



UNIVERSITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

UNILU NEWS & EVENTS
July 30, 2025



ELCA

FROM PASTOR JOSH

This week, Lutherans from all over the country (and even other countries) are gathering in Phoenix for the ELCA's Churchwide Assembly. They've been praying together, worshiping together, eating together, and diving into important

conversations about the future of the Church. They'll also be electing a new Presiding Bishop since current Bishop Elizabeth Eaton is retiring. What a week!

It makes me think of the special moment that we're in together, too. University Lutheran is stepping into a new chapter as a community of faith. Through transition in pastoral leadership, we've been blessed (and stressed) to have immersed ourselves in questions about what the future of THIS church is. Who are we? What are we good at? What could we do better? Who are the neighbors we are caring for? Who are the neighbors who still need us to notice them? What will the next 5, 10, 25, 50 years look like? Big questions.

Hopefully, soon, we'll have called our next Campus Pastor. And consequentially we can settle into this new chapter together. I'm excited. I'm eager. And I'm curious to see what the Holy Spirit is doing!

RALLY DAY - THIS SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

Bring a snack and a friend, and kick off the new Sunday School year with your game face on! Wear a jersey or uniform to rep your favorite team or sport!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

VOTE FOR CAMPUS PASTOR CALL

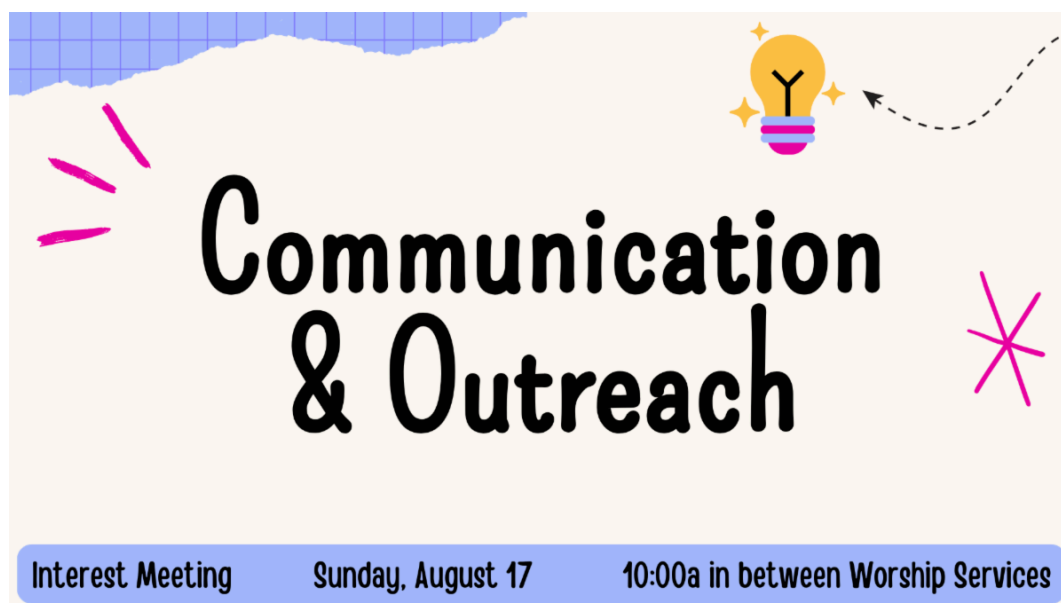
On Sunday, July 20, the congregation had a chance to meet Rev. Megan Boatwright, the primary candidate for the next Campus Pastor. This is a notice to you that there is a congregational meeting scheduled for **Sunday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m.** between worship services in the Sanctuary. The primary

candidate must be affirmed by a two-thirds majority at a minimum and the compensation package by a simple majority.

If you have any questions between now and then, please be in touch with Pastor Josh or the Council President, Stephen Avery. If transportation is an issue, please contact Pastor Josh or a member of the Congregational Council.



PASTOR MEGAN'S BIO



Calling All Communicators and Community Builders!

**University Lutheran Church is excited to announce the formation of our
new *Communication & Outreach Committee!***

We envision a church where every voice is heard, no one feels isolated, and our presence shines brightly in the Clemson community. Are you passionate about connecting people and spreading the word? Do you have experience managing social media (Facebook, Instagram, X, TikTok) or a knack for engaging broad audiences? We're looking for dedicated individuals to help us bring our vision to life!

