

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Week of April 3, 2022

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### JOYS:

- \*Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) coming up at church
- \*Living Last Supper performances & Holy Week services
- \*Opportunities to assist refugee families in Cedar Rapids
- \*Upcoming events & happenings with Nourished Community
- \*Strong interest for blood drive on April 9<sup>th</sup>
- \*Big sports week coming up
- \*Happy Birthday to Virginia Weiland
- \*Happy Birthday to Corrine Davey
- \*Jane Schildroth celebrates family birthdays & remembrances
- \*Retirement blessings to Julie Hupp

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

- \*Curtis Thomas's brother, Mike, with cancer
- \*Pam Moore's sister with chemotherapy treatments
- \*United Methodist Church with some congregations looking to form a new denomination (Lovely Lane is committed to our current denomination & welcoming all people)
- \*IA United Methodist Bishop, Laurie Haller, on medical leave
- \*Country of Ukraine
- \*Families with struggles

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**PASTOR'S NEW STUDY GROUP:** Pastor Scott started a new Weds. Study Group on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM on Zoom and 6 PM in person. The focus is *Eclipsing Empire*; we'll look at the Apostle Paul and the Roman Empire. All are welcome!

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**LENT & HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONS:** Some of our church members will contribute daily devotions during the period of time from April 4-15. The final week will cover Holy Week. Devotions will come to each of you via email in the mornings. The writings follow devotions that our pastors put together in recent months. We're hopeful we can continue to do this from time to time. It's possible our church will put together an all-church devotional during Lent next year. Lovely Lane has done this in the past. Daily devotions are enhancement to our spiritual lives and help us grow in our faith. If you're interested in writing a devotion in the future, please let Pastor Scott know!

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**CONGREGATION ASSESSMENT TOOL (CAT):** A team has been formed that will oversee a church survey called *Congregation Assessment Tool*. This assessment tool, a/k/a CAT, will help us understand our church better and provide information that can help us further our mission as a congregation in the years to come. We're putting this assessment together in our 60<sup>th</sup> year as a congregation. As we celebrate 60 years, we look ahead to the next 60 years. We can keep doing what we're doing and hope for the best or we can use critical information to make sound decisions for the years to come. Everyone connected to Lovely Lane will be invited to complete the assessment. CAT will help our leadership team understand areas of satisfaction and energy, discern success factors for improving congregational culture, pinpoint our strengths, and discover areas we want to go as a church in the future. More info. is coming!

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**DO YOU LOVE TO COOK?** CWM is looking for a summer cook to provide breakfast and lunch to approx. 50 children. The position is for 10 weeks, June 6<sup>th</sup>-Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>; it's flexible on

being Mon.-Thur. or Mon.-Fri. Call Dawn DuPont (393-8189).

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**WRAPPED EASTER EGG CANDY NEEDED** to fill plastic eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Please place your donations in the basket(s) or bin(s) in the Narthex. Thanks!

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**CELEBRATING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:** High School graduates will be recognized during 10:30 worship on Sunday, May 22. Graduates are encouraged to share photos in preparation for the day. A college scholarship is also available. Specific information was sent to graduating seniors and families. Contact the church office if you didn't receive that mailing.

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**SUMMER STAFF/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED @ LAKE OKOBOJI UM CAMP:** Summer-long paid positions for persons 18+ years provide fun, faith-filled experiences with youth and families. Contact Eric or Kali @ 712-336-2936, or apply online at [Okobojicamp.com](http://Okobojicamp.com). For more info. regarding current openings at Lake Okoboji Camp: - [United Methodist Camp & Retreat Center at Lake Okoboji Iowa \(okobojicamp.com\)](http://United Methodist Camp & Retreat Center at Lake Okoboji Iowa (okobojicamp.com)).

### 2022 LENTEN OFFERING RECIPIENTS

\***Matthew 25** is a local non-profit that exists to strengthen core neighborhoods on CR's west side, partnering with them in Neighborhood Building, Youth Development and Cultivating Hope. Matt25 also aims to raise 1.4 million to invest in and reinvigorate the Time Check neighborhood.

\***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 disaster in the U.S. or around the world, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, and community rebuilding. With climate change we've recently seen more natural disasters such as fires, tornados, etc.

\***Green Square Meals** has been serving the CR area for 35 yrs. with a free hot meal to those in need. It's the only evening meal program in CR. They serve about 30,000 meals a year. The program depends on donations of food, money, and volunteers to prepare and serve meals.

\***Water@Work** provides clean water in the Dominican Republic. Nearly a million people in the D.R. still do not have clean water. Contributions to W@W provide funds for construction of water distribution plants that are locally run. Water is sold at a minimal profit to the people. The profits will cover the costs of plant maintenance and to pour back into the communities.

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**DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!** Your Pictured Rocks District Disaster Coordinators are looking for volunteers to join our district disaster response teams. With the new districting, our coverage area has grown significantly in the last year. We currently have two core disaster teams: our long-term recovery team that works to repair homes for those who suffered a disaster AND our chainsaw response teams which respond in the rescue and recovery phases of wind damage throughout eastern Iowa.

