

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Dec. 5, 2021

JOYS:

- *UMW's Advent Coffee; Charlie & Deb Kucera provided music
- *Joy of local craft fairs & community shopping to support our local economy
- *New church website is up; many thanks to Shelly Turner for creating & managing the website, & handling our social media
- *Alfred lifted up a joy that his wife made the travels back home safely after being overseas

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Rev. Jill Sanders & family after the passing of her father
- *The family & friends of Larry Clore & wife, Sharon, after his passing; they have many friends at LL & this community
- *Maryann Stewart after breaking her wrist
- *Sharon Kouba's great niece hospitalized with health concerns
- *Oakland County community in Michigan after the school shooting this past week & all that has transpired there
- *The COVID pandemic & the new Omicron variant

BRING IN YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA for the altar any time during Advent to honor or remember a loved one. Be sure to write your name and the name of the person(s) to be commemorated on the poinsettia sign-up sheet in the narthex.

ANGEL TREE TAG DIRECTIONS: *All of the tags have been taken!* **All gifts need to be returned to church by Dec. 6th.** Additional directions are as follows:

TRINITY LANE & TANAGER PLACE:

Do not wrap. Firmly attach tag to gift.

FOUR OAKS:

Buy 2 gifts per child, max of \$50 total.

Do not wrap. Firmly attach tag to gift.

CEDAR RIVER ACADEMY at TAYLOR:

Choose a hard bound book from the title list on the tag.

Cost is approximately \$10-15 per book.

Wrap the book. Write on the tag which book you bought and attach tag to wrapping.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

ST. PAUL'S UMC REMEMBRANCE EVENT: An event entitled "A Home for All" will take place at St. Paul's UMC on Monday, Dec. 13th, at 6:30 PM. The evening brings back to mind events that took place 60 yrs. ago as land for a home was made available to Dr. Percy Harris and family. Lovely Lane pastors will have a part in the event. All are welcome!

"Remembering Our Children"—A Candlelight Memorial Vigil Sponsored by Cedar Memorial Sunday, Dec. 12th, @ 7 PM at Lovely Lane UMC

No matter the age or cause, losing a child is a life altering experience. We hope you will join us at this hour-long memorial service where each family will have an opportunity to light a candle in honor of the memory of their beloved child.

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. a week. If you're interested, please submit a resume to: SPPR Committee, Lovely Lane UMC, 2424-42nd St. NE, CR, 52402.

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!

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.

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!

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). 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.

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.)

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 (1st room on the left in the education part of the bldg.).

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.

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. 5th *Second 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

5-7 PM Youth Group (@ Pastor Kristina's)

MONDAY — Dec. 6th

8 AM-3:30 PM CWM Preschool Christmas Store – Library

6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — Dec. 7th

8 AM-3:30 PM CWM Preschool Christmas Store – Library

WEDNESDAY — Dec. 8th

8 AM-3:30 PM CWM Preschool Christmas Store – Library

9:30 AM *Online Bible Study with Scott*
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. 9th

8:00 AM Leadership Team (offsite)

6-7 PM *Nourished* Thursday Centering: "Honest Advent" (@ Groundswell Café)

FRIDAY — Dec. 10th

SATURDAY — Dec. 11th

10:00 AM *Nourished* gathering (@ Kismet Coffee & Bloom)

SUNDAY — Dec. 12th *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" – Sanctuary

DECEMBER 5, 2021

Serving in Worship

Greeters

8:30 – Phil & Shirley Martin

10:30 – Keith & Fonda Carris

Ushers

8:30 – Myrna & Jim Loehrlein

10:30 – Craig & Pam Nixon

Preacher

All services.....Kristina Roth-Klinck

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

Nov. 28, 2021 Worship (in-person)

40 @ 8:30; 85 @ 10:30

Total In-person Attendance = 125

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