

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

September 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.



REFLECTION TIME

Our family just returned from a vacation to Wisconsin. School is underway in most settings. Football games are right around the corner. We are moving to the end of summer. The fall season is coming. For me, this is a time to “Look Back and Look Ahead.” I think about the well-known words from Jeremiah 29:11, “I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord . . .” (CEB)

In his book, *The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth*, leadership guru, John Maxwell, shares insights into healthy reflective discipline.

The first component for Maxwell is **Investigation**. This step involves looking back on our recent experiences. In doing this, we dig into what we have learned, loved, and need to leave behind as children of God.

The second component for this leader is **Incubation**. It's here we take the proper time to ponder deep and helpful thoughts. We also consider new ideas, pathways, or avenues for ministry and life in general.

The third component is **Illumination**. The lightbulb comes on in this step. We ruminate so we can learn lessons about life. This step allows us to define what really matters in life.

Finally, Maxwell encourages us to focus on **Illustration**. He says we should ask questions like “What can I apply?” “What can I change?” and “What can I teach to others?”. Maxwell says we often overlook this piece about teaching to others. But it's true, we master a new concept by teaching it to others.

So we can focus on Investigation, Incubation, Illumination, and Illustration. But however it comes together for us, might we take the appropriate time to look back and look ahead this time of year!

Blessings to you, Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — September 2021

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Communion Sunday 10:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship | 6 Labor Day (office closed) | 7 | 8 6-6:30 pm Parent Meeting for Confirmation | 9 8 am Leadership Team (offsite) 1 pm UMW mtg. 6-7 pm <i>Nourished</i> Thursday Centering @ Groundswell Café | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Rally Sunday 8:30 am In-person Worship 9:30 am Sunday Schl. 10:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship 11:45 am Youth Group Parent(s) Mtg. 5-7 pm Youth Group Bonfire/Dinner (offsite) | 13 10 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 14 9:30 am UMW Bible Study | 15 9:30 am <i>Online Bible Study</i> 6 pm Bible Study 6-7:30 pm Confirmation Class | 16 6 pm Health & Wholeness 7 pm Ad Council | 17 6-7:30 pm <i>Nourished</i> Fork n' Folk @ Matt. 25 Urban Farm | 18 8:30 am Men's Breakfast Group |
| 19 8:30 am In-person Worship 9:30 am Sunday Schl. 10:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship 2:30 pm Golf Outing (@ Lake McBride) 5-6:30 pm Youth Grp. | 20 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 21 9:30 am UMW Bible Study | 22 9:30 am <i>Online Bible Study</i> 9:30 & 10:15 am CCM (offsite) 5:30 pm Kids Club meal 6 pm Kids Club program 6 pm Bible Study 6-7:30 pm Confirmation Class | 23 6-7 pm <i>Nourished</i> Thursday Centering @ Groundswell Café 6:30 pm Missions | 24 | 25 |
| 26 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. | 27 9 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 28 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:30 pm SPPRC | 29 9:30 am <i>Online Bible Study</i> 5:30 pm Kids Club meal 6 pm Kids Club program 6 pm Bible Study 6-7:30 pm Confirmation Class | 30 | UMW = United Methodist Women CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries CCM = Care Center Ministry | |

MOVING BACK TO TWO SUNDAY SERVICES: On Rally Sunday, Sept. 12th, we'll begin having **2 services: 8:30 & 10:30 AM.** Our fall schedule will start at that time as well. Mark your calendars!

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

Thursday, September 9th, 6 pm—Thursday Centering at Groundswell Café (201 Third Ave SW): Contemplative Worship at Matthew 25

Friday, September 17th, 6 pm—Fork n' Folk at Matthew 25 Urban Farm (437 G Ave NW): Bring your lawn chair, snack to share, & your favorite instrument if you have one for an evening of Fork n' Folk worship

Thursday, September 23rd, 6 pm—Thursday Centering at Groundswell Café (201 Third Ave SW): Contemplative Worship at Matthew 25

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

 facebook.com/nourishedCR

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5: Holy Communion—in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Mark 1:16-20 / Sermon: “A Job to Do”