Volunteers of any age are needed to become part of these vital teams. We'll provide you with training and equipment. We have opportunities to help in any aspect of a disaster; if you're interested, we have a place for you. If you'd like more details or are interested in joining, email or call a district disaster coordinator: Pastor Keith Pitts ([pastorkeithp@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkeithp@gmail.com)/319-361-4255) or Pastor Phil Rogers ([okduckman@aol.com](mailto:okduckman@aol.com) / 319-573-0589).

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS:** *Faith Issues* meets in the library and looks at contemporary topics and social issues of the day. The leader is Myrna Loehrlein; class members take turns teaching. For *Faith Journeys*, Pastor Scott is leading a Lenten study on the scripture readings we're focusing on in worship. The class meets in Rm. 205, first room on the left in the education part of the building. All are welcome!

**KIDSCLUB** has a family meal at 5:30 PM, followed by the program at 6 PM. Our theme is *Learning to Love Like God*. Children enjoy Bible stories, singing, puppets, acting, and making new friends to walk their faith journeys with. Register (for KidsClub & Sun. Schl.) at [www.lovelylane.org](http://www.lovelylane.org). Meal registration must be made by noon each Tuesday at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA4AA22ABF49-wednesday8>.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:** If the CR School District cancels classes due to inclement weather, LL church activities will be canceled that day. Call the church with specific questions. If Sunday AM worship is canceled, a notice should be posted on KCRG-TV (ch. 9) and KGAN-TV (ch. 2). A cancellation or postponement notice may appear on our website.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Mon.–Thurs. 9 AM–5 PM & Fri. **CLOSED**.

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

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SERVANT SIGN-UP:** Visit our website ([www.lovelylane.org](http://www.lovelylane.org)) to sign up as a greeter, usher, and/or lector. You'll find the sign-up link for the 8:30 and 10:30 services listed in the website under "Worship Servant Signup." Please check your calendar and choose a date(s) to serve in this important ministry! Thanks in advance for your participation!! Sue or Marti in the church office can sign you up online if you are unable to do so.

## THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

*Ministry Opportunities* Events in **Bold Face** = everyone

**SUNDAY — April 3<sup>rd</sup>** *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*  
 8:30 AM **Worship Service** (in person) – Sanctuary  
 9:00 AM Chancel Choir practice – Choir room  
 9:30 AM **Sunday School**  
 10:30 AM **Worship Service** (in person & live stream) – Sanctuary  
 12-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary  
 4:00 PM *Living Last Supper* Practice – Sanctuary  
 5-6:30 PM Youth Group – Fellowship Hall et al.

**MONDAY — April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY — April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:30 AM UMW Bible Study – Library

**WEDNESDAY — April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:30 AM *Pastor Scott's Online Bible Study*  
 5:30 PM Family meal – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen  
 6:00 PM KidsClub – Fellowship Hall et al.

6:00 PM Pastor Scott's Bible Study – Library  
 6-7:15 PM Confirmation – Rm. 205  
 7:15 PM Bell choir rehearsal – Sanctuary

**THURSDAY — April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 6:30 PM *Nourished* Book Club Study on "Do Nothing" (@ New Bo City Market)

**FRIDAY — April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY — April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen  
 9 AM-12:30 Blood Drive – parking lot w/mobile unit  
 1-3 PM *Nourished* Forest Bathing (meet at Indian Creek Nature Center's parking lot)

**SUNDAY — April 10<sup>th</sup> Palm/Passion Sunday**  
 8:30 AM **Worship Service** (in person) – Sanctuary  
 9:00 AM Chancel Choir practice – Choir room  
 9:30 AM **Sunday School**  
 10:30 AM **Worship Service** (in person & live stream) – Sanctuary  
 12-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary  
 5-6:30 PM Youth Group – Fellowship Hall et al.  
 7:00 PM *Living Last Supper* Performance – Sanctuary

## APRIL 3, 2022

*Serving in Worship*

### **Greeters**

8:30 – Phil & Shirley Martin  
 10:30 – Mike & Karlene Nesslage

### **Ushers**

8:30 – Marcie & Eric Stumpf  
 10:30 – Anne Craig & Andy Craig

### **Lectors**

8:30 – Lyn Lewis / 10:30 – Heather Meador

### **Preacher**

Today's service.....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  
 Facilities Manager – Curtis Thomas  
 Custodians – Rex & Rhonda Heasty  
 Audio / Visual Coordinator – Eric Wylie  
 Webmaster – Shelly Turner  
 Treasurer – Marcie Stumpf  
 Finance Secretary – Patty Logsdon

**March 27, 2022 Worship (in-person) attendance**  
**48 @ 8:30 & 79 @ 10:30 = 127 Total**

**YouTube views as of 3/31 (of 3/27 10:30 service) = 124**