

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

October 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.



Change is in the Air

The Emmy Awards were recently on television. The awards are given out to individuals for their accomplishments in front of the camera and behind the camera on our popular television shows. Big winners this year included persons connected to shows like *Ted Lasso*, *The Queen's Gambit*, and *The Crown*. Heather and I enjoy watching the Emmys each year. As much as anything, we like to see who the big winners are so we know what shows we need to watch.

Well, in watching the Emmys this year it became apparent that television is changing. Oh, we still watch a lot of television, but the way we watch television is different. We watch many of our shows using the streaming services like Hulu, Netflix, and Amazon Prime. Furthermore, we binge watch, watching many of our shows at one time. Change is definitely in the air.

For many of us, our tendency is to fight change on all levels. We want things to remain "as is." However, change is something we cannot avoid. Change is definitely apparent in the church.

A general way that I approach change is to focus on the teachings of St. Augustine, the early church leader. Augustine would say that in regards to change in the church, or any other walk of life, we need to follow this model, "in essentials, unity; in non-essentials, freedom; in all things, love."

For starters, we need to focus on the essentials in life. We need to find unity with others on the important matters, the majors in life, whatever they may be. Some things should never change over time. Secondly, we need to allow freedom for the non-essentials. There are certain areas that don't need common agreement and we can allow new forms of expression. One person can do this. Another can do it.

Yet, in everything we do, we need to "love one another." We don't want to let change, or differences of opinion, tear apart the common bonds we have. Moving forward in the church, and so many areas of life, might we focus on the common good we can do together!

Blessings to you! Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — October 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 Set up for Women's Retreat	2 8:30 am—2 pm Women's Retreat
3 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 8:30 am In-person Worship 9:30 am Sunday Schl. 10:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship 1-4 pm Youth Group (trip to Wilson's Orchard)	4 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	5 9:30 am UMW Bible Study	6 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	7	8	9
10 8:30 am In-person Worship 9:30 am Sunday Schl. 10:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship 1:00 pm Youth Group (hiking @ Wickiup)	11 10 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	12 9:30 am UMW Bible Study	13 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	14 8 am Leadership Team (offsite) 6-7 pm <i>Nourished</i> Thursday Centering @ Groundswell Café 7 pm UMW "Book Swap"	15 6-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> Fork n' Folk @ Pastor Kristina's House	16 8:30 am Men's Breakfast Group 10 am—4 pm Confirmation Retreat (@ Thomas Park)
17 8:30 am In-person Worship 9:30 am Sunday Schl. 10:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship 5-6:30 pm Youth Grp.	18 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	19 9:30 am UMW Bible Study	20 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	21 6 pm Health & Wholeness 7 pm Ad Council	22	23
24 <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> 8:30 am In-person Worship 9:30 am Sunday Schl. 10:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship 5-6:30 pm Youth Grp.	25 9 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	26 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:30 pm SPPRC	27 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 pm Bible Study 6-7:30 pm Confirmation Class 7:15 pm Bell Choir	28 6-7 pm <i>Nourished</i> Thursday Centering @ Groundswell Café 6:30 pm Missions	29	30 4-5 pm "Trunk or Treat" (LL's parking lot)
31 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 8:30 am In-person Worship 9:30 am Sunday Schl. 10:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship						

Nourished: The Missional Campus of Lovely Lane—October Events:


Wrestling with the Supernatural: Conversations on Ghosts, Spirits, Mysticism, & Rising from the Dead

Thursday Centering, October 14th 6pm at Groundswell Café (201 Third Ave SW)

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Fork 'n' Folk: Friday, October 15th 6pm-8pm at Pastor Kristina's House. Bring your lawn chair, a dish to share, and your favorite instrument if you have one for an evening of good food and good music surrounded by the warmth of fire.

