

# Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

August 2022

## 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.



## Spreading the Good News

*"Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.  
I will praise the Lord all my life."*

(Psalm 146:1-2, NIV)

I love history! I love to read about American history and sports history. I enjoy hearing relatives share family history too. I am constantly learning about those who came before me.

As much as anything, I love church history. It is remarkable that a movement led by Jesus of Nazareth and his followers became the largest body on the face of the earth. In a context that included the dominant Roman Empire and Jewish rituals and regulations that dictated the daily lives of many, Jesus emerged as a leader unlike any person we have known. This movement and development of the church that followed his resurrection changed the world.

An understanding of the church's history helps us understand our story today. An old quote by Charles Wolf, Jr. goes, "those who don't study the past will repeat its errors." We move forward as the church by understanding the past. Noted Christian author, Phyllis Tickle, writes in her book, *The Great Emergence*, that every 500 years the church makes a significant shift. Old forms of spirituality are replaced with new expressions of the faith. This does not mean that previous forms are obsolete. They just lose their place as the dominant form of Christianity.

For Tickle, the great shifts involved Constantine in the late Fourth and Fifth Centuries, the schism between the West and the East in the Eleventh Century, and the Reformation in the Sixteenth Century. She writes that church life is currently in the midst of the Postmodern era of the Twenty-First Century. Changes are taking place.

This month I will take a look at each of these periods with a preaching series in worship entitled, "Spreading the Good News." I will look at each of the 500 year periods, reflect on lessons learned, and consider ways we can move forward by looking at the past. I hope you can join us on the journey!

*Blessings to you, Scott*

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — August 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Communion</b> 9:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship 12-2pm Congolese (Youth Council applications are due)	<b>8</b> 10 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6 pm Trustees	<b>11</b> 8 am Leadership Team (offsite) 6 pm <i>Nourished</i> Thursday Centering (@ Groundswell Café) 7 pm Rebekah Simon-Peter here @ LL	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship 12-2pm Congolese	<b>15</b> 4-5 pm <i>Nourished</i> Zoom check-in on Neighboring 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 10 am-4 pm Iowa MMJ	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6 pm Health & Wholeness 7 pm Ad Council	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 1 pm Mahjong group
<b>21 Blessing of Backpacks</b> 9:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship 12-2pm Congolese 4:30-6:30 pm Ice Cream Social @ LL	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6 pm <i>Nourished</i> Thursday Centering (@ Groundswell Café) 4-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> @ Mega Market (@ Cultivate Hope Urban Farm)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship 12-2pm Congolese 5-6:30 pm Youth Group (@ LL)	<b>29</b> 9 am Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries	MMJ = Migrant Movement for Justice	

### “Andy’s Song”

Music is memory. When I hear specific songs, I’m brought back to a specific moment or place in time. My Grandma Audrey, who died 10 years ago, loved to sing. With the most beautiful voice, she had a song for every occasion. Sitting on the pier with her, blowing bubbles, she would sing, “I’m forever blowing bubbles, pretty bubbles in the air,” the classic song by Doris Day. When my grandpa would toss pennies at us while playing in the sand—to buy tasty ice cream down the street of course—Grandma would sing, “Every time it rains, it rains pennies from heaven.” Even her kitchen had Wisconsin Public Radio’s classical channel on all the time. Whenever I hear classic music, I’m transported to sitting at the kitchen table with Grandma, looking out the row of windows, reflecting on the lake water that their property was on. Music is memory and can bring us back to countless moments in time.

A hymn my grandma loved and adored was “In the Garden.” At church hymn sings and family gatherings—which always included music as we are all very musical—Grandma always requested this beloved hymn.

*I come to the garden a lone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses. And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

My grandma referred to this hymn as “Andy’s Song.” “Andy” walked with me. “Andy” talked with me. I think there were many reasons my grandma loved this “Andy’s Song.” My grandma loved nature. She spent countless days sitting on the pier or on the back porch, basking in the sun and enjoying the sounds of nature. Grandma was consistently connected to nature, and I believe it was where she experienced God. After being diagnosed with macular degeneration, my grandma went blind. I believe that this song in particular was one of comfort for grandma. No matter what she went through, God was with her, journeying with her, talking with her, and always telling her that she was one of God’s children. It was comforting for Grandma, and it remains a comforting and hope filled song for me. Whenever I hear it, I’m brought back to sitting on the pier or on the back porch, with my grandma, sitting in silence together. I know God was there! *Peace, Pastor Kristina*

