discern the congregation's interest in calling Pastor Josh Kestner as our parish pastor, as well as approve the associated compensation package contained therein. You will be voting on these two items separately, the first requiring two thirds vote and the second a simple majority.

After which, Pastor Josh will be given an opportunity to formally discern his interest in us and accept the role.

In order for the vote to be valid we must have a quorum, so it is incumbent on all of us to make every effort to be there in person and seated promptly.

Obviously, a strong showing on our part would give Pastor Josh a very strong indication of your support for his candidacy.

Stephen Avery, Council President

2024 GIVING STATEMENTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP IN THE NARTHEX

If you were a UniLu pledger in 2024, contribution statements are now available in the Narthex for pickup. If you need your statement mailed to you, please email Abi at unilusecretary@gmail.com.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

University Lutheran Men's Breakfast will meet on **Tuesday, January 28th 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.

WELCA MEETING

WELCA Ruth Circle will meet on **Monday, January 27 at noon in the fellowship hall**. This will be a planning session for the 2025 year so bring your lunch and lots of ideas! Dessert and beverages will be provided.

Hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

An Afghan teen needs help completing an asylum application form. The young man speaks English well, but he will need some help interpreting the questions. I anticipate that this will take no longer than three hours of time to complete. He can meet at the Church or any other mutually convenient location. If you are interested in helping this young man, please contact Marty High at marty@martyhigh.com or **864.300.2444** for more information.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our adult Sunday School class meets at **10:00 am on Sundays** in the Fellowship Hall.

For the winter quarter of 2025 we will be using the curriculum *Hope in the Lord*. We will ponder what hope means in our lives and the mission of Christ's church in order to act with faith and love in our world. Through our study of God's word, Christ's Spirit strengthens us to be people who hope in the Lord. Such sturdy hope empowers us in mission.

The class is informal, and no preparation is needed so feel free to drop in any Sunday that you are able.

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

NAMI FAMILY-TO-FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM

**FREE for *family members and significant others
of an adult individual with:**

Major Depression

Bipolar Disorder (Manic Depression)

Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder

Borderline Personality Disorder

Panic Disorder and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

Co-occurring Brain Disorders and Addictive Disorders

A series of 8 sessions designed to help families understand and support their loved one while maintaining their own well-being. Participants improve their self-care and communication skills, learn problem-solving techniques, and how to advocate for their family member. The course is taught by a team of trained NAMI family member volunteers who, also, have loved ones affected by these brain disorders. You are not alone!

The course is FREE, and you will receive new materials each week.

Pre-registration is required.

Clemson, SC

February 16 - April 6, 2025

Every Sunday from 2:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Michelle Ready

864-882-5131 (landline-no texts)

michelleready@hotmail.com

***For parents, spouse/significant other, siblings, or adult children of a person (age 17 or older) with a mental illness. Class size limited to 20 persons.**

This NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is sponsored and funded by NAMI SC and the NAMI Anderson-Oconee-Pickens affiliate.

www.namiaop.org

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**

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:

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: Linda Holt, Kyle Edge, Matthew Edge, Carolyn Ringeisen, Kevin Parkhill, Michael Scott

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](tel:864-280-5605)

or 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

Pastor Josh Kestner, Campus Ministry Pastor: jkkestner@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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