

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

November 2021

Vision Statement

We are here to reflect God's glory in our congregation, in our world, and in our hearts.

Forgiven by Christ, we forgive. Accepted by God, we accept.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we equip, enable, and inspire God's household to servant leadership.



The Lord's Prayer

Many of us learned how to pray during our childhood years. We were taught to put our hands together before a meal, bedtime, and or a big decision to make. We learned that prayer is talking to God. And of course, we could talk to God anytime we want. We could pray to God in the middle of the night. God was there for us. God heard our prayers.

During the ministry of Jesus, our Lord was asked, "How do we pray?" Jesus didn't give a heavy theology lesson or preach an eloquent sermon. He didn't even offer a "fill-in-the-blank" template to follow. Instead he offered up a prayer we have come to know as "The Lord's Prayer." This prayer has become a basic foundation of our prayer life with God and others. I have been in many situations in which I wondered if I was making a connection with the people I was with. Once I said, "Our Father . . .," everybody joined in. There is something special about this prayer.

Now the Lord's Prayer is actually found in three settings. The prayer is found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The prayer is also found in a writing called, the "Didache," that is not included in the Holy Scriptures. Matthew's version (6:9-13) is the version we are most familiar with.

While the prayer can be understood in different ways, I believe, at its essence, the prayer is about the matters that were most important to Jesus. When we pray the prayer, we are making a connection with the major concerns in the life of our Lord. And because Jesus is the ultimate revelation of God, we are praying for what matters most to God.

During the month of November, I would like to take a closer look at the Lord's Prayer with each of you. Starting November 8, I will work with Pastor Kristina to share a morning devotion via email that helps us understand the prayer better. We will methodically look at this wonderful way to connect with God.

My hope is that a better understanding of the prayer will provide a solid foundation to move into the Advent and Christmas seasons that follow. The last two years have been challenging and chaotic, we need to find common ways to come together!

Blessings to you! Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — November 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries UMW = United Methodist Women	1 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	2 6 am—9 pm LL is election site 6 pm Bible Study (this week only, normally on Weds. eve.)	3 9:30 am <i>Online Bible Study</i> 9:30 & 10:15 am CCM (offsite) 5:30 pm Family meal 6 pm Kids Club program 6-7:30 pm Confirmation Class 7:15 pm Bell Choir	4	5	6
7 <i>All Saints Sunday / Communion / Daylight Savings Ends</i> 8:30 am In-person Worship 9:30 am Sunday Schl. 10:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship 4 pm New Member Class (TBD) Youth Group	8 10 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	9	10 9:30 am <i>Online Bible Study</i> 5:30 pm Family meal 6 pm Kids Club program 6 pm Bible Study 7:15 pm Bell Choir	11 8 am Leadership Team (offsite) 1 pm UMW General Meeting 5:15-6:30 pm Confirmation field trip 6-7 pm <i>Nourished</i> Thursday Centering @ Matt. 25	12	13
14 8:30 am In-person Worship 9-10:30 am Fall Brunch 9:30 am Sunday Schl. 10:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship 1:30-5 pm Boy Scouts merit badge 4 pm New Member Cl. 5-6:30 pm Youth Group	15 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	16	17 9:30 am <i>Online Bible Study</i> 5:30 pm Family meal 6 pm Kids Club program 6 pm Bible Study 6-7:30 pm Confirmation Class 7:15 pm Bell Choir	18 6 pm Health & Wholeness 7 pm Ad Council	19 6-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> Fork n' Folk @ Pastor Kristina's house	20 8:30 am Men's Breakfast Group 12:30-4:30 pm Boy Scouts training
21 <i>UMW Bake Sale between services</i> 8:30 am In-person Worship 9:30 am Sunday Schl. 10:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship 4 pm New Member Cl. 5-6:30 pm Youth Grp.	22 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	23	24	25 <i>Thanksgiving Day (office closed)</i>	26 <i>Day after Thanksgiving (office closed)</i>	27
28 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> 8:30 am In-person Worship 9:30 am Sunday Schl. 10:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship	29 9 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	30				

Nourished: The Missional Campus of Lovely Lane—November Events

Preparing for Thanksgiving: Navigating the Joys and Trauma of Family


Thursday Centering, November 11th, 6 pm at Groundswell Café (201 Third Ave SW)

Fork n' Folk "Friendsgiving"

Friday, November 19th, 6 pm-8 pm at Pastor Kristina's House

Bring your lawn chair, your favorite Thanksgiving dish to share, and your instrument, if you have one, for an evening of good food and good music!