\*\*\*\*\*  
 \*  
 \*  
 \*  
 \* **WORSHIP IN AUGUST** \*  
 \*  
 \* **August 7: 9th Sunday after Pentecost / Communion;** in-person & live-stream service @ 9:30 AM /  
 \* Pastor Scott / Scripture: Acts 2:42-47 / Sermon: "At the Beginning," *Spreading the Good News*  
 \* **August 14: 10th Sunday after Pentecost;** in-person & live-stream service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor  
 \* Scott / Scripture: John 15:18-27 / Sermon: "Roman Power," *Spreading the Good News*  
 \* **August 21: 11th Sunday after Pentecost;** in-person & live-stream service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor  
 \* Scott / Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:10-17 / Sermon: "The Great Divide," *Spreading the Good News*  
 \* **August 28: 12th Sunday after Pentecost;** in-person & live-stream service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor  
 \* Scott / Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10 / Sermon: "To All the Nations," *Spreading the Good News*  
 \*  
 \*\*\*\*\*



## **"Forging a New Path"**

**with Rebekah Simon-Peter**

**Surprisingly simple solutions  
to moving your church forward  
in a post-pandemic world**

**Thursday, August 11, 7 PM**

**@ Lovely Lane UMC**

**[www.rebekahsimonpeter.com](http://www.rebekahsimonpeter.com)**

### **LOVELY LANE'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY**

Join in the celebration of Lovely Lane's 60th anniversary as a United Methodist congregation on these Sundays in the month of September:

**Sept. 4th:** Worship @ 9:30 AM will lift up our church's Early History (LL was officially organized on 9/4/62.)

**Sept. 11th:** Worship @ 9:30 AM will lift up our church's Mission Activity thru the years

**Sept. 18th-SPECIAL DAY OF CELEBRATION:** Worship @ 9:30 AM will lift up our church's previous Pastors (with several helping lead the service!), followed by a Potluck Brunch for all

**Sept. 25:** Worship @ 9:30 AM will lift up our church's future

We are excited to welcome back many of our previous pastors, along with some other special guests, on these September Sundays! Please plan now to join us!!

### **Thanks, Mrs. G!**

We wish to express our appreciation to Barb Geissinger, Mrs. G, for serving as our Christian Education Director. Barb is stepping down after eight years. Thanks Barb, for your dedication and good work!

### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL—SUNDAY, AUG. 21ST, 4:30-6:30 PM ON THE CHURCH LAWN**

Gather together with your church family for some late summer fellowship,  
some fun outside games, and some delicious, refreshing ice cream.  
(And hopefully to welcome the newest addition to the Roth-Klinck family.)



**CWM IS LOOKING FOR A PRESCHOOL TEACHER ASSISTANT** for the 2022-23 school year. Hours will be 8:30 AM-12:30 PM, Monday thru Thursday. Please contact Dawn DuPont, Children's Weekday Ministries (CWM) Director, ([ddupont@lovelyLane.org](mailto:ddupont@lovelyLane.org)) for more information.

### Thank You Note

**Thank you!** The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR (\$2,317.50) may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—*Thank you!*

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of the United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, *you* are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms—sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

### Remembering with love:

*Lloyd Peterson.....2019*

*Dean Lanning.....2020*

### June Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of June	\$ 33,515
Cash inflow—YTD	\$278,212
Budget need/month	\$ 50,132
Cash outflow—mo. of June	\$ 38,164
Cash outflow—YTD	\$262,396
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 0

### Bell Choir, AcabeLLa, is preparing to return to rehearsal.

Before Covid, there were 2 bell choirs—Zamar and AcabeLLa. If there is sufficient interest, the second bell choir could be restarted. If you're new to ringing and wish to learn, here is your chance.

Anyone interested in playing hand bells is encouraged to contact the choir director, Charlie Kucera (319-389-0877 or [Charlie.Kucera@yahoo.com](mailto:Charlie.Kucera@yahoo.com)). Rehearsals, which have been held on Wednesday evenings, will **start Sept. 7th.**

## Join the Iowa UMVIM work trip to Louisiana in September

The Iowa United Methodist Volunteer in Mission Committee (UMVIM) is planning a disaster response work trip to Lake Charles, Louisiana from September 24 - October 2, 2022. Over the past few years, the Southwest Louisiana area has been hit hard by a series of natural disasters, including hurricanes, tornados, flooding, and extreme cold. Residents were only beginning to recover from one disaster when the next one struck, and hundreds of people are still in need of assistance and hope.

