



UNIVERSITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

September 10, 2025

FROM PASTOR JOSH

There is a buzz of energy at church almost any time, any day of the week. You can tell that the Fall routines are settling in, and there's always something to keep us busy. Even faith communities 2,000 years ago, whose histories we read about in the Book of Acts, spent their time doing the same kinds of things together that we do today - worshipping, eating, learning, serving, etc.

Our weekly newsletters can get pretty long, but scroll carefully as you see all of the things that we're up to below. And stay tuned as a few new programs start up in the next month or so.

For example, a few folks have been talking about a casual **morning walking group**. There's no better way to spend some time together outside in the beautiful Fall

weather! Want to join? **Let's meet at the Botanical Gardens Mondays at 9:00 a.m. starting September 22!**

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL

September 14, 2025

10-11am (between services)

Trying to enjoy our courtyard space while the weather holds!

If you would like to contribute a goodie, it would be greatly appreciated!

Carol A. Miller

Fellowship Committee Co-Chair



NOTE FROM PASTOR MEGAN

Congregational Listening Sessions

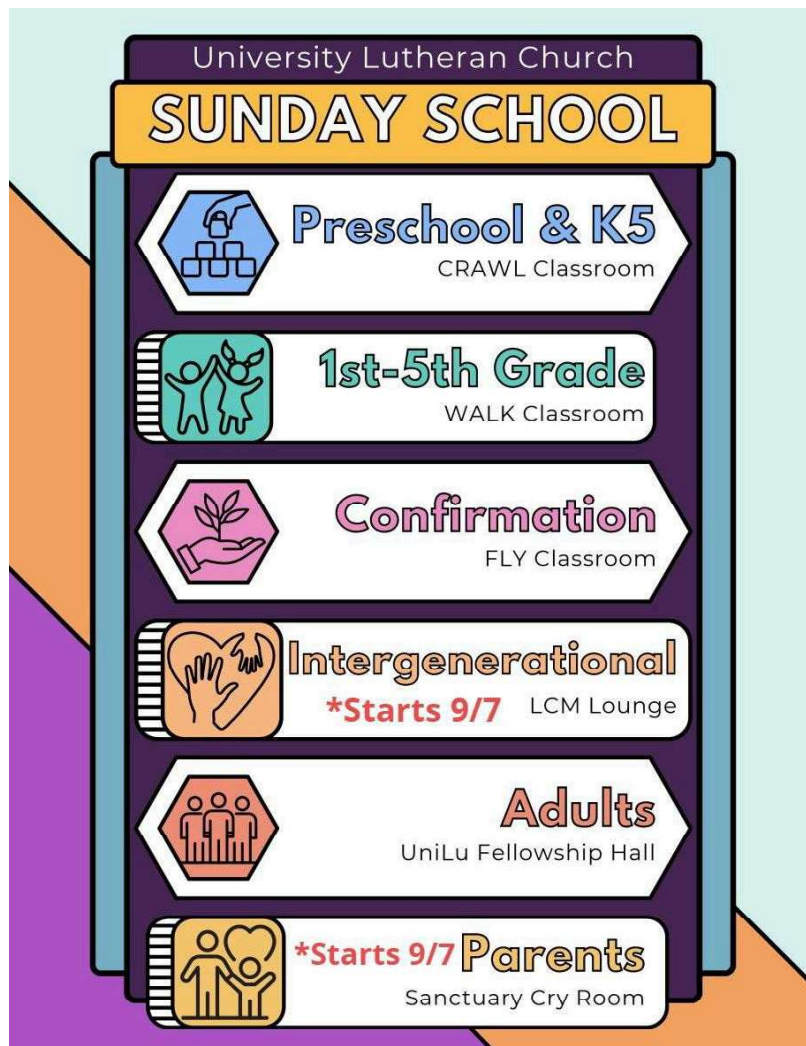
To get to know our congregation better, I'll be hosting a monthly listening session. This is an opportunity to learn more about who you are, what brought you to our church, what keeps you active in our community, and your hopes for our future together. Bring your lunch and join us for our first one on **Thursday, September 25th at noon in the Fellowship Hall!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Between our 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services on Sundays, we have learning opportunities for all ages! Remember that **Children's Choir rehearses at 10:45 a.m. every Sunday** in the WALK Classroom in the Education Building.

Check out the available classes below!

