



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

February 19, 2025



FROM PASTOR JOSH

With the news of two deaths in the congregation in the past 10 days, I've been stuck thinking back to Sunday's gospel reading (Luke 6:17-26, "Blessed are you...but woe to you...") and thinking, "Really, Jesus? Do we need your woes?" His words are a challenge to us, and they are difficult to hear fully when we are distracted by other all-consuming

things going on around us.

When I hear Jesus offer words of affirmation to those who are weary and words of warning to those who are comfortable, I do find something hopeful there. It is clear that blessings in our lives come and go rather ficklely. And Jesus begs us to lean heavily on God. For it is only our faith that can offer us anything constant in our lives through the things that we cannot plan or prepare for.

Blessings as we navigate our lives of faith today and every day.

Peace,

Pastor Josh

LENTEN DEVOTION CONTRIBUTORS NEEDED

This year during the 40 days of lent we would like to offer a devotional booklet written by our members that would contain meditations on our theme: “For the Beauty of the Earth.”

Members and friends of University Lutheran are asked to submit possible devotions (150 words or less) by March 4, 2025 focusing on the theme of nature and how you love the earth (or a part of creation). Consider writing a poem, submitting a picture of a place in nature that you love with a story, a drawing of nature with a caption, a Bible verse about nature you love, or a moment of awe or wonder that something in nature brought you. Children and teens are also encouraged to submit short poems, drawings or thoughts for inclusion. All are welcome to contribute!

If we get at least 30 such submissions, we'll create a devotional book that will come to you M-F daily between March 5 (Ash Wednesday) and Easter (most likely via email). Stay tuned for updates on how many submissions we have. We've done a devotional booklet like this one for a past Lenten season and everyone enjoyed the spiritual encouragement as well as the chance to get to know members better.

Submit your devotion, story, poem, picture, or drawing to Pastor Josh at jkkestner@gmail.com.

LENTEN MEALS

The Hospitality Committee is organizing meals for the congregation to enjoy

before our Lenten services next month. Generally, we ask the committees to take turns preparing, serving, and cleaning up each meal. The dates this year are **March 12, 19, and 26, and April 2 and 9**. We are suggesting soup and salad or bread, and an easy dessert like cookies, something simple to fix and clean up. There is a **sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who are interested**.

If you have any questions, contact David Foster at **864-373-4798**.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS



Lutheran Services Carolinas continues to work with refugees in the Clemson area. They have lost a lot of their funding, and they have had to make staff changes. If you're feeling called to help these families who are settling into a new home so far from the places they've called home, you can give on the website [here](#) (be sure to note that your donation is for their Upstate SC location).

Souper Bowl of Caring donations continue throughout the month. The big game is over, but big giving can keep coming into the soup pot in the Narthex all of February. Our donations go to CCC, and you can bring in goods as well as money.

CHURCH YARD WORKDAY, FEB. 21-22

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!!!

Because of weather concerns and foot traffic impacting the Lariope shoots negatively, the landscaping project start times will be 1:00 PM both Friday and Saturday.

We need lots of help - Please come!

We have a beautiful Church yard that needs many hands (whatever little you can do is helpful) to prepare for another year.

Friday Feb. 21: Start time 1 pm

Saturday Feb. 22: Start time 1 pm

Bring your own tools and gloves.

Particularly wheelbarrow and weed whackers. If have metal rakes, consider bringing them to help spread out mulch.

We will be weeding, trimming,
spreading 12 yards of mulch & other yard work.

Thank You!

Questions: Jim Keogh

WELCA LUNCH ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th

Save the date! Our University Lutheran WELCA monthly meeting will be **lunch at the Shepherd Hotel**. Their restaurant, "Delish Sisters", is a nice addition to downtown Clemson. It is located across the street from our Church.

We will **gather at 12:00 in the restaurant**. Please **RSVP to Katie Healy** at **katieingeorgia@hotmail.com** by **Saturday, February 22**.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

University Lutheran's Men's Breakfast Group will meet on **Tuesday, Feb 25th 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.

OPERATION IN AS MUCH

"In as much as you did it for the least of these, you did it for me".

Mark your calendars: Come all of every age! **Sunday March 30 after the 11:00 service** we will have a light lunch followed by various projects including clean-up of Shanklin Sams and stringing scrub hats.

Details to follow!

THE ROAD TO THE CROSS - GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH

Join us for a journey of Jesus' last hours on earth. This is a hands-on learning experience for families, both young and old. Through scripture, prayer and activities you will have a better understanding of what Jesus went through for us.

Details to come!

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

JESUS AND WOMEN

DVD: Krisi McLelland

Join biblical culturalist Kristi as she takes you back to Jesus' first-century world, explaining the historical and culture climate of His day. What does it have to say to us today?

Tuesdays 10:00am – Youth Room

Feb. 4 – March 18, 2025

No need to sign up - join us anytime.

Questions: Jean Mehlman: jmehlman43@gmail.com

Karen Dreher: jadreher@att.net

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

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, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

Morning Devotion *Jammies with Jesus* about 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: Seth Beckley, George 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 & 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 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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