



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

August 20, 2025



FROM PASTOR JOSH

One of my favorite parts of the worship service comes after the sermon and the reciting of the Apostle's Creed. It's the Prayers of the People. Sometimes we call these Prayers of Intercession. When I was a kid, I used to be exhausted by this long list of prayers that we read. And don't get me wrong, there are some Sundays when it seems as though they are dragging on. But the idea of praying for one another and for the whole world around us is remarkable!

First, it's amazing to think that God would lend an ear to our voices, even here in little ole Clemson, SC. We believe that God is hearing our prayers and paying attention to our requests and our needs. Second, it's a blessing to think that we have the power to pray *for each other*. Has anyone ever told you that they're praying for you? How did that feel? It's inspiring to know that, even when we show up on a Sunday feeling as though we don't have much faith, that there is a crowd of people around us praying with and for us.

This week, especially, we offer our prayers up for so many young adults who are beginning a new semester on campus. Some students are going to class for the first time, some are returning to a place that feels like home, some are finishing up their hard-earned degrees. We are grateful to be a church in a place that cares for students. So, send them a little extra love this week!

WHO ARE YOU?

Please remember to wear your nametags at church - in worship and between services. We have a new Campus Pastor to get to know. We have new members who have joined in the past year and are still finding ways to get involved. We will be seeing new students show up for worship in the next couple of weeks. Send a note to Abi (unilusecretary@gmail.com) if you don't have a nametag!



WELCOME BACK LUNCH

Sunday, August 24, 2025 we will welcome our students back and offer them fellowship with the congregation. All are invited! We will have hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, etc. **For dessert we would love to have homemade ice cream. If you have a churn and would be willing to make a batch (any flavor would be great).** Please contact Cindy Sanders @ **864-423-3686**.
Thanks in advance for your help!



ENDOWMENT FUND DISTRIBUTIONS

In 2005, University Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry established an Endowment Fund. The by-laws for the fund indicate that distributions should be made from the interest and dividends when the fund reaches \$100,000.

The first distributions were made in 2021 with \$1,250.00 going to Clemson Community Care, The Shaw Center for Housing and Economic Growth, Lutheran Services Carolinas, and Lutheran World Relief. In 2024, a total of \$25,000 was distributed to The Water Mission in Charleston, SC, The Legacy home of Recovery in Six Mile, SC, Clemson Community Care, the Golden Corner Food Pantry, the Gleaning House Food Pantry in Pickens, SC, the Shaw Center for Housing and Economic Growth, our seminarian Zach Lindler, and the Paw Pantry at Clemson.

As of the end of July 2025, the fund had a balance of \$134,815.77.

Contributions can be made to local, national, and international organizations. The Finance Committee would like your suggestions concerning where we should contribute when organizations are facing difficult times. Give your suggestions to Jean Mehlman (864-944-5205 or jmehlman43@gmail.com).

Jean Mehlman, Chair

Finance Committee

MEN'S BREAKFAST

University Men's Breakfast will meet on **Tuesday, August 26th, 2025 at 8 am.**

We will meet at Dimas Brothers Cafe in Seneca. We meet every FOURTH

Tuesday! For information, contact Jim Jones at **240 671-7182**

or lmjones4@nctv.com



Are you interested in being part of our Stephen Ministry at University Lutheran?

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or a Stephen Leader, contact **Laura Black** by phone or text at **864-320-7336**.

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

WHAT? - an afternoon of fellowship and service

WHEN? - Sunday, 9/7 after 11:00 a.m. worship, about noon

We'll start with lunch and then break off into a few projects:

- Weeding our church yard
- Scrub hats - string elastic or cut circles
- Pack personal care kits
- LCM students and youth will work at Clemson Community Care

To make this a great success, we need donations of items for the personal care kits and food donations for CCC!

Any questions, contact Judy Aikens at 724-831-8104; jbaikens57@gmail.com

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

- **ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended.**
- **TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping.**
- **ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. ***
- **ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging.**

- **ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging.**

*** Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope, no plastic bags or wrap.**

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!

Join us for TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY

Starting 9/16

REVELATION

In this 10-session Bible study, Jen Wilkin helps us discover how those that heard the letter 2000 years ago understood it and were encouraged by its message.

The same can be true of us today.

Video by Jen Wilkin

Study Book *Revelation* - Jen Wilkin available if you want to order one

Tuesdays 10:00am – Youth Room

September 16th – November 18th

No need to sign up - join us anytime!

Questions: Karen Dreher jadreher@att.net



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!

The Augustine Literacy Project of the Upstate is currently seeking compassionate, committed volunteers to become reading tutors for young students who are reading below grade level and cannot afford a private tutor. No teaching experience is needed -- just a heart to serve and a willingness to learn. Volunteers receive comprehensive, research-based training and ongoing support. The Augustine Literacy Project is offering a training session in September and October at Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church in Pendleton. The trainings will be held on the following dates (must attend all sessions):

September 30

October 2 & 3

October 7, 9 & 10

October 21 & 23

By giving just a few hours a week, you can help a child gain the skills they need to become confident readers.

If you'd like to learn more, you can call/text Katie Caterino at **864-925-6402** or visit alp-upstate.org or call/text **864-416-1176**.

DOES THE CHURCH HAVE A ROLE IN THE IMMIGRATION CRISIS?

Sevearl of us are attending the *Immigration and Faith Coalition* in Greenville from **6-8pm on Tuesday, September 16th** for a workshop that explores our role in supporting our refugee and immigrant neighbors. This event will be at First Baptist Church Greenville and includes dinner.

Community experts will dispel common myths about immigration, take part in a deeply moving refugee simulation and identify ways we can become better allies with our immigrant neighbors.

Speakers include: Brandon Baughn, World Relief Upstate SC; Matt Miller, Immigrant Connection; Patrick Gue, First Haitian Wesleyan Evangelical Church and more!

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. -Hebrews 13:1-3

Register as an individual attendee (\$10, see link below). Tickets include a delicious dinner, engaging content and opportunities to make a difference! Contact Eunice at eunicerkl@gmail.com if you'd like to car pool with her.

REGISTER TODAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Choir Practice 5:30 pm (begins 8/27)

Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm (starts TONIGHT, 8/13)

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: Diana Vetter, Christoph Aurich, Jessica Wiltgen.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this coming week: Robert & Elaine Knoerr, Lon & Sheila Carlson.

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

ON-SITE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Pastor Josh Kestner, Parish Pastor: jkestner@gmail.com

Pastor Megan Boatwright, Campus Pastor: boatwrightma@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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