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

 facebook.com/nourishedCR

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

Oct. 3: World Communion Sunday—in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Matthew 26:17-30/ Sermon: “Gospel, Church, and World”

Oct. 10: 20th Sunday after Pentecost—8:30 AM in-person, 10:30 AM in-person & live-stream service / Pastor Kristina / Scripture: Psalm 22:1-15 / Sermon: “When There’s Silence”

Oct. 17: 21st Sunday after Pentecost—8:30 AM in-person, 10:30 AM in-person & live-stream service / Pastor Scott / Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:1-13 / Sermon: “Building God’s Vision Piece by Piece”, Part 1

Oct. 24: Stewardship Sunday—8:30 AM in-person, 10:30 AM in-person & live-stream service / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Psalm 34 / Sermon: “Building God’s Vision Piece by Piece”, Part 2

Oct. 31: Reformation Sunday—8:30 AM in-person, 10:30 AM in-person & live-stream service / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Romans 1:8-17 / Sermon: “Remembering Luther”

Study Groups with Pastor Scott

Study groups with Pastor Scott resumed on Wednesday, Sept. 15th. A morning group meets via Zoom at 9:30 AM; an evening group gathers in the library at 6 PM. The focus this fall is the study “Living the Questions” - a progressive look at elements of the Christian faith. This group started in the early months of 2020 but was suspended because of the pandemic. After having some review, we’re moving into the new sections. All are welcome!

Reclaiming All Hallows Eve

I love this time of year. Fall is certainly one of my favorite seasons. I’m not particularly a fan of hot and humid weather. This crisp weather brings out our sweaters, blankets, and all things pumpkin. While shopping through Target, Walmart, Hy-Vee, etc., it isn’t hard to see that there is another major holiday coming up, and that is Halloween! All over we find Halloween candy, pumpkins, costumes, candy corn, and more. While sometimes referred to as the Devil’s holiday, Halloween has ties to the Christian tradition. It looks very different today than it did back in 600s AD or within the ancient Celtic tradition. Within the Christian tradition, this Holiday we celebrate today as Halloween was called “All Hallows Eve.”

The holiday we celebrate today as “Halloween” pulls its roots from the Celtic festival of Samhain, very similar to the tradition of Día de los Muertes, or Day of the Dead. On this night, they celebrated Samhain, the god of the dead. The Celts believed that spirits of the dead visited the living. They would set out food and drink for spirits of their beloved ancestors. The animated movie, *Coco*, was one that illustrated the festival of the Day of the Dead.

Certainly, as the Christian church grew in Europe, those who took a Christian faith tradition were living out their lives around Samhain and other festivals. In AD 610, Pope Boniface IV began All Saints Day on May 13 to remember Christians who died for their faith. A century later, Pope Gregory moved the day to November 1, coinciding with Samhain. All Saints Day was then called All Hallows, which means to honor something as holy. (Think the Lord’s Prayer- Hallowed Be Thy Name.) The day before All Hallows was then called All Hallows Eve. On those days, the church prayed for those who have died and put out cakes for those who have departed, believing they would visit their house that night.

As we celebrate Halloween this year and enjoy the crisp chill of fall, may we honor and remember those who have gone before us. May we honor their legacy, the gift they were to the world, and remember their stories. *Pastor Kristina*

Information sources: Carter, Miriam, and Jeanette Dart. 2015. “Halloween: A Fun Neighborhood Event or Participation in the World of Spirits?” *Missio Apostolica* 23 (1): 102–13. <https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=lsdar&AN=ATLAn3897130&site=ehost-live>.

Stewardship Sunday - Oct. 24th

Our stewardship theme this year is “Building God’s Vision: Piece by Peace.” We do God’s work one step (or piece) at a time as we extend peace to others along the way. A two-week preaching series will take place on October 17th and 24th. Commitment cards for financial giving for 2022 will be collected on the 24th. Stay tuned for more information!

Thank You Notes

Lovely Lane Family: *May God, whose love is everywhere, bless you every day for being what you always are—so nice in every way!* Thank you so much for all the thoughts and prayers! *Love, Sharilyn Forcht*

Dear Friends - Thank you all so much for making my dad’s celebration of life go so smoothly! Food, slideshow, music, and the service was all wonderful. So many people commented on how nice it was. Mom and I appreciate you all so much! *Joni Sackett*

To the congregation of Lovely Lane Church: We were notified by Les Minor that the church had taken donations for school supplies for Pierce Elementary. Les and his wife were fantastic shoppers! They delivered a multitude of school supplies that restocked our “school supply closet.” Notebooks, folders, binders, scissors, crayons, colored pencils, pencil pouches...WOW!