And click for more information on the [Adult Class opportunities!](#)



Descriptions of Adult Classes

GROWING GRATEFUL KIDS

Growing Grateful Kids: Teaching kids to appreciate an Extraordinary God in Ordinary Places

We've all encountered children who are delightful. Most of us have also seen children who are irritating and some who are downright obnoxious. Why do some children seem happy and content, while others are constantly complaining or are often anxious?

Join us as we struggle with questions like these at **10 am each Sunday starting September 7th in the cry room**. We won't find all the answers, but parents helping parents **each week for 8 weeks** will help us all to be more grateful and supportive of one another. We'll meet in the cry room (the room behind the sanctuary). **Parents with children under age 3 are invited to bring them along to class.**

THANK YOU!!

A HUGE Thank You to all who participated in "God's Work our Hands". We had a great turnout - so big we ran out of food for lunch (we will have more next year!)

979 pounds of food was collected for CCC and little hands were busy unloading and sorting food. The church grounds are beautiful! Weeds (and other things perhaps) were pulled. Personal care kits were packaged, the quilts were lovely, and over 200 scrub hats were strung.

Truly God's work was alive and joyful at UNILU on Sunday!

NEWS FROM LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

LCM HELPERS

Need a pet sitter? Babysitter? Yard work done? Anything else? Our LCM students would love to help! Please fill out the form [HERE](#) and they'll be in touch. This is volunteer work—but if you'd like to offer payment, any funds received will go directly towards their fees for LCM retreats and trips.

HELP STOCK THE LCM LOUNGE



CHECK OUT & STOCK UP THE LCM LOUNGE

We've made some upgrades to the LCM lounge & added a study space at the end of the hall. We need your help filling it up with snacks!

- *Full sized bags of chips, popcorn, pretzels, or packages of cookies*
- *Drinks - gatorade, water, soda*
- *Individually packaged chips, cookies, etc.*

If you're at the grocery store and see these on sale - feel free to grab an extra one to donate to LCM. You can leave them in the kitchen downstairs. Our new study space is across from the downstairs kitchen!

We appreciate your generosity!



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**.

Join us for **TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY**

Starting September 16th

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* by Jen Wilkin is 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**.

HOW ARE PEOPLE OF FAITH HELPING IMMIGRANTS?

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

Register as an individual attendee (\$10). 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

CLEMSON COMMUNITY CARE

Clemson Community Care has given out a large amount of food this past month. We need many food and personal care items to replenish our pantry shelves!

Items needed include soup, canned meat & fish, oatmeal, cereal, canned fruit, canned potatoes, juice, shelf stable milk.

Other items in short supply are dish and laundry detergents, soap, shampoo and conditioner, toilet tissue, size 1 and size 5 diapers.

We are grateful for your continued support!!

UNILU ONGOING EVENTS

SUNDAY

Indoor Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am

Facebook Live Worship Service at 9 am

<https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/>

Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 am

Sam & Elena Plonk (Children & Youth) samplonk@hotmail.com

Linda Holt (Adult) lindagtholt@bellsouth.net

Children's Choir 10:45 am - 11:15 am

TUESDAY

Tuesdays Together Bible Study 10 am (September 16th – November 18th) Karen

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WEDNESDAY

Voice Choir Practice 5:30 pm

Campus Ministry Dinner 6:00 pm (Want to help? Talk to Pastor Megan!)

Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

UNILU PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

WE ARE PRAYING FOR...

UniLu Family

Penny Booher, John Broadwell, Roger Brown, Rosalyn Flanigan, Martha Harris, Joyce Lillehammer, Gail Paul, Tony Quesada, Larry Reamer, John Wagner, Pat Wagner, Bob Wiggins

Extended Family & Friends

Rose Angela Bennett, Russell Brown, Barbara Brunetti, Marge Butler, Scott Crane, James DeLoach, Gregg Dupree, Jean Erskine, Alton Fanning, Jackson Flanigan, Kathy Francis, Barbara Lemcke, Ilse Lemcke, Marilee Long, Billie Mentz, Billy Smith, Linda Smith, Martha Smith, Nancy Thomas, Elise White, Chris, Mona

UNILU CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this coming week: Katie Stephan, Richard Lanier

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this coming week: Jim & Lena Jones

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 [864-654-4232](tel:864-654-4232)

or unilusecretary@gmail.com

ON-SITE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9 am - 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 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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