For more information about the Nourished Community, email Pastor Kristina at kristina@lovelylane.org.

 facebook.com/nourishedCR

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 7: All Saints Sunday / Communion (& Daylight Savings End)—in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: 1 Peter 2:1-25 / Sermon: “Ultimate Everest”

Nov. 14: 25th Sunday after Pentecost—8:30 AM in-person, 10:30 AM in-person & live-stream service / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Luke 15:1-10 / Sermon: “Lost and Found Department”, Part 1

Nov. 21: 26th Sunday after Pentecost—8:30 AM in-person, 10:30 AM in-person & live-stream service / Pastor Kristina / Scripture: Luke 15:11-31 / Sermon: “Lost and Found Department”, Part 2

Nov. 28: 1st Sunday of Advent—8:30 AM in-person, 10:30 AM in-person & live-stream service / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Thessalonians 3:9-13 / Sermon: “Moving from Loss to Wholeness” Journey to the Manger, Part 1

2021 Advent Offering Recipients

Lovely Lane’s Missions Committee has selected the following to be the recipients of our 2021 Advent Offering: His Hands Free Clinic, Women At The Well, UMCOR for Disaster Relief, and Heifer International. Stay tuned for more detailed information on each of these worthy organizations!!

“Giving Back the Land”

When my husband and I moved to Cedar Rapids over a year ago, we quickly got involved with Advocates For Social Justice and the Sunrise Movement. These people I have met have continually challenged me to think more concretely about my actions and my influence in the world. Before each event and rally, they often began by naming the Native American people who lived on and cultivated the land in which we were standing. Until then, I had not heard of this practice, and it was new to me. Since then, I’ve heard this similar thing in several other circles I’m involved in. There were several indigenous people who lived in and around Iowa: Ioway, Sauk, Mesquaki, Sioux, Oto, Missouriia, Sac, Fox, among many others. I bring this up in my November article because we’re about to celebrate Thanksgiving, a day when we give thanks and count our blessings, but also a day when we celebrate a false narrative that Pilgrims and Native Americans gathered for a shared meal and lived in peace.

It’s challenging work and difficult work, but if we are to move forward in creating a just and more equitable society, then what needs to be lifted is the reality that the United States is a colonized nation. Our country’s origins fall upon colonizing the land that the Native Americans were actively living on and pushing out these people, human beings, who were living there. And for most of us, including myself, this was not the message I was taught in school. Where do we go from here? How do we begin the work of decolonizing a country and society that was founded hundreds of years ago?

Kaitlin Curtice, a Native American Christian author and speaker, writes that decolonization is about “challenging the lies we have been told and engaging in work that breaks down systems of oppression/colonization.” As a church and as individuals, how can we change the narrative, begin to ask questions, and give up some of our own power so the system can change? We might start by having conversations within our church about the things we learned growing up, starting the process of unlearning, and relearning together. As our church, we might acknowledge the Sac and Fox communities that cultivated and stewarded the land around us before any settlers took ground. This is challenging and hard work. It isn’t easy, but we follow a Jesus who went into uncomfortable spaces. As Curtice says, “We have to be willing to stand in our uncomfortable spaces as well.”

This Thanksgiving, as we gather around the table with our families and friends, sharing delicious food together and giving thanks, may we also have these real and challenging conversations about how we contribute to colonization and how we as a community might begin that work together to decolonize our community and our country.

Pastor Kristina

FALL BRUNCH
Sunday, November 14th
9:00—10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Lovely Lane's Health & Wholeness Committee invites you to a special Fall Brunch on Sunday, November 14th, from 9:00 to 10:30 AM in our Fellowship Hall. There will be breakfast casseroles, quiches, coffeecake, quick breads, nibblers from Donutland, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. We will also have a gluten-free selection—muffins or other. Please be sure to join us!!

MEN'S BREAKFAST



The next gathering is on Saturday, Nov. 20th, at 8:30 AM. Steve O'Konek, Linn Co. Emergency Management Agency Coordinator will be our speaker. All are welcome for food and fellowship! JOIN US!!

**Pastor Kristina & Nourished
in featured article**

The article appeared in a publication ("Weekly 360°") E-mailed on 10/22/21 by the Iowa Conference of the UMC. The entire article is at <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/new-pastor-leads-the-development-of-iowa-umcs-latest-community-of-faith-nourished-15676132>.