Bill Howell, formerly of Coon Rapids and a frequent disaster response volunteer with the Iowa UMVIM, serves as the Director of the Office of Missional Engagement and Outreach for the Louisiana Conference. Bill oversees their disaster response ministry, and together with his wife Katherine leads their effort to meet the needs of the people of the Louisiana Conference.

In January, a team of volunteers from the Iowa Annual Conference traveled to the Lake Charles area for two weeks of work, worship, prayer, and connection with those affected by the recent disasters. The team hung drywall, painted, reconstructed interior rooms, and installed windows — but most importantly shared their love and gave hope to those in need of experiencing God's grace and love.

For an article describing their fantastic mission experience, see <https://bit.ly/3uEgg8r>. In addition, you can learn about the Howell's work building interfaith partnerships for disaster relief at <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/multifaithcoalition-helping-with-louisiana-storm-recovery>.

Kathy Martin will be the group leader of the September 24 - October 2, 2022 work trip. Contact her with questions at: [gmakmart@gmail.com](mailto:gmakmart@gmail.com), 712-490-1369. Please consider joining her in this life-changing and life-enriching experience in service to others.

## A Summer Poem

by Ethan Brunelle

Once on a summer day,  
I was happy in a different way.

I realized I had two months to spare,  
Of enjoying life without a care.

I spent it with the ones I love,  
And thanking God up above.

Thanking God for the times I had,  
The times of good and the times of bad.

I thank God for all his care,  
But also for the fresh summer air.

I hope to find more times like these,  
Days at the cabin with a nice warm breeze.

I hope for more times like that,  
Under the stars where we sat.

I wish summer would never end,  
But to school I must tend.

I'll miss you summer,  
But I won't fuss.  
I'll see you in ten months plus.

*(from Health & Wholeness Committee)*



## Youth Group in August

-Sunday, August 7th: Youth Council Applications are due

-Sunday, August 28th, 5pm-6:30pm: Youth Group at the church

**About Youth Group:** Each week the youth group explores an element of faith thru four kinds of activities: Intentional Play, Learning Adventures, Spiritual Practices, and Liberation Conversations. Each month we work to 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](mailto:ryan@lovelylane.org); (940) 390-7437

## HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, August 8th, at 10:00 AM in the church library. The book we will read and discuss is "Summer Wives" by Beatriz Williams. Come join us for good fellowship and a good discussion.

**LOST & FOUND:** The church office has a few items found in the sanctuary and elsewhere, that we're hoping to find the owners of. These include 2 pair of glasses, 1 pair of sunglasses, and a small strange-looking battery configuration (sorry, best I can do!). Let Sue or Marti know if any are yours.

## Church Positions Available at Lovely Lane

**Kid's Club Director:** 10-12 hours per week. Director will oversee Wednesday night meal and midweek children's ministries.

**Director of Christian Education:** 10-12 hours per week. Director will oversee Sunday morning Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

Candidates need to have a passion for children and families and show a willingness to work together in a team environment. There is a possibility the positions can be combined. If you are interested in one of the positions, or both, please submit a cover letter and resume and send to: SPPR Committee, Lovely Lane UMC, 2424 - 42<sup>nd</sup> St. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.



**Date:** August 8-12th

**Time:** 9 am-3 pm

**Location & host:** St. Paul's UMC,  
Cedar Rapids

Sign up here: [https://](https://www.stpaulsumc.org/peace-camp)

[www.stpaulsumc.org/peace-camp](https://www.stpaulsumc.org/peace-camp)

**Peace Camp**, brought to you by Advocates for Growing Peace and Advocates for Social Justice, will provide a space for completed K-5th grade students to explore their own identities and the identities of other students. In addition, we aim to work with students to understand race, racism, and how together we can recognize and challenge racist practices. Using literacy-based strategies and hands-on activities, kids will be engaged in a number of learning experiences related to promoting anti-racism. Curriculum adapted from WE ARE in North Carolina.

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SERVANT SIGN UP

Please visit the church's website ([www.lovelylane.org](http://www.lovelylane.org)) to sign up as a Worship Volunteer Servant: greeter, usher, lector, &/or communion server. You will find the sign-up link for the 9:30 AM summer service listed in the website under "Worship Servant Signup." Please check your calendar and choose a date(s) to serve in this important ministry! Thank you in advance for dates you can help!

