



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

April 2, 2025

FROM PASTOR JOSH

We've been swept up in the season of Lent for a while now. Collectively we've leaned into an appreciation of the world around us. Thanks to all who have helped with meals, written devotions, and offered reflections during worship. The hope is that the momentum we make in our lives of faith during Lent will carry over into the months ahead.

As we look ahead, we'll have some time to reflect together at our annual meeting in between worship services at **10:00a on April 27**. Each spring we hold an annual meeting to review our Annual Report from the year before and highlight some of the goals moving forward. Take some time over the next few weeks to read over the report and think about where God is calling us this year.

2024 Annual Report

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH...

Would you like to make your own dirt and cut down on the trash your family makes? Learn about composting this week at our table before and after the Lenten service (and on Sunday). You'll have a chance to take home some Clemson University compost, touch some red-wiggler worms (used in worm bins), and take home some seeds to start in your new compost/dirt. We'll also have instructions and supplies for starting your own simple compost in your home. Next week: Information about local farmer's markets.

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 enclose \$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 WEDNESDAY, April 9th.**

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.

UNILU COUNCIL MINUTES & CALENDAR

Please click [HERE](#) for the March 2025 council minutes

Please click [HERE](#) for the April & May Calendar

MOVIE SUGGESTION FOR LENT

Many folks may not have heard of the movie “The Shack”; a 2017 American drama film based on the 2007 novel of the same name. After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips spirals into a deep depression that causes him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious, personal invitation to meet with God at “The Shack.” This invitation will bring him face to face with God, where God's manifestations appear in nontraditional forms. The film deals with some deep spiritual issues about the nature of God and in particular about sacrificial love, making it very appropriate for the Lenten Season. Of course some predictable clichés are thrown in; and there is a surprise ending. The theology presented may not be completely ‘Lutheran’; but it will make you think about spiritual things more deeply – which after all is the main point of Lent.

“The Shack” is available on Netflix and probably on a lot of other streaming services as well.



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 **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)



CLEMSON COMMUNITY CARE FACTS

- In 2024, CCC distributed 341,241 pounds of food.
- The average food distributed per day is 1,600 pounds.
- Food is valued at \$1.97 per pound.

- **\$154,299 was spent by CCC in 2024 to assist our neighbors with rent payments and \$86,475 on power and water bill assistance.**
- **CCC sees an average of 18-20 clients each day.**

CCC also assists with school supplies, holiday food, holiday gift assistance and home repairs.

We serve Central, Clemson, and Pendleton residents. None of this can be provided without the continued support of churches and individuals in the Clemson area.

Grocery bags are available in the narthex with current pantry needs list attached. Please consider taking one and return it filled for distribution to CCC.

Food needs:

Canned meat/fish

Shelf stable milk

Dry beans

Pork and beans

Fruit

Soup

Mixed vegetables

Toiletries

Any in date, non-perishable items are appreciated and needed. Pantry is very low.

If you wish to donate financially, please visit the Clemson Community Care website for instructions to mail a check or donate online.

www.clemsoncommunitycare.org

**Thank you to University Lutheran Church for your continued support of
CCC enabling us to serve our neighbors in need!**

University Lutheran Women's Group Lunch

SunnySide Cafe

101 Market Street, Clemson SC

Monday, April 28th at 12:00 PM

The WELCA women's group of University Lutheran will be meeting on **Monday, April 28th at 12:00 pm** at SunnySide Cafe, located in Patrick Square at 101 Market St, Clemson for fellowship and lunch.

Please RSVP no later than Saturday, April 26th to Lena Jones at lena.m.jones@nctv.com or text to (864) 425-2622. Her contact information can be found on online Church Directory. A sign up sheet is also available in the Narthex.

ALL Ladies are Welcome to Join!

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 SPRING FOOTHILLS CONFERENCE MEETING

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenwood

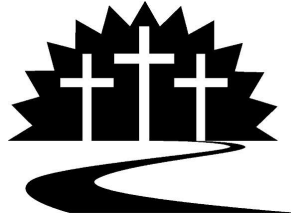
The WELCA women's group of University Lutheran will be attending the Spring Foothills Conference meeting scheduled for **Saturday, April 5th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Greenwood. A light lunch will be served. All are invited to attend.**

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/>

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 10 am

Choir Practice 5:15 pm

Lenten Supper 6 pm

Lenten Worship 7 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: Charlie Smith

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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