



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

July 9, 2025

FROM PASTOR JOSH

In a devotion on Monday, I was remembering the words that Paul writes in his letter to the Galatians. We've been working our way through Galatians the last few weeks. In the passage that we read on Sunday, Paul writes "Do not grow weary in doing what is right."

It is easy to grow weary. The world is not fair. Life is too short. Everything seems overwhelming. And yet, Paul tells us not to grow weary. A life of faith is not a life that is easy or we're comfortable with all the time. So, I hope that we can find rest in our community together. Don't give up on what our life of faith means for us and for the world around us. But take time to re-energize when things start to feel as though they are too much.

THANK YOU!

The family of Richard Ringeisen appreciates the prayers, love and support we have received from the UniLu church family. The church was so important to Rich — a second home. Some of his most cherished memories were at University Lutheran. Thank you also for the reception. It was lovely and a wonderful tribute to him. We thank all of you that made it happen.



The Fellowship Committee will be hosting an **Ice Cream Social this Sunday, July 13th, between services in the courtyard.** This is a "thank you" to our wonderful congregation for all the support you provide throughout the year.

What could be better than ice cream in the morning!

UPDATE - CAMPUS PASTOR CALL PROCESS

Your Congregational Council is committed to keeping you informed as to the progress of the call process for a new Campus Pastor, as well as what steps must be realized in the future.

We are delighted to announce that the Call Committee has unanimously voted to refer a primary candidate for Campus Pastor to both Bishop Ginny Aebischer and the UniLu Congregational Council for consideration.

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 20.** Should the candidate gain their blessings, we will invite them to deliver the reflection at both worship services that Sunday.

They would also be available for a meet-and-greet with questions in between services.

In compliance with our constitution, we would then schedule a congregational vote for **Sunday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m.** between worship services. The primary candidate must be affirmed by a two-thirds majority at a minimum and the compensation package by a simple majority.

If transportation is an issue for the meeting on July 20, please contact the church office or a member of the Congregational Council.

God's peace,

Stephen Avery

President, Church Council



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 or (864) 425-2622.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Blessing of the Backpacks will be **July 27**. Please drop your donations in the basket in the narthex **before July 26**.

We need 24 pack Crayola crayons, rulers, pencil sharpeners, and especially single subject notebooks with paper covers.

Thanks!

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.**

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

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: Richard Blob, Catherine Harris, Reed Severance, Ethan Severance, Tammy McGinney, Mart Stewart, Anita Edge, Rosalyn Flanigan.

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](tel: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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