## Concerns & Celebrations

### **JOYS:**

- \*Fourth of July celebrations with family & friends
- \*Pride Fest held in Cedar Rapids & Lovely Lane's presence there
- \*Don & Wanda Whitford celebrate their 66th Anniversary
- \*Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Dale Snyder
- \*Dale Snyder is recognized on a city banner thanking our veterans
- \*Church day at the Kernel's baseball game
- \*Rory & Karon Niebuhr's son's girlfriend with new job
- \*Friends from Afghanistan have arrived--Ahmad & Abdullah
- \*World Population Day with population at 8 billion
- \*Wonderful week of Vacation Bible School
- \*Appreciation for those who helped with VBS
- \*Neighboring Ministry workshop held by Nourished
- \*Rider's Club outreach in the community
- \*Happy 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Dale & Nancy Snyder
- \*Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Scott & Heather Meador
- \*Nourished Brunch Bunch on 7/23
- \*Fresh vegetables & fruits from summer harvests
- \*Helen Anderson's sister visiting for 6 weeks & other sister who is free of cancer visiting
- \*Joan Roscovius' 5th grandchild is going off to college
- \*Pastor Kristina & Ryan awaiting the arrival of baby Audrey
- \*Abduallah & Ahmad, our friends from Afghanistan, have been hired at Whirlpool
- \*Jack Murphy shares good news that his cancer diagnosis has improved
- \*Great week of RAGBRAI; congrats to all who participated
- \***Appreciation to Barb Geissinger as our Christian Education Director; she is stepping down after eight years. Thanks Barb!!**

**ACT JUSTLY  
LOVE MERCY  
WALK HUMBLY**

- Micah 6:8

### **CONCERNS:**

- \*Sympathy to Lisa Pakkebieer & family after her brother's passing
- \*Sympathy to Kathy Gilbert & family after the passing of her father
- \*Sympathy to Carla Jesse & family after passing of her sister, Anita's, husband
- \*Marla Gonzalez lifts up grief & hurt after several family losses
- \*Jeannie Chelikowsky with health concerns
- \*Carol Wilson with health concerns
- \*Barb Olive recovering from surgery
- \*Jim McKibben is/was hospitalized
- \*Patty Logsdon with health concerns
- \*Andy Vorwerk's brother, Leo, having/had surgery
- \*Rita Stewart & Renee Lyons' mother, Maxine, with chemotherapy
- \*Barb Olive's mother with health concerns
- \*Curtis Thomas' sister, Janice, with back pain
- \*Alisa Oliver's grandmother & brother following a car accident
- \*Pam Moore's sister Denise is/was hospitalized, but is doing better
- \*Joan Roscoviles' friend Tarrack with health concerns is getting better
- \*Sue & Jim Moss's friend, Chaz, dealing with consequences of bad decisions
- \*Barb Vancura's neighbor, Terry, with health challenges
- \*Local public library matters & the need to promote inclusion
- \*Stressing the need to be good neighbors & friends to one another
- \*Emotion following the U.S. Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade
- \*Community of Highland Park, Illinois, after mass shooting
- \*Families of those killed & those injured from the shooting at the Greenwood Park Mall near Indianapolis
- \*Family who was killed at the Maquoketa Cave State Park, & the lone family survivor
- \*Increasing temperatures across the world & in many places without A/C; may we do more to stop climate change from continuing
- \*High COVID transmissions in Linn County
- \*Individuals with significant Covid concerns
- \*Ukraine & world matters



**Lovely Lane**  
United Methodist Church

**August Monthly Newsletter, Vol. 60, No. 8**  
2424 42nd Street NE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

EMBODYING ...  
DISCERNING ...  
DISCOVERING ...  
THE WILL OF  
GOD



***Find out more about us:***

Website: [www.lovelylane.org](http://www.lovelylane.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/lovelylaneumc](http://www.facebook.com/lovelylaneumc)

Phone: 319-393-6674

**Lovely Lane Staff**

Lead Pastor.....Dr. Scott Meador  
Associate Pastor.....Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck  
Sr. Office Manager.....Sue Moss  
Office Manager.....Marti Bowman  
Director Children's Weekday Min.....Dawn DuPont  
High School Youth Director.....Ryan Roth-Klinck  
Organist.....Dennis Ramsey  
Choir Director.....Nancy Patrick  
Children's Choirs.....Carla Jesse  
Director of Handbells.....Charlie Kucera  
Nursery.....Shelbie Wood & Brenda Holub  
Wedding Coordinator.....Becky Wood  
Facilities Manager.....Curtis Thomas  
Custodians.....Rex & Rhonda Heasty  
Audio/Visual Coordinator.....Eric Wylie  
Treasurer.....Marcie Stumpf  
Finance Secretary.....Patty Logsdon  
Webmaster.....Shelly Turner