



UNIVERSITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

UNILU NEWS & EVENTS
October 1, 2025



FROM PASTOR JOSH

At the end of the Gospel of John, the risen Jesus commissions Peter and tells him what it means to live a life of faith. He asks him, “Do you love me?” And he sends him with a responsibility, “Feed my sheep.” As Jesus, the Good Shepherd, prepares to ascend and leave this world, he seems to be

empowering Peter and the other disciples to take on the role of caring for his flock.

We, as the Church, hear these words as a commissioning of our own. We desire to grow in our own lives of faith. So, we, too, feel called to feed Christ's sheep.

In this season of the year, we are beginning to look ahead to how we might continue to feed the sheep in our community in the year ahead. What ministries does our congregation provide? How might we make those things possible? In the coming weeks, we'll highlight some of the things we've been doing to be faithful and attentive shepherds.

Below you'll see an invitation to make a pledge or an estimate of giving for the upcoming calendar year. These estimates help our church leaders plan for the ministries we hope to make happen. Thank you for taking a moment to pray and consider where you're feeling called in our work together as a community of faith.



2026 ESTIMATE of GIVING

*Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits
of all your produce. -Proverbs 3:9*

The Stewardship Committee is using an online process to submit your 2026 Estimate of Giving for your convenience and safety. Paper copies of the forms

are also available in the narthex. You may also email Abi to request a paper form at unilusecretary@gmail.com. Paper forms may be placed in the wooden box located on the large round table in the narthex or mailed to the church.

The online Estimated Giving Form is accessible at the link below.

[2026 Estimate of Giving Form](#)

You may use the online link as many times as you like. For example, you can make an estimate of giving for one individual and for another individual in the same household.

The link to the 2026 Estimate of Giving form is also available on the University Lutheran Website at www.uniluclemson.org. Look under the “Learn” tab under “Newsletters”.

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ESTIMATE OF GIVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT
NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025.**

NEW MEMBERS JOINED ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28!

Give a big welcome to our newest members! We are grateful for a few familiar faces and a few new ones to have officially joined us in the work that we are called to do as a community of faith.

We are eager to get to know better:

- Pastor Megan, Brandon, Griffin, and Margot Boatwright
- David Cook
- Chris and Laura Heavner
- A.J. Melendez
- Fabrice Razafimahatratra
- Dave and Sue Schneck

Check out their bios and pictures in the Gathering Area at church!



New Monday Morning Walking Group meets **Monday mornings - meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Botanical Gardens** in the parking lot near the Caboose. Talk to Pastor Josh if you want to carpool or have trouble finding folks on Monday!



SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL
October 12, 2025, 10 - 11 am - Between services
Grits Bar!

Let's celebrate moving into Fall with our 2nd Annual Grits Bar!
Come eat, talk, laugh, gather and get to know each other, or take a bowl on your way to Sunday School!

We will be serving in the Fellowship Hall between services.
Diana Vetter has volunteered to make the grits.

We will need volunteers to provide the “fixins” that go with grits as well as set up/clean up detail.

A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex “Gathering Place”.

It is very helpful to the Fellowship Committee to have volunteers sign up so we can best anticipate food and manpower needs.

Drinks will be provided as always.

We deeply appreciate the amazing level of support you all show towards this mission of Congregational and Community Fellowship!

