



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS September 3, 2025



FROM PASTOR JOSH

You probably know that I've been sick this week. I missed out on a joy-filled worship on Sunday morning and a woe-filled football game Saturday night. And I've been staying home for a few days to avoid spreading germs. I've been fever-free

and improving for a few days now, so I'll be back at it soon. But I noticed a few things while I was spending too much time by myself.

I love being around folks. And I miss it when I'm not able. I love lunch after worship like the picture above. I love visiting some of our wisest members at Clemson Downs. I love having the privilege of being invited into people's homes. I love a cup of coffee and a meaningful conversation. I'm a pastor because I want to immerse myself in community - a community of faith and hope and joy and love.

Those are some of the things we do best. We are good at being together (especially eating together). Pastor Megan and I have been talking about ways that we can build on the gifts of fellowship that we value as a congregation. And we're eager to see all the ways that we can *be together* and invite others into our togetherness in the days ahead.

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! These include TWO NEW opportunities for a **Parents' Class and an Intergenerational Class** beginning **THIS SUNDAY, September 7th!** And 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!](#)

University Lutheran Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL

-  **Preschool & K5**
CRAWL Classroom
-  **1st-5th Grade**
WALK Classroom
-  **Confirmation**
FLY Classroom
-  **Intergenerational**
***Starts 9/7** LCM Lounge
-  **Adults**
UniLu Fellowship Hall
-  ***Starts 9/7 Parents**
Sanctuary Cry Room

Descriptions of Adult Classes

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

Our annual Fall service day, is **THIS SUNDAY, September 7!**

After the 11:00 a.m. worship, gather for lunch and then split up for different service projects at church and in the community:

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

This is the last week to collect items for a FOOD DRIVE for CCC as well as items for CARE KITS. Bring your donations to the Narthex by Sunday!

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

HELP STOCK THE LCM SPACE WITH SNACKS



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.**



QUILT TYING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Quilt Tying on Monday, September 8, in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-noon.

All are invited to help assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief!

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* 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

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

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: Judy Aikens, Frank Boatwright, Miles Rockow, Elaine Knoerr, Joshua Lusk.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this coming week: Sean & Beth Stephan, Edward & Vicki Scott.

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**

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 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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