



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS
May 14, 2025

INSTALLATION of Pastor Josh Kestner

as Parish Pastor
at University Lutheran Church

**SUNDAY, MAY 18
at 3:00 p.m.**

University Lutheran
111 Sloan Street
Clemson, SC 29631



Join us for a service of Holy Communion.
Rev. Maria Miller, Dean of the Foothills Conference,
will be present to preach and lead the installation.
There will be a light reception to follow.

The Fellowship Committee is asking anyone who has borrowed the Church tablecloths to please return them before this weekend; we need them for the reception following Pastor Josh's installation on Sunday.

Thank you!



STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING

This Sunday at the 11am service we will be commissioning three new Stephen Ministers: Brie Childress, Anita Edge, and Cindy Sanders. They have been in training since September. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their ministry.

CHURCH YARD WORKDAY

THIS SATURDAY- MAY 17

8:30 am – 12:00 noon

Rain delay: Make up day on Saturday, July 19

**This is a last-minute notice, but let's make the yard look special for
Pastor Josh's Installation on Sunday!**

Bring your own tools and gloves.

We will be primarily weeding, trimming bushes and cutting the grass.

**Tools needed are those for weeding and at least two hedge trimmers,
weed eaters, lawn rakes and leaf blowers.**

Thank You!!

Questions: Jim Keogh or Karen Dreher, if you can't reach Jim.

COLLEGE GRADUATES - MAY 2025

Lutheran Campus Ministry is proud to announce the graduations of some of our beloved students. Bharath Kunduru has received his PhD in Genetics. Zoie Bowers (Environmental and Natural Resources), Ella Christensen (Chemical Engineering), and Steven Plant (Computer Science) all received their Bachelor's degrees.

We're also celebrating with some members of the congregation who graduated. Charlie Smith received his Bachelor of Music degree from Furman University. Carmen Unda received her degree in Radiology Technology from Piedmont Technical College. Manuel Unda received an Associate's Degree in Engineering Design Technology from Tri-County Technical College. And Johnrichard Ray (grandson of Carolyn Ringeisen)

received his Bachelor's in Biomedical Engineering from Clemson University.

WELCA MEETING - MONDAY, MAY 26

WELCA Ruth Circle will meet on **Monday, May 26 at 12 noon in the fellowship hall**. This will be our last meeting before the summer break. We will reconvene in August.

Meeting will include a short Bible Study, entitled "The Shulamite Woman: We had God at Hello". This study is one of 12 sessions from the "12 Daring Women of the Bible" series, which focus on real women, real trials, and real triumphs. The study includes a 15-minute video by Lisa Harper followed by group discussion.

Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship and study. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

Any questions, please contact Molly Parkhill or Lena Jones.

HELP WITH TRANSPORTATION FOR REFUGEE HOPE UPSTATE

While Lutheran Services Carolinas has decreased staff and vacated our building because of financial changes, many of the folks involved are still supporting refugee services in the community. Refugee Hope Upstate has offices at First Baptist Church, and they are enlisting helpers for some summer transportation.

Over the summer, there is an ESL program for refugee women. There are 44 women with 18 children who are eligible for the education program. They utilize congregations with vans and buses to help transport the women and children to classes and childcare. **There is a need for a driver in the morning**

for drop-off (7:30/8:00 am) and pick-up (11:30 am). The need is for the following dates: June 2-5 and June 9-12. The driver can use the UniLu church van, provided they have insurance and sign an agreement/waiver.

Please reach out to Pastor Josh (jkkestner@gmail.com) and Andrea Kesler (andreakesler@refugeehopeupstate.org) if you are interested and available - please copy both on the email.

LUTHERIDGE CAMP 2025

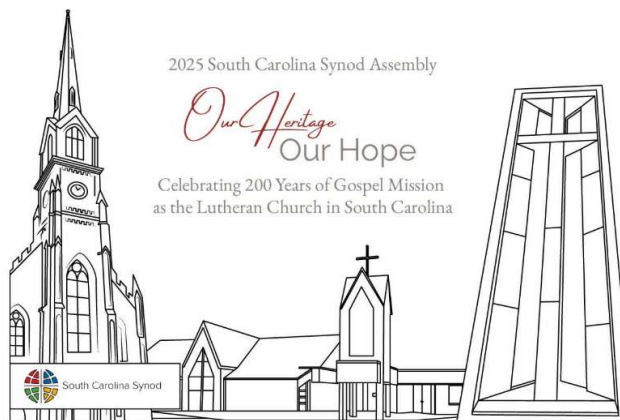
(Arden, N.C. 95-minute drive from Clemson)

Lutheridge has a variety of camps for all ages. Discover the programs and facilities by looking up Lutheridge Summer Camps on the internet.

Information is also posted on the Narthex Bulletin Board. University Lutheran Church has funds set aside to cover the cost of this great summer camp for anyone that would like to attend. If you are interested contact Pastor Josh or Karen Dreher at jadreher@att.net.

SC SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2025

June 12-14
Charleston, SC



The 2025 SC Synod Assembly will be held in Charleston, SC, June 12-14. Along with elections for synod leaders and some updates about special ministries

around SC and the rest of the country, the synod is celebrating its 200th anniversary.

We have the ability to send **three voting members from the congregation** in addition to Pastor Josh. Please talk to Pastor Josh if you're interested in attending, the church has funds set aside for the costs associated with the event.

More information can be found [**HERE**](#).

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 5:30 pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal 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: Marc Dedecker, Zoe Carlson,
Judi Key, Jacob Macciomei, Judy Walker, Brenda Monn.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this coming week: John &
Kathy Fulmer, Donald & Catherine Harris.

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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