

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Dec. 12, 2021

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## JOYS:

- \*Joy of the holiday season; neighbors helping neighbors
- \*Thanks to Greg Blum as he learns how to operate the sound booth
- \*Congratulations to Andy & Mary Vorwerk on their new grandchild, Carl (parents are son, Nick, & wife, Katie)
- \*The ministry of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

- \*Sympathy to our Superintendent, Rev. Moody Colorado, following the passing of his mother
- \*Benser family during a time of grieving
- \*Randy Benser with health concerns
- \*Linda Mooney's daughter, Joni, hospitalized
- \*Helen Anderson's grandson, Jeffrey, after an accident
- \*Taryn, friend of Lu Serbousek, with a delicate health situation
- \*Jayne Woodson's daughter's work building with many folks impacted by Covid
- \**Remembering Our Children* - A Candlelight Memorial Vigil held @ LL on 12/12, sponsored by Cedar Memorial; prayers for all the families grieving the loss of a child or children
- \*Communities impacted by the devastating tornado in Kentucky & neighboring states

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**ST. PAUL'S UMC REMEMBRANCE EVENT** entitled *A Home for All* takes place there on Mon., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. The evening recalls events that took place 60 yrs. ago as land for a home was made available to Dr. Percy Harris and family. LL pastors will have a part in the event. All are welcome!

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**STEWARDSHIP REMINDER:** Please return your commitment cards ASAP, as we're looking to complete the campaign for 2022, "Building God's Vision: Piece by Peace." Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## NEW STAFF POSITION – FACILITIES MANAGER:

The church is creating a new staff position to oversee our building. The person in the position would need to do a regular walk-thru of the building, take care of smaller maintenance issues, and oversee larger service projects. This part-time position is for 6-8 hrs. per week. If you're interested, please submit a resume to: SPPR Committee, Lovely Lane UMC, 2424-42<sup>nd</sup> St. NE, CR, 52402.

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**CHANCEL CHOIR IS BACK!** We are looking for MORE VOICES to join our adult choir, just reforming after a long hiatus due to the pandemic and building renovation. We also have a new choir director, Nancy Patrick. Whether you sing Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass (or aren't sure!), we invite you to join us for rehearsal on an upcoming Sunday at 9 AM in the choir room!

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**FREE ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** for families and for adults are available on the Welcome Center in the narthex.

## ADVENT 2021 OFFERING RECIPIENTS

**Heifer International** is a non-profit, humanitarian organization dedicated to ending hunger and poverty as well as caring for

the earth. Heifer provides livestock, honey bees, trees and seeds plus trains the beneficiaries by teaching them skills to further lift themselves and coming generations out of poverty.

**Women at the Well** is a United Methodist congregation located within the walls of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, in Mitchellville, Iowa. It offers ministries designed to encourage the spiritual growth of its members, assist them when they transition back into the world outside the walls, and better understand the hurts and hopes of those who reside within the facility. LL is a committed partner supporting this ministry.

**UMCOR** responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. When responding to a U.S. disaster, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, and community collaboration to churches and partners. During this past year, we've seen a lot, including flooding, drought, wildfires and a pandemic.

**His Hands Free Clinic**, founded in 1992, helps our community's uninsured and underinsured. As a 501(c)3 non-profit ministry, they provide free healthcare to CR and surrounding communities. They are committed to love and respect all persons of every race, regardless of a patient's religious beliefs. Their mission is to bring glory to God by meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those without adequate resources.

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**SAVEAROUND COUPON BOOKS FOR SALE!** Purchase one for \$20 per booklet from the CWM office or from the church office. It contains over \$5K in savings from 193 different businesses! Proceeds go to Lovely Lane and Trinity Lane Preschs. Make your check payable to Lovely Lane Preschool. Thanks!

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**KIDSCLUB IS IN FULL SWING!** A weekly family meal is at 5:30 with a program at 6 PM. This year's theme is *Learning to Love Like God*. There are Bible stories, singing, puppets, acting, and more! Children make new friends to walk their faith journeys with as they grow.

Register online (for KidsClub & Sunday School) on LL's website ([www.lovelylane.org](http://www.lovelylane.org)). We request meal registration no later than noon each Tuesday so food quantities can be determined: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA4AA22ABF49-wednesday8>.

Masks are required for children, assistants, and all attending. We'll monitor CDC's recommendations as the year continues.

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**CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We have Sunday School for all ages in between our two worship services. Children and youth meet at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme is "*Beginning to learn more about Jesus and our faith lives.*" (See Adult Sunday School options next.)

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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS:** *Faith Issues* looks at contemporary topics and social issues of the day. Myrna Loehrlein is the leader; class members take turns teaching. This class meets in the library. *Faith Journeys* is focusing on the book *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments* by Adam Hamilton. The Rev. Steve Pudinski leads this class that meets in Rm. 205 (1<sup>st</sup> room on the left in the education part of the bldg.).