Your UNILU Fellowship Committee

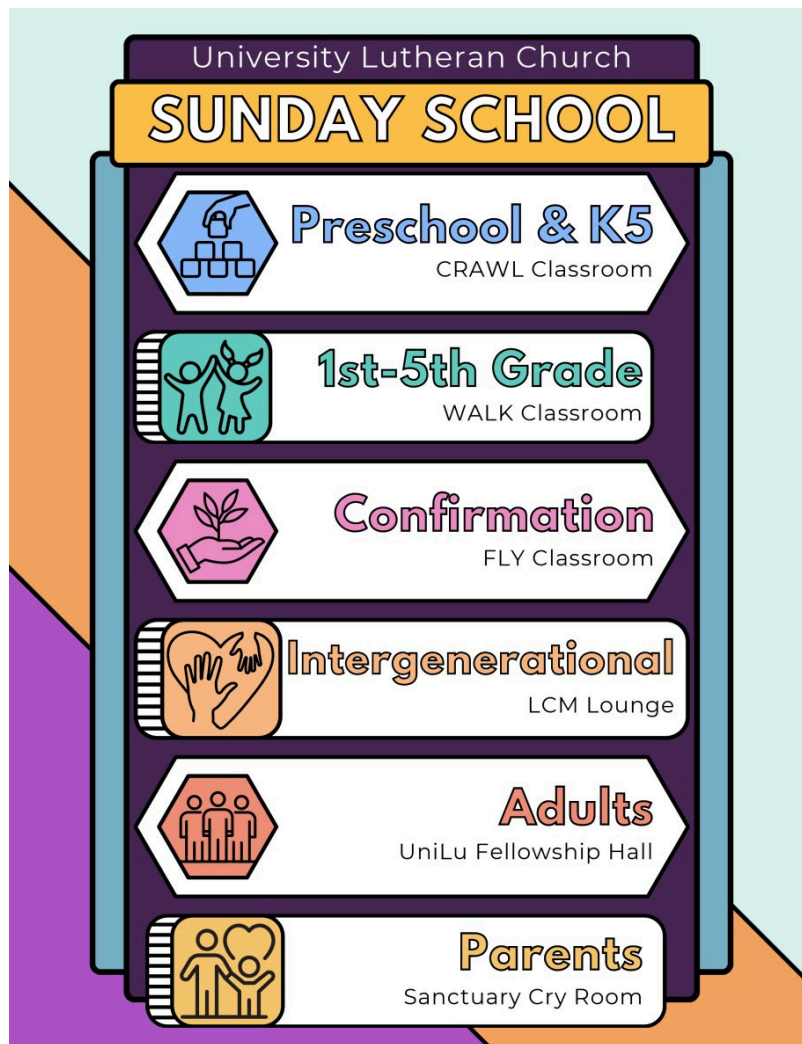


SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

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](#)!



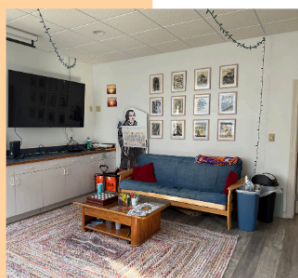
Descriptions of Adult Classes

NEWS FROM LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

LCM HELPERS

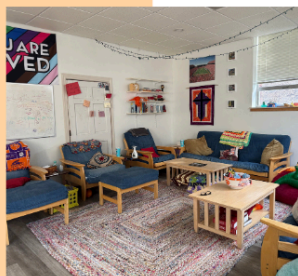
Need a pet sitter? Babysitter? Yard work done? Anything else? Our LCM students would love to help! Please fill out the form [HERE](#) and they'll be in touch. This is volunteer work—but if you'd like to offer payment, any funds received will go directly towards their fees for LCM retreats and trips.

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!

Join us for TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY

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

FREE CONCERT

Clemson Edge Concerts at Saint Andrew Catholic Church presents Steve Newbrough, Guitar, in a free one-hour concert on **Thursday, October 16 at 7:30 pm**. Steve is a versatile performer offering music of various styles. He serves on the faculty of both Clemson and Furman Universities.

Saint Andrew's Church, located at **209 Sloan St.** in Clemson, has convenient parking and is handicap accessible. Further information is available at **864-643-2589**.

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, Ned Johnson, Joyce Lillehammer, Gail Paul, Tony Quesada, Larry Reamer, John Wagner, Pat Wagner, Bob Wiggins

Extended Family & Friends

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

UNILU CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this coming week: K.D. Gerwig, Alice Cox, Nancy Turner, Barbara Caruso

PARISH INFORMATION

MISS A SERVICE?

The recorded worship services are posted to the UniLu YouTube Channel:

[University Lutheran YouTube Channel](#)

ON-SITE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

To make an appointment to meet on-site, please call [864-654-4232](tel:864-654-4232) or email Abi at

unilusecretary@gmail.com

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

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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