



UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

UNILU NEWS & EVENTS October 15, 2025

FROM PASTOR JOSH

We are right in the middle of a time of intentional discernment about Stewardship.

While you think about the different ways that you'd like to be involved and supportive of the ministries of this congregation, we want to highlight some of the things we love doing. Each week we'll have a brief story about a ministry of University Lutheran. [Click to check it out](#) and then look for the information about

Estimates of Giving below!

GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD

FOOD THAT EMBRACES OUR NEIGHBORS



"Working with Our Daily Bread is a joy on a lot of levels. It is so uplifting to be around grateful people, who are appreciative of the work you do...It is also wonderful to get to know people from our church more intimately...It is a wonderful way to serve our church and our community, and I am so glad I do it."

- Marian Benton

"It is so great to serve other people. And they are so appreciative."

- Jean Mehlman

Most of you know - each week during the school year a group of folks provides a warm, home-cooked meal for students that we have grown to know and love.

Perhaps we don't talk as much about another ministry - once a month, in a different setting, a handful of folks gathers on a Friday morning to prepare a warm, home-cooked meal for a collection of mostly strangers at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in Seneca.

Some folks whisk together an instant cornbread recipe or toss together a salad. Others stir a pan of ingredients for a casserole. A couple of hands spend time at the sink perpetually washing dishes to keep the space clean. And by lunch time, there is a meal to serve.

People from the surrounding area start to line up early, sit down with a tray of food and an ice-cold cup of tea or a hot cup of coffee, and take this opportunity to rest and refresh. While it's only a moment in the middle of an exhausting week, it's a chance to be seen, be cared for, and be fed.

By 1:00, the room is empty, the mopped floor is drying, and it's almost as if none of it even happened, until things get started again the next day.

What a simple, meaningful way to show love to our neighbors - just a few hours, one Friday a month. Have you ever wondered, "What can I do to make a difference in the world?" Well, this is one way our church tries to answer that question. And in the end, you're sure to be asking yourself, "Okay, what's next?"



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.**

LCM - UNILU FAMILY FEUD GAME NIGHT

LCM Students want to invite you to a **Family Feud game night TONIGHT Wednesday, October 15! Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and the games begin afterwards.** Come with an appetite and your competitive spirit. **Chicken tenders and drinks are provided. Bring a side or dessert to share!**



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOMECOMING BUILD

The annual Clemson University Habitat for Humanity Homecoming Build starts NEXT WEEK! This is a big part of UniLu's history. Several of our

members are involved as supervisors of the build and work closely with students as they put up a house on Bowman field in just a couple of weeks.

The build will run from **October 20 - November 1.**

If you would like to offer your support, you can:

1. Make a donation via the UniLu website [HERE](#). Simply select "Homecoming Build" and follow the instructions for giving. Or donate by check to University Lutheran with "Habitat for Humanity Homecoming" in the Memo.
2. Bring small bottles of Gatorade to donate to the volunteers throughout the week. You can leave Gatorade in the Narthex at church, near where we leave donations for CCC.
3. Walk down to Bowman Field to see some of the progress and offer some of your blessings to the students and adults who are volunteering!

WELCA RUTH CIRCLE

The October WELCA meeting will be held on **Monday, October 27 at 12 noon in the fellowship hall**. Susan Boatwright will be leading a study and discussion on Reformation. Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship and study. Desserts and beverages will be provided. Any questions, please contact Molly Parkhill, Lena Jones or Susan Boatwright.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DOWNTOWN CLEMSON TRICK OR TREAT

We'll have a booth at the **Downtown Clemson Trick or Treat event on Tuesday, October 28!** Come by and say hey if you're downtown. We're hoping that folks will grab **a bag or two of candy to donate** to the cause. If you're out getting candy for your own neighborhood candy giveaway, want to pick something up for UniLu, too? You can leave your candy donations in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen! THANKS!



ADOPT-A-CLASSROOM WITH CLEMSON HOPE

We have adopted two classes (30 students) this year as part of Clemson Hope's Adopt a classroom. This is a Christmas Gift Drive for local children. LCM students have volunteered to be Santa's elves and do the shopping. They will be buying gifts totaling \$15 per child. **What we need is \$450 for these 30 students. LCM must shop and have gifts delivered by NOVEMBER 6. Get your donations in as soon as possible** (please put *Adopt a Classroom* on memo line of check or on envelope).

WHAT'S ON THE WALL?

New artwork in the Gathering Area! Check out some new pieces by Sue Schneck! We know that there is a lot of artistic talent in this congregation, and we're hoping to start curating some of your work. Talk to Pastor Josh if you have something you'd like to contribute!



MIDWEEK HAPPENINGS

MONDAY MORNING WALKING GROUP

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!



MIDWEEK FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



TABLE TALK

Martin Luther used to gather with folks around a table of food and drink while they had long, meaningful conversations about the big and small questions of life. Let's do it again **NEXT MONTH, MONDAY, November 16. Meet at Kite Hill Brewing at 6:30 p.m.** and we'll spend some time in conversation and fellowship together.

TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY

10-session Bible Study on Revelation: 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. **Tuesdays 10:00am – Youth Room; September 16th – November 18th.** No need to sign up - join us anytime!

Questions: Karen Dreher jadreher@att.net

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY

Our midweek Bible Study is back. We'll meet on **Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. in the Cry Room next to the Sanctuary (starts TODAY, October 15)**. We'll start out reading the lectionary passages for the upcoming Sunday, but let's get together to see what other study materials might be of interest and whether or not this time/place is good for the group!



SAVE THE DATE - PASTOR MEGAN'S INSTALLATION

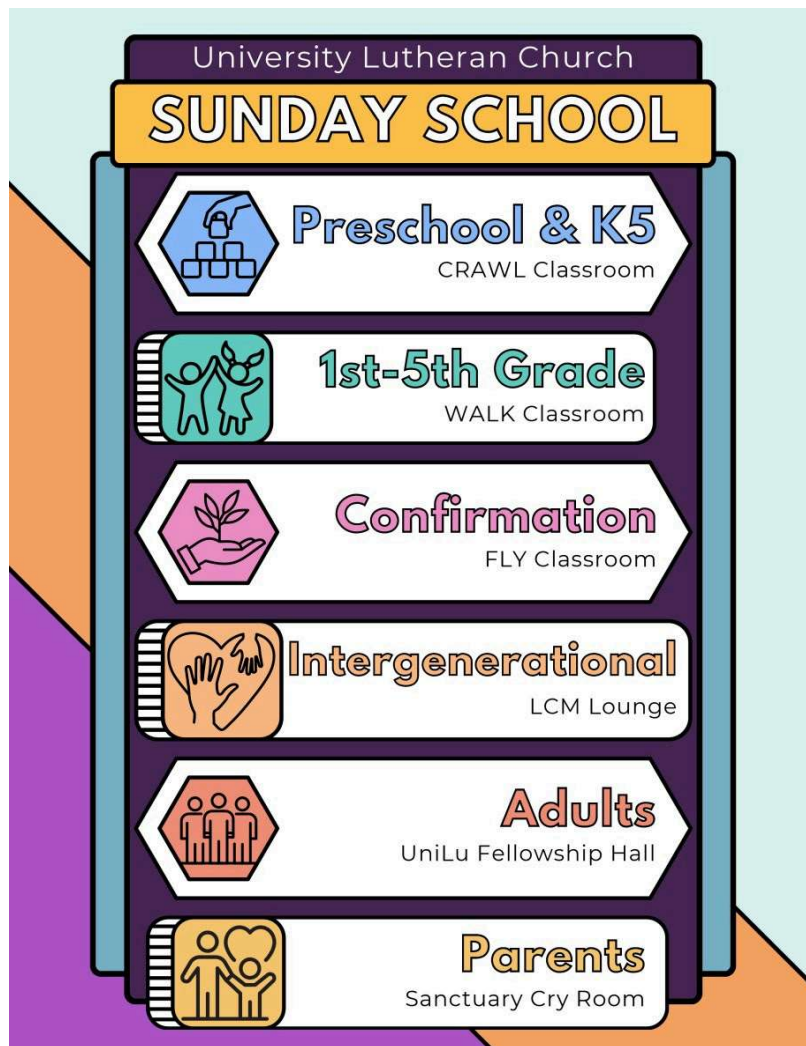
We have a date for **Pastor Megan's Installation Service - Sunday, November 9 at 3:00 p.m.** There will be a reception to follow. Stay tuned for more information, but keep this on your calendar and plan to celebrate with Pastor Megan then!

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!

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**.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP

The CBFSC (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of SC of which First Baptist Church of Clemson is a member) is inviting you to a **free workshop on Saturday, October 25 from 9am-1pm** at Boulevard Baptist Church in Anderson (700 Boulevard Road). The workshop discusses how to minimize negative aspects to churches due to a disaster by creating disaster plans. This training teaches disaster response/recovery for missions and/or community engagement for church volunteers and staff. As disasters become more numerous and federal dollars less available, more educated volunteers will be needed when a disaster occurs. No registration required. If you have questions contact Anne Singleton of First Baptist Church at **864 207-9350**.

UNILU ONGOING EVENTS

SUNDAY

Indoor Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am

Livestream Worship Service at 9 am

[UniLu Youtube Channel](#)

(look for the LIVE tab to watch live, or find videos posted later, too)

Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 am

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

Linda Holt (Adult) lindagtholt@bellsouth.net

Pastor Megan (Intergenerational) boatwrightma@gmail.com

Children's Choir 10:45 am - 11:15 am; Deanna Sellnow dsellno@clemson.edu

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](#)

Karen Waltz, Ann Brown, Penny Booher, John Broadwell, Ann Brown, 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

Nancy Carlson, 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: A.J. Melendez, Janelle Merritt

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 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**

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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