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**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:** If the CR School District cancels classes due to inclement weather, LL church activities/events will also be canceled that day. You can call

the church with specific questions. If Sunday worship is canceled, look for the notice that should be posted on KCRG-TV (ch. 9).

We will also attempt to post a notice on our website when activities are canceled or postponed.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** are 9 AM to 5 PM Mon.-Thurs., closed Friday. Marti is here M, T & Th 9 AM-12:30 PM, with a volunteer here W, 9-12. Sue is here M-Th 12-5 PM.

**END-OF-YEAR GIVING/CONTRIBUTIONS:** As the end of the year approaches, we want to remind everyone to honor their yearly giving commitment. Church funds are often tight this time of year, and we want to finish the year strong. Thank you for your faithfulness and your generous support of the missions and ministries of LLUMC! *Finance Committee*

**NOTE:** To be credited for tax purposes in 2021, contributions must be received at the church or mailed on or before Dec. 31st.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE FAITHFULLY** to Lovely Lane. Offerings can be mailed to the church or made online by going to lovelylane.org for giving options. We appreciate your faithfulness in supporting LLUMC's missions and ministries.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SERVANT SIGN-UP:** You're invited to sign up as a Worship Volunteer at these direct links:

8:30 am Worship Servants Sign-Up

<https://signup.com/go/eTOpoEa>

10:30 am Worship Servants Sign Up

<https://signup.com/go/dnjpTwa>

Sunday greeters, ushers, and lectors are needed. Please check your calendar and sign up for this important ministry!!

## THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

### *Ministry Opportunities*

Events in Bold Face = everyone

**SUNDAY — Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:30 AM **Worship Service** (in person) – Sanctuary

9:30 AM **Sunday School**

10:30 AM **Worship Service** (in person & live stream) – Sanctuary

5-6:30 PM Youth Group – Fellowship Hall, et al.

7:00 PM *Remembering Our Children* Memorial Candle-light Vigil – Sanctuary

**MONDAY — Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 AM CWM Preschl. Christmas Practice – Sanct.

11:30 AM Happy Endings lunch (@ Olive Garden)

6:30 PM *A Home for All* Recognition (@ St. Paul's UMC)

6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY — Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 AM CWM PS Christmas Practice – Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAY — Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 AM CWM PS Christmas Practice – Sanctuary

9:30 AM *Online Bible Study with Scott*

11:00 AM CWM Preschl. Christmas Program – Sanctuary

5:30 PM Family meal – Kitchen & Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM Kids Club program – Misc. rooms

6:00 PM Confirmation Class – Room 205

6:00 PM Bible Study with Pastor Scott – Library

7:15 PM Bell choir rehearsal – Sanctuary

**THURSDAY — Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 AM CWM PS Christmas Practice – Sanctuary

11:00 AM CWM Preschl. Christmas Program – Sanctuary

7:00 PM Ad Council – Library

**FRIDAY — Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**

7-8:30 PM *Nourished Fork n' Folk:* Christmas Cookie Exchange (@ Pastor Kristina's)

**SATURDAY — Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast Group – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

9-10 AM Boy Scouts sewing workshop – Fireside

**SUNDAY — Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:30 AM **Worship Service** (in person) – Sanctuary

9:30 AM **Sunday School**

10:30 AM **Worship Service** (in person & live stream) – Sanctuary

5-6:30 PM Youth Group – Fellowship Hall, et al.

## DECEMBER 12, 2021

### *Serving in Worship*

#### **Greeters**

8:30 – Myrna & Jim Loehrlein

10:30 – Susan Camp

#### **Ushers**

8:30 – Kathy Gilbert

10:30 –

#### **Preacher**

All services.....Scott Meador

#### **Staff**

Lead Pastor – Dr. Scott Meador

Associate Pastor – Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck

Senior Office Manager – Sue Moss

Office Manager – Marti Bowman

Children's Weekday Ministries Director – Dawn DuPont

Kid's Club Director – Julie Meyer

Christian Educator – Barb Geissinger

High School Youth Director – Ryan Roth-Klinck

Organist – Dennis Ramsey

Choir Director – Nancy Patrick

Children's Choirs – Carla Jesse

Handbell Director – Charlie Kucera

Nursery Team – Shelbie Wood, Tara Neveu & Paige Gerjets

Wedding Coordinator – Becky Wood

Custodians – Rex & Rhonda Heasty

Audio / Visual Coordinator – Eric Wylie

Webmaster – Shelly Turner

Treasurer – Marcie Stumpf

Finance Secretary – Patty Logsdon

**Dec. 5, 2021 Worship (in-person)**

**56 @ 8:30; 72 @ 10:30**

**Total In-person Attendance = 128**

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