



## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

January 28, 2026



### FROM PASTOR JOSH

Yesterday was International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Annual reminders like this one are difficult, but they are important as we take time to acknowledge the lives that were lost. It's also a sobering, but important reminder of just how terrible human beings can be to one another...not that we don't get reminders of that on a daily basis.

**I've been trying to balance out the more difficult stories of the past and the present with more hopeful ones. I dig for stories that show examples of what it looks like when we follow Jesus' command to "love the Lord your God...and love your neighbor". The love overcomes the hate. Do you have any stories like that?**

**I've also been exploring the question, "Who is my neighbor? What makes someone a neighbor? And how do I love them?" Sometimes it's not easy to answer those questions - probably because the real answer is a lot bigger than we'd like to admit. It is clear that our call to love neighbors extends beyond the folks who grew up down the street from us.**

**That's what we're called to do with the faith we have. And it's clear that there is a great need for great love in the world. So, who are our neighbors today? Who are the folks who need our love the most? And how far are we willing to go to make sure that love overcomes hate?**

## **WINTER WEATHER POSSIBLE THIS WEEKEND**

**As we come out of the ice storm from last weekend, please let us know if there is anything you need - tree damage? supplies? food? Looking ahead, there is another possibility for winter weather THIS weekend (1/30-31). This event looks more like light snow, which could be more manageable. But, if the forecasts start to look dangerous at all, be on the lookout for announcements about church events via email and social media. Mostly, be sure to reach out to us if your church family can support you at all!**



## GETTING INVOLVED AT UNILU

Fill out this Time & Talent form to see what kinds of things you might jump into this year at church. There is also room for some brainstorming if you have ideas for the congregation & community, too! We'll start compiling results in February and try to get you connected!

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## SEEKING SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS

Counters are needed to help count the offering received each Sunday during worship. **The Offering is counted by two people following the 11 am service in the church office.** There will be a brief training time to explain the process that is needed for the Financial Secretary to record offering receipts and to prepare the offering for deposit at the bank. If you are interested in helping the Finance Committee in this way, please contact the Finance Committee Chair, Rachel Quesada, at church, via email [arachelq@gmail.com](mailto:arachelq@gmail.com) or telephone **561-866-3011**. Thank you for your help. The more volunteers to help count, the less often you will have to stay after church to count the offering.



## **IT'S CARNIVAL TIME AT UNILU!**

**We are having a Mardi Gras lunch on **Sunday, February 8th** in the Fellowship Hall **after the 11am service**.**

**Gumbo with rice, salad and rolls are on the menu.**

**You can bring a dessert to share!**

**We'll have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, under the big screen to give us an idea of how many to prepare for.**

**It would really help to get an accurate head count!**

**If you don't get to sign up but still want to come, don't worry, you're still welcome!**

**Laissez le bon temps rouler!**

**David and Carol**

**Fellowship Committee**

## **Join us for TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY**

### **“LUKE IN THE LAND”**

**GOSPEL OF LUKE: Walking with Jesus in His First Century World.**

**Video by Kristi Mclelland**

**“Luke in the Land” study book is available if you want one.**

Let Karen Dreher know if you want a Study Book ordered for you. Or you can order your own. (Amazon or Christian Book.com)

[jadreher@att.net](mailto:jadreher@att.net)

**Tuesdays 10:00 am – Youth Room**

**January 20 - March 3, 2026**

**No need to sign up - join us anytime!**

Questions: Karen Dreher [jadreher@att.net](mailto:jadreher@att.net)

### **WEDNESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY**

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study is meeting weekly! Meet in the "Cry Room" in the Sanctuary building at **NOON on Wednesdays**. You can bring a lunch or just bring a Bible. We'll have the coffee on!

### **MEN'S MINISTRY - BREAKFAST & BOOK STUDY**

**Starting Feb. 24, 8:00 a.m.**

**at Dimas Bros. Cafe in Seneca**

**Contact Dave Schneck if you're interested or have questions!**

**[david.schneck58@gmail.com](mailto:david.schneck58@gmail.com) OR 727.422.7542**

Starting in February, the men's ministry will be embarking on a book study with the book "The True Measure of a Man" by Richard E Simmons III. The goal will be to read two chapters each month, answer 3-4 reflection questions for each chapter, and be ready to share at the men's ministry breakfast that meets each month (usually the 4th Tuesday).

You don't have to attend the breakfast to be a part of this study. You can do a self-study, or if enough men are interested, we can explore a separate time

each month to meet and share together.

