



UNIVERSITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

UNILU NEWS & EVENTS
October 8, 2025

FROM PASTOR JOSH

We've jumped right into our 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!**

SETTING THE TABLE AT CLEMSON DOWNS

FOOD THAT BRINGS US TOGETHER



"When Larry Roemer, Bob, and I decided we would enjoy a gathering of Lutherans at Clemson Downs we had no idea our small group of six would grow to sometimes twenty - a community of faithful people who enjoy socializing and worshipping together. Several members of University Lutheran who do not live at Clemson Downs join us and add meaningful conversation and fellowship to the group. Come join us!"

-Emily Wiggins

Each week, about three-quarters of the way through our Sunday morning worship, we settle into a rhythm of Holy Communion. We rise from our seats, walk towards the table at the front, stand or kneel in reverence, and receive a bit of bread and wine - a tangible sign of God's presence and grace. It's something you might miss if you're unable to worship in person for any particular reason.

Several beloved members of this church live in the Clemson Downs retirement community. Many of these folks represent the history and legacy of University Lutheran over decades. They are not often able to worship with us in the Sanctuary. And they are faces that we wish we could see gathered around the table with us during Communion.

For the past two years a group of us have been visiting and hosting a monthly time of conversation and a Communion Service at the Downs. Lifelong Lutherans show up, and so do some of their friends. While it looks different than what we expect each week in the Sanctuary, the words and the warmth of God's grace are familiar. We start with coffee and treats. We swap stories and prayer requests. And then we set the table with the wine and the bread.

There is something meaningful about a community of faith that is tied together through moments like these. Our church is here because of saints who have been around much longer than most of us. And our relationships stretch far beyond our Sunday morning routines. Join us on the third Wednesday of each month!



SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL THIS SUNDAY!!

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. And drinks are provided.

YOU can provide the "fixins" that go with grits and help with set up/clean up.

A sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area. It is very helpful to the Fellowship Committee to have volunteers sign up so we can best anticipate food and manpower needs. We deeply appreciate the amazing level of support you all show towards this mission of Congregational and Community Fellowship!



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.**



QUILT TYING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Quilt Tying on **Monday, October 13th, in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-noon**. All are invited to help assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief!

LCM - UNILU FAMILY FEUD GAME NIGHT

LCM Students want to invite you to a **Family Feud game night NEXT 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!**



Whether or not you'll be present that night, **PLEASE fill out this questionnaire**, which will serve as the answers for the Family Feud competition! We're hoping to have at least 100 answers!

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.

MONDAY, October 13 let's give it a try. Meet at Kite Hill Brewing at 6:30 p.m. and we'll spend some time in conversation and fellowship together. We'll try this a few times in the next couple of months to see if folks are interested and available.

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 NEXT WEEK, 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

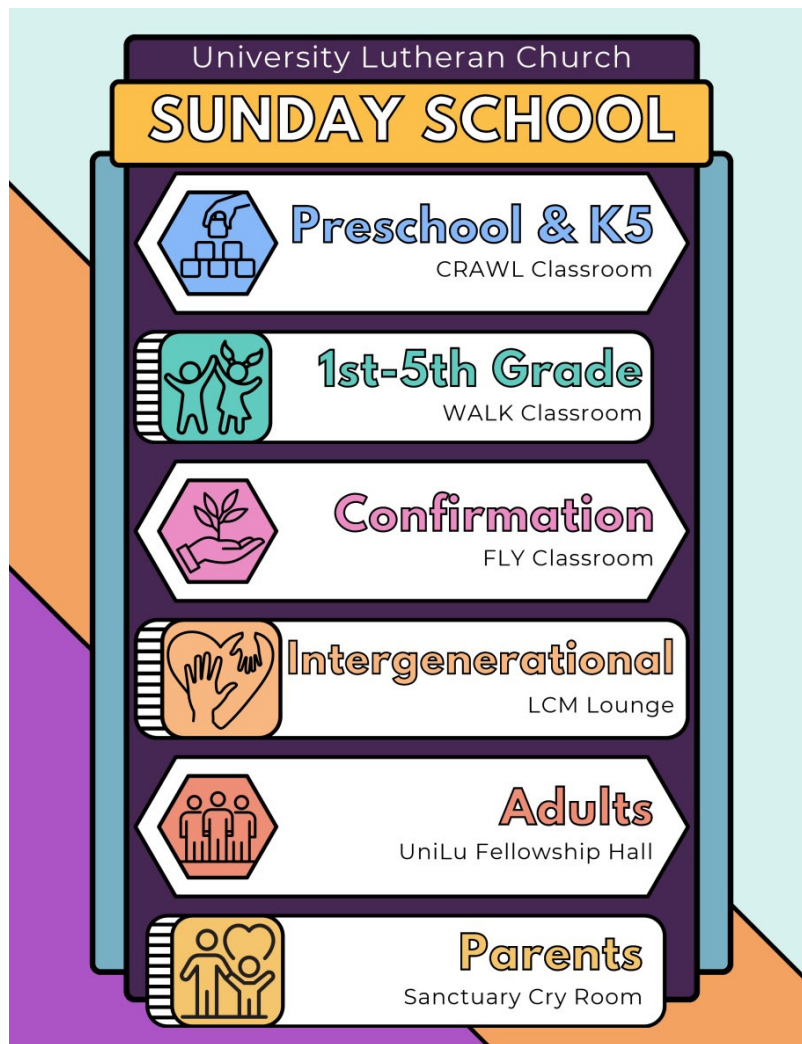
We have a date for **Pastor Megan's Installation Service - Sunday, November 9 at 3:00 p.m.** There will be a reception to follow. Stay tuned for more information, but keep this on your calendar and plan to celebrate with Pastor Megan then!

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**.

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

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

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: Myrna Johnson, Jean Mehlman, Tony Quesada, Cece Parker, Alison Mero

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this week: Jim & Diana Vetter, Michael & Lyn Scott

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

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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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