CHANGING SEASONS

As spring and summer are completed and we enter autumn, we anticipate winter ahead in all its glory! We look forward to beautiful snow scenery and sledding or snowmobiling. But many of us feel that the best of 2021 is behind us. As with life in general and we look to our future, many wonder if our past was better than our unpredictable future could ever be. We deal with health fears, economic uncertainty, world issues, and so many other things. Fear could easily overtake us. That is when we are so thankful for our church family, Pastor Scott, and Pastor Kristina. They remind us that we are not alone and that Spring will come again. They remind us that God is in charge of all seasons.
Health & Wholeness Committee

Thank You Notes

Dear Lovely Lane United Methodist Church team—You have been such incredible advocates and friends of Tanager Place. Thank you so much for your partnership and generosity of your congregation—because of you we are changing lives of the children of our community. *Tanager Place*

Pastor Scott and Pastor Kristina wish to thank SPPRC and the congregation for the cupcakes, cards, and warm wishes they received during Pastor Appreciation Month!

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP will not meet until after the first of the year. Hopefully, by January it will be safer for the group to be together.

UMW NEWS

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN GENERAL MEETING Thursday, November 11th at 1 PM Lovely Lane, Fellowship Hall

November is a month for remembering and giving thanks:

- * On November 7th for the saints who have gone before us;
- * On November 11th to all the men and women who have served in our armed forces and fought to protect our freedom; and
- * On November 25th for being able to live in our bountiful country.

Therefore, it's fitting that we take a world thank offering at this time. For over 135 years, Methodist Women have given out of their abundance to the **World Thank Offering** to meet physical and social needs of women, children, and youth in our neighborhood and around the world. **On November 11th**, Cindy Sale will present our short program about the World Thank Offering.



We invite all Lovely Lane women to come share this time of fellowship with us.

After the program, we will plan the programs and special events for 2022. We'll also put the finishing touches on our annual Advent Coffee and Ornament Exchange in December. **All UMW members and all interested women of Lovely Lane are encouraged to join us for this planning session.** We need your ideas and input about programs or events you'd like to have us sponsor. We'd also like to enlarge our circle of UMW friends to include working women and younger women of Lovely Lane by forming new circles if possible. These circles may vary from traditional to non-traditional, from study groups to social action groups to social groups, from meeting to study the Bible to shared interest groups (quilters, knitting and cooking groups or just meeting for coffee and conversation). **We'd really like to provide the women of Lovely Lane the opportunity to grow spiritually within a loving, caring fellowship, and allow us to continue to fulfill our UMW PURPOSE.**

LOVELY LANE UMW'S BAKE SALE November 21st

WE'RE BACK!! Sunday, Nov. 21st, is the date for our fall bake sale between our worship services. Donations of pies, cakes, cookies, breads, and candies will be greatly appreciated for the sale. Please bring priced baked items to the church foyer/narthex. Sale proceeds will be used to help support our various mission projects. Help us make this sale a big success!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The UMW Tuesday Morning Bible Study is taking a **HIATUS from now until February 1, 2022**. Hopefully, we'll then gather again in the library and finish our study of Romans and begin a study of Paul's letters to the Corinthians. We invite anyone who is available on Tuesdays from 9:30 - 11:15 AM to join us. **We've decided to not only lug our mugs but also to fill them at home. So, bring along your favorite beverage.** See you in February!

UPCOMING DECEMBER UMW EVENTS

We invite you to join us for two delightful ways to celebrate the Advent Season! Mark your calendars and plan to attend our **Annual Advent Coffee on December 4th**. The date for our annual **Dinner & Ornament Exchange TBA**.

NOVEMBER



Youth Group

Upcoming Events This Month:

- 11/7 Service Project
- 11/14 Spiritual Practice: Silence, Journaling, and Psalms
- 11/21 Liberation Conversation: Surviving the Holidays
- 11/28 No Youth Group

About Youth Group: Each week the youth group explores an element of faith through four kinds of activities: Intentional Play, Learning Adventures, Spiritual Practices, and Liberations Conversations. Each month we work to have do all four of these activities, so youth can explore their faith through a variety of experiences.

Youth Director - Ryan Roth-Klinck, ryan@lovelylane.org, (940) 390-7437

KidsClub on Wednesdays

KIDSCLUB continues! Every week the evening begins with a family meal at 5:30 PM, followed by the program. Our theme this year is “Learning to Love Like God.” There are stories from the Bible, singing, puppets, acting, and other fun activities! Children make new friends—friends to walk their faith journeys with as they grow.

There is a registration form to fill out on the church website: www.lovelylane.org. Please fill out the form completely (it’s for KidsClub and Sunday School). Each week the Sign Up Genius link is sent out with the menu for the next Wednesday. Please sign up weekly so that we know how many meals to prepare.