Sept. 12: Rally Sunday—8:30 AM in-person, 10:30 AM in-person & live-stream service / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Psalm 46 / Sermon: “Remembrance and Hope”

Sept. 19: 17th Sunday after Pentecost—8:30 AM in-person, 10:30 AM in-person & live-stream service / Pastor Kristina / Scripture: Romans 8:18-30 / Sermon: “Everything Happens Period”

Sept. 26: 18th Sunday after Pentecost—8:30 AM in-person, 10:30 AM in-person & live-stream service / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 / Sermon: “For Such a Time as This”

BELL CHOIRS TO RETURN!!! 

The bell choirs are preparing to return to rehearsal. **Anyone interested in playing hand bells** is encouraged to contact the choir director, Charlie Kucera. He may be reached at Charlie.Kucera@yahoo.com or on his cell at 319-389-0877. Rehearsals, which have been held on Wednesday nights, will be starting again soon, *so don't delay!*

Study Groups with Pastor Scott

Study groups with Pastor Scott will resume on Wednesday, September 15. A morning group will meet via Zoom at 9:30 AM. An evening group will gather in the library at 6:00 PM. The focus this fall is the study: “Living the Questions.” The study is a progressive look at elements of the Christian faith. This group was started in the early months of 2020 but was suspended because of the pandemic. We will have some review, then move into the new sections. All are welcome!

“I refuse to see this as a tragedy”

Marion and Rich Patterson, who live up the hill from us, have become great friends, mentors, and of course, neighbors! We have enjoyed morning walks with our puppy, Macrina, up to their house to begin the day by walking through the Phoenix Harmony Labyrinth, which sits on the land in front of their house. We have enjoyed the unexpected glass of wine on their back porch when passing through, looking out at Faulks Heritage Woods, which like many forests in this neighborhood got hit by the derecho.

In many ways, Marion and Rich are naturalists to where Rich spends the night outside sometimes. They're both in the business of land restoration and are helping us to restore our land to the woodlands it was created to be.

On the anniversary of the derecho, they held a healing gathering, sharing what they have noticed since the derecho. The trees in the backyard, the edge of the woods went down from the derecho. All the ferns underneath have begun to shrivel up due to getting too much sun. What has taken place is incredible.

Change has happened for thousands of years, and creation continues. Creation heals itself. As the ferns have dried out, other plants have taken root. Native plants, whose seeds have been present in the soil waiting for the right conditions to sprout, have popped up all over where the ferns and other shady plants had previously been. Rich refuses to see the derecho as a tragedy as change consistently happens and creation heals itself.

They have done very little to their little piece of the world, but have only helped nature to heal itself, for trees to decompose, for new plants to grow, and protecting new seedlings.

By refusing to see this as a tragedy, it isn't denying what happened and the real trauma it brought to our lives and creation, but it is acknowledging that destruction and this tragedy doesn't have the final word.

God always has the final word. By refusing to see this as a tragedy, it's acknowledging that love and goodness, the healing power of God have the final call. God is transforming everything into goodness, and that's something to celebrate. *Pastor Kristina*



Fall Women's Retreat: "Strong and Courageous" Saturday, October 2, 8:30 am-2 pm @ Lovely Lane UMC

We have had a difficult year and a half, living in a pandemic and experiencing a natural disaster that many are still cleaning up from. We have certainly needed to be "Strong and Courageous" in the midst of these things, facing them head on. Sometimes though, we may have not felt that strong, but we were strong from the community around us. Join the women at Lovely Lane for a Women's Retreat: "Strong and Courageous."

We will have worship, nature art, lunch, meditation, spiritual practices, and hear from our speaker: Lindsay Leahy. Lindsay is the founder of The Restoration Project, a company that coaches individuals and consults organizations to live, lead, and work in an integrated, meaningful way.



We will also be holding a *drive for Way Point, collecting these hygiene products:*

- Toilet Paper
- Diapers and Pull Ups (Larger size for children)
- Baby Wipes
- Women's/men's deodorant
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- African American hair products
- Tampons/Sanitary Pads
- Lotion

Cost of the retreat is \$25, and you can pay ahead at the church, mail a check, or pay the day of the retreat. Here is a link to the registration form:

<https://forms.gle/buUojAAJWbSmTUic9>.