This inaugural committee will be instrumental in:

- **Enhancing our multi-platform communication (online, bulletin boards, etc.)**
- **Strengthening connections with our homebound members**
- **Increasing community awareness and outreach efforts**

If you're ready to lead this committee, or use your skills to help University Lutheran Church foster a more connected and engaged community, we want to hear from you! Interested? Please join us **Sunday, August 17 at 10:00 am (between services) in the Cry Room adjacent to the Sanctuary to discuss further! Questions? Talk to Mike Scott (michael.scott.1015@gmail.com)! Let's build something amazing together!**

LCM UPDATES

HELP WITH HOME PROJECT IN VA



LCM President, David Smith, has a request! He's back with Appalachia Service Project this summer and he's asking for some generous folks to help them

with a heat pump project. You can donate via [THIS LINK](#). Make sure to select “VA Wise (Wise)” for the center when filling out the form.

LCM SUMMER NEWSLETTER

This summer's [LCM Newsletter](#) is out! It may be in your mailbox soon. If you're not on the mailing list, let Pastor Josh know and he'll change that. There are a few hard copies in the Narthex, too!



Lutheran Campus Ministry

CLEMSON

A ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for the students, faculty, and staff who live and serve Christ in Clemson and the surrounding communities.

Summer 2025

Important Dates:

May 2-8 —
End of the year beach trip
to Edisto Beach, SC

June 23-27 —
LuMin Annual Staff Confer-
ence in St. Louis

August 20 —
First Day of Class, First
Wednesday Night Dinner

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One of the things that sets campus ministries apart from other areas of the Church is its embrace of **change**. Things are always changing in campus ministry. Students are only here for a handful of years. Every year older students graduate and new students begin their academic careers. Every semester students have different schedules and availability. Campus ministries embrace the reality of change and consistently adapt to new people and new things.

Every summer, we anticipate change. There are bittersweet goodbyes. There are summer jobs and adventures that offer new inspiration for the year ahead. There are freshmen who show up at various points of the summer for orientation or early starts.

This year, though, there is more change than usual! We are right in the middle of a transition in pastoral leadership.



Back in January, University Lutheran's Parish Pastor Jon Heiliger retired from ministry. We sent Pastor Jon with a farewell and a bundle of gratitude for all that he's done for and with UniLu and LCM. In February, the congregation voted to call me as the next Parish Pastor. **And that sent us into a period of discernment and a call process for a new Campus Pastor.**

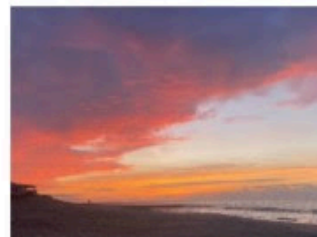
The call committee has been busy all summer with interviews and difficult, meaningful conversations. We are hopeful that there will be news to share in the next couple of months. But in the meantime, please say some prayers for the future of this ministry!

We're excited, even in the midst of some uncertainty. But the days ahead are sure to be full of food, faith, and friendships—just as they have for decades before now. The legacy of this campus ministry is strong, and it is with confidence that we step into this time of transition. No matter what, this will always be a community that lives into the ideals that Paul writes about in his letter to the Colossians: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Thank you for your love and support! God bless y'all!

Peace,

Pastor Josh



AUGUST LADIES LUNCHEON

Everyone Welcome!!!

Monday August 25, 2025

12 Noon - Fellowship Hall

Luncheon: Salad, Drink & Dessert Provided

BRING YOUR OWN SNACK OR SANDWICH

Program: First Aid Ideas

Presented by retired nurses: Lena Jones & Annette Godsey

Sponsored by Unilu WELCA

No reservations needed! You can bring a friend!

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.**



ASTRALIS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

AUGUST 11, 2025

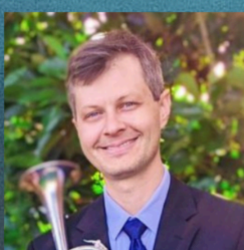
CAMPUS EDGE CONCERTS AT
SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

7:30^{PM} 209 Sloan St
Clemson, SC 29631

Angela Massey **FLUTE**



Kris Marshall **TRUMPET**



Li Shan Tan **HARP**



FANTASIA OF THE ISLES

The award-winning musicians of the Astralis Chamber Ensemble, Angela Massey (flute), Kris Marshall (trumpet), and Li Shan Tan (harp) present "Fantasia of the Isles." The program will include two works written for the ensemble that have become audience favorites by Beeftink and LaMotte. Concert will also include a beautiful Irish fantasy by Harty and a work by Kerschek featuring a colorful array of mutes and sounds for the trumpet. Join us for a magical evening of music with the Astralis Chamber Ensemble.

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 10:00 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, Martha Smith, 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: Dwayne Lusk, Kim Lanier, Deanie Shonka.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this coming week: Greg & Denise Bauld.

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

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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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