Thank you for your generous donation to our “Pierce kids.” *Pierce Elementary Staff*

To my church friends & family: Thank you very much for all of your prayers and support, cards and calls—they brightened my day as I recovered. I’m happy to say recovery goes well. I look forward to seeing y’all soon. *Sister in Christ, Regina Culbertson*

Dear Scott and Lovely Lane Friends: What a lovely surprise to find your bundle of cards in our mailbox last week. It was a true highlight for both of us as we marked our Retirements during a Pandemic. Your words brought so many good memories and a welcome familiarity to our new surroundings. Thank you for remembering us and our shared ministry. We’ve been worshipping with you on-line and celebrate the meaningful worship and the progress you’ve made on the Sanctuary Renovation. We are looking forward to joining you for in-person worship this Fall!

God Bless You—one & all. *Paul & Gayle Wilcox* **UPDATE:** We miss you all! We worship outside or on-line @ Hamlin UMC where we have both joined choir and I ring bells! Paul has helped with outdoor set-up/tear-down and we’re looking forward to small group opportunities. (This is Emily and family’s church so we enjoy worshipping together!) We are settling in, finishing the basement, laying patio, painting, etc. It is great fun to see family and enjoy lots of time with Ellie! I am in the midst of cataract surgery and a few other things. We make monthly trips to Iowa to see Paul’s mom (99 years old!) and his brothers and connect with friends. The Wilcox “B&B” (ha!) is always open to Lovely Laners whenever you need a stop-over! *Grace & Peace, G & P*

Thank you for the donation to our general operations in the amount of \$100.00. We appreciate your support of our programs and the children at Tanager Place. Thank you for your support of our mission!

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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S NEWS

**UMW is hosting a "Book Swap"
Thursday, October 14th, at 7:00 PM
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Here is your chance to **SWAP** some of your "book club" books and **MEET** some new friends at the same time! Join UMW in the Fellowship Hall for a cup of coffee or tea and browse the selection of books brought in to swap. If you carry in 4 books you can pick 4 new titles to take home! Chat with other participants to get their opinions and recommendations!

If you don't have any books to swap, no worries!! Extra books will be available for \$1.00 each!

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast gathering is Saturday, Oct. 16th, at 8:30 AM. Phil Martin, LL member, will speak about his world travels over the years. A recent trip took him to Antarctica. All are welcome for food and fellowship!

October is breast cancer awareness month. The 31st annual Especially for You Race Against Breast Cancer will take place on Sunday, October 3, with a Women's and Men's 5K Run, Women's and Men's 5K Walk, and a Family Fun Walk. For more information, call (319) 398-6582 or email especiallyforyou@mercy.org.

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"I loved autumn, the one season of the year that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it." - Lee Maynard

From Your Health & Wholeness Committee

New Children's Book in the Church Library: "What Is GOD Like?"

by Rachel Held Evans & Matthew Paul Turner

From the publisher: "The late, beloved Rachel Held Evans answers a child's first question about God in this gorgeous picture book, fully realized by her friend Matthew Paul Turner, the best selling author of *When God Made You*. Here is a taste:

*God is like a shepherd. God is like the stars. God is like a gardener. God is like the wind.
And so much more. God is constant and life giving. God is brave and good.
God is forever present and bright.*

What Is God Like? encourages young hearts to "think about what makes you feel safe, what makes you feel brave, and what makes you feel loved. That's what God is like."

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 30th

4:00 - 5 PM in the church parking lot

Are you competitive? Do you like to win prizes? Are your children excited for Halloween? Then find the perfect costumes, decorate the trunk of your car, load up on candy, and come on out to the church parking lot for Trunk or Treat!!! **PRIZES** will be awarded for the best trunk and the best costume!

Sign up your trunk here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ACA728A5F8C70-trunk>.

This is an activity to safely engage with our youth, children, and families during this time of COVID and have a little fun doing it! We ask that you please wear a mask to keep our children safe.

Youth Group

10/3: Apple picking at Wilson's Orchard! Meet at the church at 1pm and we will carpool there. Our plan is to be back at the church at approximately 4pm. Please bring some money so you can grab some snacks!