Masks are required for the children, assistants, and for all attending. We are monitoring the CDC’s recommendations as the year progresses.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Children’s classes: Our theme is *Beginning to learn more about Jesus and our faith lives*. Children gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM for the 2021-2022 Sunday School year. We have music followed by a lesson from Sparkhouse.

Adult classes: Faith Issues meets in the Library and looks at contemporary topics and social issues of the day. Myrna Loehrlein is the leader and class members take turns teaching.

Faith Journey meets in Room 205 (1st room on the left in the education part of the bldg.) with Rev. Steve Pudinski. The study is a book by Adam Hamilton, *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments*.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARDS

Completed commitment cards for 2022 can be turned in to the church office. Thank you for your faithful giving to the general fund for the next calendar year!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

New Member Classes will be held on Sundays, Nov. 7, 14, and 21, at 4 PM. Please let Susan Camp (membershipsecretary@lovelylane.org) or Pastor Scott (scottm@lovelylane.org) know if you are interested in joining the church. All are welcome!

Concerns & Celebrations


JOYS:

- *Women’s Retreat - great day & good attendance!
- *World Communion Sunday celebration
- *Congolese church community worshipping at LL again
- *Pleasant fall weather & outside activities
- *New church sign as a way to share the faith
- *Breast Cancer Awareness Month & Especially for You Race Against Breast Cancer
- *Bell Choir starting up again
- *Youth Group trip’s to Wilson’s Orchard & their hike at Wickiup
- *Fall Season: harvest, pumpkins, corn mazes, football games - such a nice time of year
- *Wrapping up of fall sports as we move into winter
- *Joy of travel
- *ImOn Ice Arena grand re-opening
- *First all black mountaineers climbed Mt. Everest
- *Beautiful fall weather, change of seasons
- *Men’s breakfast gathering; Phil Martin spoke about trip to Antarctica
- *Nourished Community at Matthew 25 & Pastor Kristina’s leadership
- *Confirmation retreat
- *October is Pastor Appreciation Month
- *Happy birthday to June Sackett!
- *Kennedy High School football team undefeated, Linn-Mar & Prairie also in playoffs
- *Cheryl Beachler completed honor flight, laid wreath on Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- *Stewardship Sunday, thanks for faithfulness

CONCERNS:

- *Death of Les Minor’s mother; she was 102
- *Jim & Jan Robinson - death of Jan’s brother in-law
- *Sympathy to Paul & Gayle Wilcox after the passing of Paul’s mother, Betty Jo
- *Sympathy to Duane & Mary Abbey after the passing of Duane’s aunt
- *Sympathy to Dale & Nancy Snyder after the passing of their grandson’s wife, Allison
- *Perkins Professor, Dr. Billy Abraham, died unexpectedly
- *Memorial Service for Al Stiers & Steve Stiers on 10/16; recording available on our website
- *Orton family after murders, lifting up local school community
- *Jayne Woodson recovering at home
- *Rae Keegan & Nancy Miller after hospitalizations
- *Jan Robinson’s sister’s dementia, adjusting to new environment
- *Those experiencing burnout
- *Countries of Afghanistan & Haiti with significant concerns
- *Mosque explosion in Afghanistan
- *Lebanon - central electric grid shut down after fuel shortages
- *National & global concerns
- *Peace efforts in our country & beyond
- *Continued prayers re COVID & the pandemic

HAPPY ENDINGS



Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, November 8th, at 10:00 AM in the church library. The book we will read is “The Women of the Bible Speak” by Shannon Breason. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Remembering with love:
Rick Taylor.....2017
Donna Lewis.....2020

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEER
SERVANT SIGN UP**

Please visit our website, www.lovelylane.org, to sign up as a Worship Volunteer Servant: greeter, usher, and/or lector. You will find the sign up link at the bottom of the first page of the website, as well as a description of each position. Please check your calendar and choose a date or dates to serve in this important ministry.

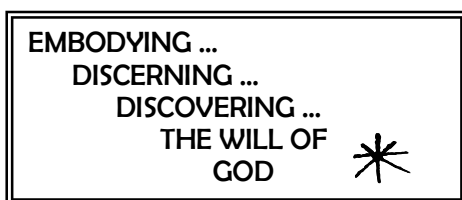
September Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of Sept.	\$ 38,264
Cash inflow—YTD	\$270,313
Budget need/month	\$ 45,253
Cash outflow—mo. of Sept.	\$ 40,680
Cash outflow—YTD	\$367,423
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 0



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