



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

March 19, 2025



FROM PASTOR JOSH

A few students and I are in Virginia for spring break to serve with [Appalachia Service Project](#). It's an organization that helps to repair homes so that they are "warmer, safer, and drier" for the families who live there.

I'll be gone through about noon on March 22. I'll look forward to sharing some stories when I get back. In the meantime, I've arranged for a few pastors in the area to be on call for any emergencies that arise. I'll list their names and numbers below, along with the dates they're available.

Pastor Rachel Connelly (910-515-0897) from St. John's Lutheran in Walhalla will be available Wednesday-Saturday (**March 19-22**).

And **Mother Suz Cate (864-364-1592)** from Holy Trinity Episcopal in Clemson is available most of the week as well, Sunday-Thursday (**March 16-20**).

Preludes will be offered before announcements instead of after.

This plan will begin in Lent at both services.

LENTEN MEALS

The Fellowship Committee is organizing meals for the congregation to enjoy before our Lenten services. The dates are **March 26, April 2, 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**.

COASTAL CRAFTING

Jan and Judi have attended this event at Isle of Palms Lutheran Retreat Center for several years and thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship and fun.

Come join us! See either of us for more information.



Explore your creative side at "Coastal Crafting"!

Come share crafty arts, inspired fellowship, and coastal breezes at Coastal Retreat over **April 30 - May 3, 2025**, on beautiful Isle of Palms, SC.

Your creative spirit will be awakened with opportunity through game night, talent sharing, and contemplative Taize devotions to accompany the crafting projects. You'll be guided through **candle making, sweetgrass basket sewing, pokeberry-dying, and tin can jewelry and chimes** honing.

Spots are limited! Mark your calendar and sign-up today for Coastal Crafting!



GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD
LENTEN OFFERING

March 5 – April 20 (EASTER)

Save your coins and help purchase barnyard gifts such as: sheep, fish, cows, pigs, goats, honeybees and oxen.

These gifts make a world of difference for a family in need.

Barnyard coin boxes are available in the Narthex.

You may also give by check through the church (memo: God's Global Barnyard) or give directly to ELCA Good Gifts.

Questions: Karen Dreher

WELCA

The WELCA Ruth Circle will meet on **Monday, March 24 at 12 noon in the fellowship hall. This will be a "cleaning" day of the fellowship hall! Bring your lunch and join us in preparing the fellowship hall for our Easter celebration. Dessert and beverages will be provided.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

University Lutheran Men's Breakfast will meet at **8 AM on Tuesday, March 25th. 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

OPERATION IN AS MUCH: March 30 after 11:00 Service

We need you! Its only two weeks away! Mark it on your calendar!

We have an exciting afternoon planned:

LUNCH (Karen and Susan always feed us well!)

Then - you can participate in one or more of the following:

Clean-up at Shanklin Sam's

String Scrub hats and cut circles

Pack Birthday Bags for CCC

Easter Crafts for our residents at Clemson Downs (geared to youth - but all can help)

If you want to donate for this event - we are in need of the following:

Fabric for the scrub hats - 1/2-yard increments

Items to make a complete birthday bag:

1 box of cake mix

1 12 oz. can of soda (Sprite)

1 can of frosting

1 tube of sprinkles

1 package of birthday candles

1 13 x 9 disposable baking pan

Package of small paper birthday plates (optional)

1 whisk (optional)

All items can be placed in a 2-gallon zip lock bag - or we will do this on the 30th.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of service!



WELCA SPRING FOOTHILLS CONFERENCE MEETING

Saturday, April 5th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenwood

The WELCA women's group of University Lutheran will be attending the Spring Foothills Conference meeting scheduled for **Saturday, April 5th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Greenwood.** A light lunch will be served. All are invited to attend.

The guest speaker will be Mrs. Mary Ann Stroup, Coordinator of Immanuel's Children. This nonprofit organization's mission is to work in conjunction with the local school District 50 to identify children struggling with food and/or housing insecurity. Once identified, various local organizations come together to assist in providing food and housing needs to these children in a dignified and confidential manner so that they can learn and grow in a safe, secure and healthy environment.

We will be carpooling from the church leaving at 7:15 am.

Please RSVP By Thursday, March 26th to Lena Jones at lena.m.jones@nctv.com.



THE ROAD TO THE CROSS

Good Friday, April 18

University Lutheran Church

5:30-6:45pm (just before 7 pm service)

Please join us for a journey of Jesus' last days on earth. Through scripture, a hands-on activity geared for children aged 2 to 92, and prayer, you will have a better understanding of what Jesus went through for us. You will walk through this experience as a family, sharing quality learning time together.

If you are alone, we will be happy to group you with others if you like. It takes approximately 40 minutes to complete the nine stations, so come any time during the time listed above.

Please make this program a priority and invite friends and neighbors to join us!

Sign up for a time in the Narthex or contact Judy Aikens at jbaikens57@gmail.com.

A light supper will be provided before or after your journey.

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

Sam & Elena Plonk (Youth, 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 10 am

Choir Practice 5:15 pm

Lenten Supper 6 pm

Lenten Worship 7 pm

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, Pastor: jkestner@gmail.com

Abi Donhauser, Office Administrator: unilusecretary@gmail.com

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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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