



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

March 5, 2025



FROM PASTOR JOSH

We've made it to Ash Wednesday. Does it feel like the weeks are flying by, or is that just me? Today I'm trying to settle into some self-examination for the season of Lent. And I'm leaning on these words that I've offered to students the past few years:

Day after day we do our best to get good grades, to manage our money, to be kind to the people we meet, and to balance the many commitments we have made. It can be exhausting. The season of Lent is an opportunity to slow down. It gives us a chance to breathe, to think, and to reorient our lives towards the things that matter most. On Ash Wednesday, receive a cross of ashes on your forehead and hear these words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." These words are meant to be humbling. And they are also a blessing. We are reminded that we cannot and that we do not need to try to do this on our own.

Pastor Josh

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th

Ash & Dash on campus at Library Bridge, **11:00 am -1:00 pm**

Imposition of Ashes in the Narthex at UniLu, **4:30 pm—5:30 pm**

Dinner in Fellowship Hall, **6:00 pm**

Ash Wednesday Worship in Sanctuary, **7:00 pm**

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH - LENTEN DEVOTION

This year we've been collecting submissions for a devotion series to send out each week. We'll begin sending out devotions via email **Monday-Friday beginning March 10.**

There are still some slots available towards the end of the season, if you're willing to contribute. Members and friends of University Lutheran are invited to submit possible devotions (150 words or less) focusing on the theme of nature and how you love the earth (or a part of creation). 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. The dates this year are **March 5, 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**.

Preludes will be offered before announcements instead of after.

This plan will begin in Lent at both services.

EMBRACING INCLUSIVITY UPDATE

Embracing Inclusivity was last year's capital initiative to improve the exterior accessibility of our buildings by adding motorized digital access doors, installing compliant ramps, and modernizing the bathrooms in the educational/administration wing.

The fund-raising campaign for the initiative **will end 30 June 2025**. As of this writing we have not raised sufficient funds to cover the project (Cost: \$126,870.00, Raised: \$110,520.13). Thus, if you haven't completed your pledge, or if you have taken advantage of the numerous upgrades but haven't given, or you would just like to contribute again; please do so. The funds are sorely needed. To give, just earmark a check for "Embracing Inclusivity" or go online to University Lutheran's web site to give using the drop-down box alternative.

Thank you to all who have given and thank you to all those who will give going forward.

Stephen Avery, UniLu Council



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

Several members of UniLu Bell Ringers attended the Lutheridge bell workshop this weekend!



WELCA SPRING FOOTHILLS CONFERENCE MEETING

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenwood

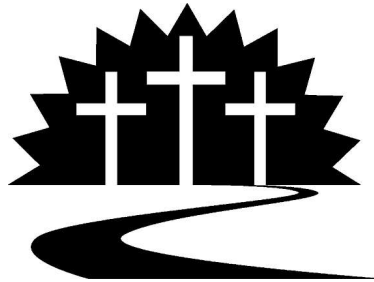
The WELCA women's group of University Lutheran will be attending the Spring Foothills Conference meeting scheduled for **Saturday, April 5th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Greenwood.** A light lunch will be served. All are invited to attend.

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.

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: Shanklin Sams cleanup followed by weeding around the church (if time), Scrub Hats, Easter crafts for youth to make for residents of Clemson Downs.

Come eat and stay as long as you can!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mistakes Christians Make about Jews

On Sunday **March 2 and 9** we'll be looking at some of the stories of Jesus as he approaches Jerusalem for the crucifixion specifically talking about typical misunderstandings Christians have about Jews. Eunice Lehmacher will lead the discussion based on a lecture by Dr. AJ Levine who is the Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace.

Class starts after early service finishes and ends at 10:45am. Come for a fresh perspective on some familiar new testament stories. Class is

discussion oriented and no previous Biblical knowledge is required or expected.

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

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

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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, 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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