10/10: Youth Hiking Trip at Wickiup Hill @1pm (*NOTICE: The Camping Trip has been canceled due to COVID Concerns*)

10/17: Liberation Conversation at the Church

10/24: Spiritual Practice - Art at the Church

10/31: 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 is underway! Our first weekly KidsClub was on Sept. 22nd. 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 will be stories from the Bible, singing, puppets, acting, and other fun activities! Children will 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 a Sign Up Genius link will be sent out with the menu for the next Wednesday. Please sign up weekly so that we know how many meals to prepare.

Masks will be required for the children, assistants, and for all attending. We will be 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 and then 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; it began on Sept. 26th. The study is a book by Adam Hamilton, *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments*.

Concerns & Celebrations


JOYS:

- *Congratulations to Kaleb & Kelsey Whitford-Howey on the birth of a baby boy (Kelsey is the granddtr. of Don & Wanda Whitford, & daughter of Mark & Kelly Fischer)
- *Congratulations to Heather Meador on being named a Woman of Influence by the Corridor Business Journal
- *Ryan Roth-Klinck has a quarter-time pastoral appointment in Clarence, IA
- *Blessings for a wonderful school year!
- *Children’s Weekday Ministries started on 9/7
- *Rally Sunday in church; fall season has started along with 2 worship services!
- *Completing 2 months of worship in our renovated worship space
- *CWM hired an associate for the 3 yr.-olds’ class
- *Upcoming Women’s Retreat on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, here at Lovely Lane
- *New outdoor sign at church
- *Pastor Scott & Pastor Kristina officiated a wedding together for a former Green Iowa AmeriCorps
- *School activities & sports for students
- *Labor Day weekend gatherings
- *Celebrating Paralympics Competition in Tokyo
- *Nice weather, cooler weather, being outdoors, & the start of Fall

CONCERNS:

- *Death of Max Fitz, founding church member; his funeral was at Cedar Memorial; prayers to his wife, Jean & family
- *Nancy Miller is receiving assistance at St. Luke’s transitional care center after small pelvic fracture
- *Rex Heasty, church custodian, recovering from health concerns
- *Sharilyn Forcht recovering at home from surgery
- *Brandon Drew recovering from shoulder surgery
- *Regina Culbertson continues to recover at home
- *Janice Jamison following a medical procedure
- *Pastor Kristina & husband Ryan ask for prayers for his mother’s husband, Jim, recovering after medical issues
- *Our choir director, K. Weiler, has resigned; prayers & appreciation are going out!
- *Persons impacted by Hurricane Ida; special offering taken to go to UMCOR!
- *Global concerns, Afghanistan, Haiti
- *Remembering 9/11 twenty years later
- *National & international concerns; migrants & refugees looking for safety; continued prayers for ongoing unrest in Afghanistan
- *Persons impacted by COVID-19; ongoing navigation of COVID & vaccine distribution

HAPPY ENDINGS



Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, Oct. 11th, at 10 AM in the church library. The book to read for October is “The Four Winds” by Kristen Hannah. The book for November is “The Women of the Bible Speak” by Shannon Breason. Happy Reading!!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SERVANT SIGN UP

With in-person worship having resumed, you are invited to visit our website, www.lovelylane.org, to sign up as a Worship Volunteer Servant. Positions include greeters, ushers, lectors, and communion servers. 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. Thanks!

Remembering with love:

Icyle Logan.....2015
Don Kouba.....2015
Marjorie Deal....2017
Gwen Bray.....2019

August Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of Aug.	\$ 60,545
Cash inflow—YTD	\$232,049
Budget need/month	\$ 45,253
Cash outflow—mo. of Aug.	\$ 38,285
Cash outflow—YTD	\$326,742
Unpaid apportionments	-\$ 5,222*

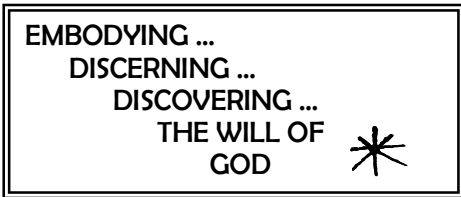
(*We’re one month ahead.)



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