Registration Deadline is September 26th.

For more information, contact Sue Moss at suem@lovelylane.org
or Pastor Kristina at kristina@lovelylane.org.

MINISTRY TEAMS @ WORK

SPPRC

- *We are planning together *Guidelines* for future committees
- *We affirmed the return of both pastors
- *God is working through us as we support our staff

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- *Sunday School Teachers (MS?)
- *Christmas materials to be purchased soon
- *Music—Jared/Jace
- *VBS—where will we be?

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S NEWS

LOVELY LANE UMW GENERAL MEETING

We will meet on Thursday, Sept. 9th, at 1 PM. The Children's Weekday Ministry has been an important ministry of Lovely Lane since the early days of our church and provides a great service to the children and parents of our community. Lovely Lane's UMW has given our support to this precious ministry from its start. Please come and join us as we hear where this ministry is now and their plans for the future from Myrna Loehrlein, CWM Board President, or Dawn DuPont, CWM Director. All are invited to join us as we learn more about the services and opportunities given by this ministry, and share a time of refreshments and fellowship.

UMW BIBLE STUDY

Our UMW Tuesday morning Bible Study group will resume meeting on **September 14th**. We'll pick up our study of Romans from where we left off last year with Romans Ch. 11. Come join us on Tuesday mornings **from 9:30-11:15 AM** in Fireside for fellowship and study. If you'd like more information about our UMW Tuesday morning Bible study group, please call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT UMW ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual district meeting is on **Saturday, September 18**, from 9:30-1130 AM, **via ZOOM**. The officers of the Pictured Rocks (NE) District will gather at Cedar Falls UMC to conduct this meeting. The conference has commissioned a video drama by the group "Friends of the Groom" to share. The title is "Me and You and Us and Them, a brief guide to Biblical Justice". This will tie into our theme for this year: "Ignited for Justice." So put the date, September 18, on your calendars, gather some friends together, and plan to join us via Zoom. An E-mail will be sent out later so you can register and receive a link to the meeting. *(This was sent from Barb Shepley, District Vice President.)*

Friendly Fellowship will not meet in September due to the Corona Virus upsurge. We'll wait to decide about October when the time draws nearer.

Mark Your Calendars Now for *The Walk to End Alzheimer's* Sat., October 23, @ the McGrath Amphitheater

(Registration at 8 AM; Ceremony at 9 AM; Walk at 9:30 AM)

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's[®] is full of flowers, each carried by someone committed to ending this disease. Because like flowers, our participants don't stop when something's in their way. They keep raising funds and awareness for a breakthrough in the fight against Alzheimer's and all other dementia.

Walk to End Alzheimer's is happening—and you can join us at your local event or Walk From Home in your neighborhood. No matter where you participate, know that your health and safety are our top priorities. All local events will implement safety protocols including physical distancing, contactless registration, hand sanitizing stations, and more. Per CDC guidelines around crowded outdoor settings, we ask that all Walk attendees be vaccinated against COVID-19 or else wear a mask when in an overcrowded area. Masks will be available on-site.

We will continue to closely monitor CDC, state, and local guidelines to ensure Walk events adhere to recommendations and are safe for attendees. If you prefer to Walk From Home, you can still engage in many Walk-day experiences through our mobile app.

From your Lovely Lane Health & Wholeness Committee

Fall Youth Group Kick Off!

Sunday, September 12th, 5 pm-7 pm

@ Pastor Kristina's House (3000 Carroll Dr. SE, CR)

Come on out for a bonfire, grill out, games, folk songs, and get to know each other.

Youth group is for grades 6th – 12th grade.

For more information, contact Pastor Kristina at kristina@lovelylane.org

or Ryan Roth-Klinck at ryan@lovelylane.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 12TH—RALLY SUNDAY!!

Children's classes:

Our theme is *Beginning to learn more about Jesus and our faith lives.*

Children will gather in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM to begin the 2021-2022 Sunday School year. We will make some music and begin our first lesson from Sparkhouse on Neighbors. We will take 3 weeks to explore the story about the Good Samaritan.

