



## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

February 4, 2026



### FROM PASTOR JOSH

We've made it through some pretty difficult weeks of weather. While the views from the window might have been picturesque, the roads were quite dangerous and thousands of folks were without power for a period of time. Above, you can see a

slab of ice that is still pretty solid in the upper parking lot because it does not get much sun. Today, it's finally starting to disappear.

The city dropped some sand on top of the ice a couple of days ago. The sand is able to help with the melting, but it also provides some traction on a slippery surface. If you've ever tried to walk on ice (or taken a tumble on it), you know how precarious it is.

Sometimes, faith feels a bit like walking on ice. We're not so sure where the next step will take us. We never quite feel steady. We're trying to catch our balance as different things nudge us in one direction or another. And all the while, we're trying to grab a hold of something invisible - a God who promises to be there, but is difficult to comprehend and trust.

So, I've been leaning on words like these from Psalm 18 this week: *"I love you, Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."* When things feel slippery, where do we find our footing? What rocks show up in our lives for us to grab onto for refuge or strength?



## 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!**

**Sign up [HERE](#) or 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**

**RSVP HERE**



**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - THIS Sunday thru Feb.**

**The big game is THIS Sunday, Feb. 8. Let's celebrate by showing some generosity. We're spending the month of February raising money and collecting donations for CCC. Food and other goods can be placed in the basket in the Gathering Area. And put your coins and cash in the big pot on the table!**



## 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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## LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

We're just a couple of weeks away from the season of Lent. How can we lean into an intentional season of contemplation and prayer? How can we grow closer to God and to one another during Lent?

As we inch towards the season, **keep these events** in mind:

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner & Bingo - Tuesday, February 17 - 6:00 p.m.

- Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, February 18 - 4:30-6:00 p.m. Drop-In Ashes - 7:00 p.m. Worship
- Midweek Lent Dinner & Worship - Wednesdays Feb. 25-Mar. 25 - 6:00 Dinner, 7:00 p.m. Worship

## **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**

**NOT Meeting This Week!**

**The Wednesday Noon Bible Study will meet again NEXT WEEK. Meet in the "Cry Room" (Wednesday, February 11) in the Sanctuary building at NOON on Wednesdays. You can bring a lunch or just bring a Bible. We'll have the coffee on! And we'll settle into a Lent-Themed Bible Study during Lent!**

## **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**

## **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' CLASSES**

Parents of kids of any age are invited to join us on **February 8 & 22 at 10am.**  
**Topics Include: February 8th - Parenting to Include All Types of Children.**  
**February 22nd - Parenting as Radical Hope.** 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.

### **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.

## **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, t00)

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, Jessica Wiltgen

### 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](tel: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](tel:864-654-4232)  
or [unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com)

### EMAIL ADDRESSES

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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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