



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

March 26, 2025



FROM PASTOR JOSH

Repair vs. resurrection. Last week several LCMers and I spent the week in Virginia helping to build a front porch for a home that needed one. The old porch had succumbed to age and gravity, and it was no longer safe for the family.

As we look ahead to the miracle of Easter, I'm wondering how to reconcile the need for repairs in a world where we're hoping/waiting for a resurrection. Our faith tells us that God's promises are for a better future than whatever reality we're currently faced with. But there is no timeline for that. In the meantime, how do we find ways to repair, restart, reenergize, repurpose, reorient, etc.? What keeps us going when we desperately wish God would intervene? Who do we turn to? How do we care

for one another? These are reflections for Lent as we continue to wait for the glory to come.

SMALL CHANGE TO ORDER OF WORSHIP

You may or may not have noticed the small but important change made recently to our order of worship. The prelude is now offered before the announcements are made by Pastor Josh. This generally begins a few minutes before the hour. Quiet listening at this time helps our musicians focus on their offering, and gives your mind and heart time to settle and prepare for worship.

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH...GROW SOMETHING

Each Wednesday night during Lent, UniLu's new sustainability committee will host a display in the narthex to highlight ways we can protect the earth. The display will be repeated on Sundays, too!

THIS WEEK... Home grown lettuce, tomatoes and cucumbers taste better...are healthier... and prevent waste (less packaging and transport costs). **Pick up a plant this week at the table in the narthex that you can put in your yard or in a pot on your porch.** Or talk to us about growing tips for your yard. Remaining give aways from previous weeks are also available (bird seed and cloth packet to carry your silverware for dining out, thereby avoiding plasticware)

Interested in joining the sustainability committee? Contact Annette Godsey or Eunice Lehmacher.

LILIES FOR EASTER

The glory of white lilies adorning the sanctuary is a welcomed worship experience for Easter morning. If you would like to honor someone or



remember someone with a lily in the sanctuary, please place an order by completing the information on one of the envelopes to be found on the table in the narthex and enclosed \$25 in cash or check (made out to University Lutheran Church, and “lily” on the memo line.) You can also contact Jan Fritz (janfritz52@charter.net) to place an order. **The last day for placing your request is Sunday, April 6th.**

Flowers will be in the sanctuary for worship on Easter Sunday, April 20th. After the 11 am service, you are welcome to pick up your flower(s) to enjoy in your home and then plant in your garden.



LCM Helpers



Have a project or a need?
Students are here to help! Fill out this form if you're looking for some help with delivering groceries, yard work, babysitting, etc.

<https://forms.gle/KMdbE5mjoUdFgA1P9>

The students are ready to help! Fill out a form [HERE](#) to let them know what projects they might be able to help with.

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Josh!

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**.

LCM DISCERNMENT SEQUENCE

Our search for an LCM Pastor begins with the submission of our Mission Specific Profile (MSP) to Bishop Ginny Aebischer. This multipage document spells out who we are, what we believe in as a parish, and the setting in which it all takes place. She and her team will use this document to depict us to all of the candidates who apply. The bishop's office will refer the top three candidates for an initial review by Pastor Josh. He will then refer all those who pass the initial screening to the Call Committee. Next, the Call Committee will interview each referred candidate either once or twice depending on the outcome. Once the Call Committee identifies their preferred candidate, they will recommend him or her to the Church Council. The Church Council interviews the candidate and hopefully confers the candidate to the congregation. Some type of "meet & greet" would then be organized to allow both the LCM student community and our parish worshipers to make his or her acquaintance. After which, a special discernment congregational meeting would be called. The candidate must receive at least two thirds vote to be called and his or her compensation package must be approved by a simple majority.

If you have question about the process, please contact a Council member or Pastor Josh.

LCM Pastor Call Committee Membership

Cheryl Ingram-Smith

Tammy McGinney

Libby Queener

Michael Schick (Student)

Trey Schumpert

David Smith (Student)

Kelsey Tibbs (Chair)

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

OPERATION IN AS MUCH

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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 Wednesday, 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

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

UNILU CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this coming week: Lynn Kunkle, Simon Barrow.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this week: Gary & Barbara Caruso, Reed & Sandra Severance.

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

Pastor Josh Kestner, 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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