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.) & begins on Sept. 26 with Rev. Steve Pudinski. The study will be a book by Adam Hamilton, *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments.*

KIDS CLUB will resume on Weds., Sept. 22nd. Stay tuned for further information!

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST



The Saturday Men's Breakfast group will start again on September 18th at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. This is a time for a light breakfast, devotion, and sharing. All are welcome to join us!

CHURCH GOLF OUTING WITH PASTOR SCOTT

All are welcome to participate in a Church Golf Outing on Sunday, September 19, starting at 2:30 pm. We'll play at Lake MacBride Golf Course in Solon, 9 holes with cart. Payment can be made at the golf course. Let Pastor Scott know if you'd like to participate!

Concerns & Celebrations

JOYS:

- *Pastor Kristina participated in St. Paul's UMC's women's retreat—a beautiful day with leader Rose Blank
- *Sue Moss has recovered from mild pneumonia
- *Great attendance for 1st service back in our renovated sanctuary
- *Thanks to the Building Project Core Team
- *Blessing of Backpacks & heading back to school
- *Looking forward to the start of church fall activities
- *Youth starting or back to college, wishing them well & looking forward to ways God will move in their lives
- *Grand reopening at the church, great to worship together in-person again
- *Thanks to Revs. Paul Akin & Clint Twedt-Ball for speaking in worship
- *Thanks to Bishop Laurie Haller for sharing a video presentation in worship
- *New circuit ministry with local UMC pastors
- *Start of school; blessings for a great year!
- *Children's Weekday Ministries (CWM) begins a new school year - all the best!
- *A new digital church sign is coming to Lovely Lane
- *Upcoming church golf outing on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19th
- *Field of Dreams baseball game was both emotional & joyful for many people to watch or attend

HAPPY ENDINGS



Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, September 13, at 10 AM in the church library. We'll be discussing books we have read over the past months and will decide what we want to read in coming months. Be prepared to talk about some of your favorite reads.

Everyone is welcome to join us. If you have questions, call Nancy Miller at 393-6340.

Remembering with love:

Betty Widmer.....2017
Bill Travis.....2017
Betty Van Fossen....2019

CONCERNS:

- *Celebration of life was on 8/21 for Jack Sackett; prayers for June, Joni, & family
- *Continued prayers for Teresa Bailey & family following the passing of her mother, Carol Hepner
- *Sharilyn Forcht following a medical procedure
- *Continued prayers for Regina Culbertson; she's in Manor Care for rehab & PT after surgery
- *Ryan Ellis following hospitalization
- *Pastor Kristina's mom had a health scare
- *Dale & Nancy Snyder's grandson's wife, Allison, with serious health concerns
- *Jan Peterson's nephew's son, Chase, after a 4-wheeler accident
- *Rev. Matt German, Salem UMC pastor, hospitalized
- *Afghanistan, Haiti, global concerns
- *Persons impacted by Hurricane Henri on east coast
- *Persons impacted by Hurricane Ida in Louisiana & surrounding states
- *Care & compassion for those with mental health concerns
- *Continuing to lift up the ongoing pandemic & the situations in numerous ICU wings across the country; at LL, we ask folks to wear a mask
- *Businesses that have closed or may have to close during the pandemic
- *Holiday travel with Labor Day coming up

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!

July Financial Totals

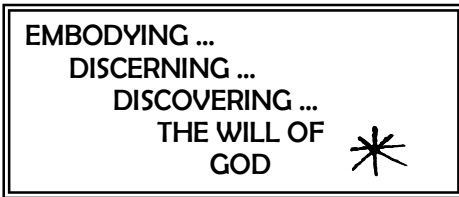
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| Cash inflow—mo. July | \$ 28,166 |
| Cash inflow—YTD | \$171,505 |
| Budget need/month | \$ 45,253 |
| Cash outflow—mo. of July | \$ 59,567 |
| Cash outflow—YTD | \$288,458 |
| Unpaid apportionments | -\$ 10,444* |
| (*We're 2 months ahead.) | |



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