



## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

July 2, 2025

### FROM PASTOR JOSH

I sent an email earlier this week about scam messages that have been going around from people claiming to be me and asking for assistance. Again, it's important to be mindful of any messages asking for help. Unfortunately this is a common issue, and we need to be diligent in checking sources before engaging with emails or texts like these. **I will never ask for money, gift cards, or other kinds of assistance over email or text.**

The root of this issue is our generosity. People know that churches are generous communities, and they take advantage of the fact that we are often quick to lend a hand. Don't let this stop you from loving and caring for people around you! But do make sure that you're only interacting with people and organizations that who you can trust and verify.

Thanks for being so willing to offer your time, energy, and resources to the community! Blessings to you!

## CHILD PROTECTION POLICY & GENERAL SAFETY TRAINING

Training will be conducted at **10:00 THIS SUNDAY, July 6th in the fellowship hall.**

**All Sunday School teachers and volunteers with children or youth are required to attend this training.** Any other adults who may potentially volunteer for a child related event through the church are encouraged to attend.



## URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR SUNDAY COFFEE & TEA SERVICE

### Help Wanted!

Volunteers are needed to help with our ever popular Coffee and Tea Service that is available in the Narthex on Sunday between the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Volunteers are URGENTLY needed for making coffee prior to the 9:00 am service and cleaning up after the 11:00 am service. Supplies are available in the Narthex kitchen. Will happily train. If interested, please contact Lena Jones at [lena.m.jones@nctv.com](mailto:lena.m.jones@nctv.com) or (864) 425-2622.

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

The blessing of the backpacks will be **July 27th at each service.** We are collecting items to stuff backpacks for Lutheran world relief. **Please place items in the bin in the narthex before July 26.**

- Single subject paper notebooks with paper covers (each backpack needs 4)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils (each backpack needs 5)
- Black or blue pens - no gel pens (each backpack needs 5)
- Rulers

- Blunt scissors
- Pink erasers
- 24 pack Crayola crayons (other brands do not travel well)
- Pencil sharpeners

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SC WELCA PROJECT

For this year's SC WELCA Convention, the local WELCA units have been asked to support the Lutheran World Relief Fabric Kits Project. If you are interested in contributing to this project, please bring the following items to UniLu. A collection box has been placed in the narthex.

### Items needed:

- Two spools of neutral-colored, general-purpose thread
- Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (each piece should be 3 yards of 44" or wider fabric)

**\*Please do not donate fabric with any religious symbols or messages or fabric decorated with U.S. flag, patriotic or references to armed forces.**

## FAMILY PROMISE OF PICKENS COUNTY JUNE NEWSLETTER

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## 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](mailto:samplonk@hotmail.com)

Linda Holt (Adult) [lindagtholt@bellsouth.net](mailto: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**

**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:**

**Cindy Donnan & family, John Wagner, 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: Kristeen Balcombe, Ken Cothran, Sam Plonk, Penny Booher.**

**CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this coming week: Bruce & Penny Booher.**

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

### **MISS A SERVICE?**

**The recorded church sermons, audio and video,  
are posted weekly to the website: [www.uniluclemson.org](http://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](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com)**

## ONSITE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9 am to 1 pm. Other days by appointment.

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

Pastor Josh Kestner, Parish Pastor: [jkestner@gmail.com](mailto:jkestner@gmail.com)

Abi Donhauser, Office Administrator: [unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com)

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## LINKS

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[LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY](#) • [SC SYNOD](#)

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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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