



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

August 13, 2025

FROM PASTOR JOSH

We have a new Campus Pastor! The energy at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday was evident, and it is a testament to everyone's excitement for this new chapter in our lives together as University Lutheran Church. I am excited to start working with Pastor Megan, and can't wait to see what the future holds for this church.

We have been moving through this time of transition effectively together. As we settle into new routines, here are a few things I'm excited to do together:

- Welcome Pastor Megan with open arms! Take time to get to know her and support her gifts for ministries.
- Listen to the needs of the church. What are people excited about? What have we been doing well? What could we do better?
- Understand and strengthen our identity as a community of faith. What is the foundation of who we are? What is our purpose and function in this community? What is God calling us to do and be today and tomorrow?

This Sunday we'll read these words of inspiration from Hebrews 12: *"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."*

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!





Calling All Communicators and Community Builders!

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

Interest Meeting **THIS Sunday between Worships**

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 **THIS 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!

WHAT'S ON THE WALL?

New artwork in the Narthex! We know that there is a lot of artistic talent in this congregation, and we're hoping to start curating some of your work in the gathering area. You'll notice that we are currently featuring some pieces by Ken Cothran. Check them out! And talk to Pastor Josh if you have something you'd like to contribute!



**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**.



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 Next

Session 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.**

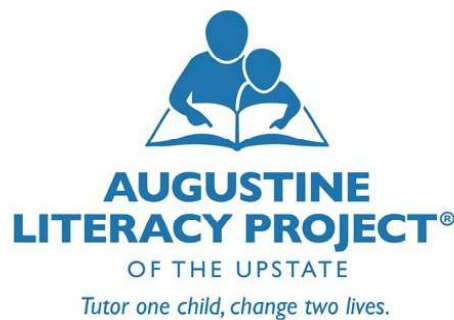
Video by Jen Wilkin

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!



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**.

IMMIGRATION AND FAITH COALITION WORKSHOP

Months ago, Lutheran Services Carolinas consolidated to Greenville and Spartanburg and had to leave our office space at UniLu. Seeing LSC's financial struggles, you may be asking, "How can we effectively support immigrants and their families?"

Join Eunice Lehmacher and Pastor Josh Kestner at Greenville's Immigration and Faith Coalition from **6-8 pm 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.

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

When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native

among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. Leviticus 19:33-34

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 carpool 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: Sam Herin, Lon Carlson, Carol Miller, Diana Vetter

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this coming week: Patrick & Alison Mero, Ned & Myrna Johnson, Robert & Elaine Knoerr

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

ON-SITE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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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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