If you are interested in obtaining the book and joining in the study, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. For more information email Dave Schneck at [David.schneck58@gmail.com](mailto:David.schneck58@gmail.com) You can also call or text Dave at 727.422.7542



## DONATIONS FOR LCM'S BIRTHDAY BOX SERVICE PROJECT

On **Wednesday, February 11th**, LCM will be packaging 40 birthday cake boxes for Clemson Community Care, the Nook, and the Paw Pantry (the Nook and Paw Pantry are the food pantries on campus for Clemson students and employees). We need help collecting items for these boxes! We will need:

- 40 disposable 9x13 aluminum pans with plastic lids
- 40 cans of Sprite
- 40 boxes of yellow cake mix
- 40 containers of icing
- 40 packages of birthday candles

**We still need:**

**16 aluminum pans**

**28 cans of sprite**

**And 32 of everything else!**

**Thank you for your support!**

**-Pastor Megan**

## **GREETINGS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA LUTHERAN RETREAT CENTERS!**

### **BUILD YOUR OWN RETREAT!**

The *Creativity at the Coast* retreat will be offered **February 4-7**, with *DAY STUDENT Options* also available on both Thursday and Friday, the *5th and 6th*, at Coastal Retreat! Your creative spirit will be awakened with delightful artistic opportunities led by Kris Rife, former owner of Mount Pleasant Crafting hub, Beads and Brushstrokes. Creative projects include *Resin Jewelry pouring*, *Mounted Shell Cross design on wooden backing*, *Goldleaf Earrings*, *a Lutheran Rosary with Amazonite beads*, *Watercolors*, and *Wicker Basket making*. Meal opportunities are also available, with all proceeds going toward the SCLRC *Holy Spaces* Campaign.

Contact Pegi Roberts at [\*\*Pegi@sclrc.com\*\*](mailto:Pegi@sclrc.com) or Judi Key for more details or use the link below to view all options, costs and to register **BY THE END OF TODAY!**

**Click Here to Register - Deadline 1/28**

## **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.**



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS *in the Fellowship Hall.*

Join a group of adults of all ages as we explore a new Bible study series, **Together by Grace**. These studies are built around the goals of encouraging participants to:

- Read and explore the Bible together, whether they are new to the Christian faith or long-time Bible study attendees.
- Build relationships with others in the congregation and community.
- Respond to God's grace by loving and serving God and neighbors in the congregation, community, and world.

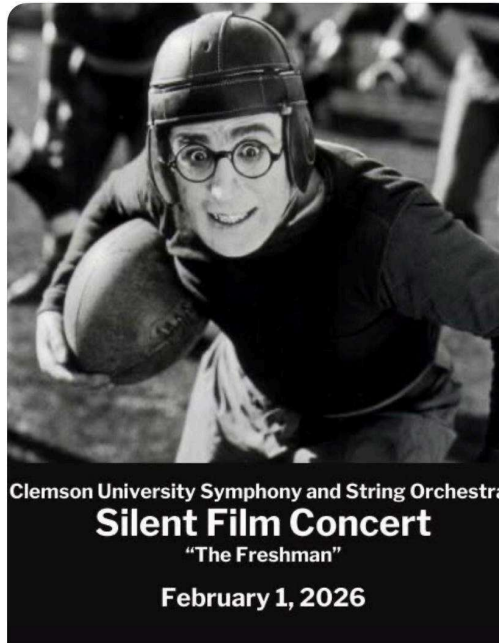
### PARENTS' CLASS *in the Cry Room in the Sanctuary Building.*

Parents of kids of any age are invited to join us on **February 8 at 10am** to discuss how our children are radical hope for us and for the world. We meet in the cry room. Parents of under 2-year-olds are invited to bring their baby along to class. We'll also share ideas for continuing our parenting class in the spring. **On February 1 & 15 a group of us will go for coffee.** Meet in the breeze way after the 11am service to come along or join the other Bible class in the fellowship hall.

## 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.





**3 pm, Sunday, February 1st** at the Brooks Performing Arts Center (Come early and buy some popcorn!) Our last concerts have been close to Sold Out!  
Get tickets early for \$10!

## UNILU SUNDAY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

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](mailto:samplonk@hotmail.com)

Linda Holt (Adult) [lindagtholt@bellsouth.net](mailto:lindagtholt@bellsouth.net)

Children's Choir, 10:45 am - 11:05 am; Deanna Sellnow [dsellno@clemson.edu](mailto:dsellno@clemson.edu)

## UNILU PRAYERS

### WE ARE PRAYING FOR...

UniLu Family

**Heather Edge & Family, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Karen Waltz, 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**

**Extended Family & Friends**

**Tom Healy, 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, Marilee Long, Billie Mentz, Albert Parish, Billy Smith, Linda Smith, Martha Smith, Nancy Thomas, Elise White, Chris, Mona, Moriah, Anita McKnight**

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

### **MISS A SERVICE?**

The recorded worship services are posted to the "Live" tab of 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](mailto: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](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com)**

### **EMAIL ADDRESSES**

**Pastor Josh Kestner, Parish Pastor: [jkkestner@gmail.com](mailto:jkkestner@gmail.com)**

**Pastor Megan Boatwright, Campus Pastor: [boatwrightma@gmail.com](mailto:boatwrightma@gmail.com)**

**Abi Donhauser, Office Administrator: [unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto: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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