

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

April 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.



Holy Saturday

The Saturday following the death of Jesus must have been something. While the Bible says very little about this day, we can imagine the Pass-over crowd in Jerusalem will return to their normal routines. The Jewish people will observe the Sabbath. Some might even be relieved the so-called "King of the Jews" has been removed from the scene.

For the disciples of our Lord though, the reality of what happened will slowly come together. For these followers, life will never be the same. They know they will find a way to move on, but still, life will be empty and scary. It is a dark and depressing day. They will spend time hiding in fear of being arrested.

For us, Holy Saturday is a significant time, even if we don't pay much attention to it. The day is meaningful because it connects to the place many of us are at in our lives. Many of us live in the in-between times. We live in the time of "uncertainty" (a theme we focused on this Lenten season). We reflect on what has happened and we wait for new beginnings to occur. Saturdays are times in which we hear the diagnosis and we wait to see what's next. Saturdays are times in which a family member has shared the big news and we wait to see how everything will play out.

So what do we do with the Saturdays in our life? The temptation is to spend money on quick fixes or keep as busy as we can. These options are not good. The only good option is to "trust" in God. About this day, Pope Benedict XVI writes, "we are not yet standing in the full light but walking toward it full of trust." In Matthew 28:20 we read, "I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age." (CEB)

We need to believe the Lord is always with us! With this assurance we can always move on and move forward with our head held high. We never want to lose hope!

Blessings during this meaningful time of year!

Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — April 2021

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries JFON = Justice For Our Neighbors ILF = International Ladies Fellowship | UMW = United Methodist Women WOF = Women Of Faith WWW = Wednesday Women & The Word | 1 7 pm— <i>MAUNDY THURSDAY</i> live-streamed worship | 2 7 pm— <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i> live-streamed worship | 3 10 am "Nourished Community" Hike (Mt. Trashmore) |
| 4 Easter Sunday 7 am—Worship @ Pierce Elementary (reservations required) 9 am—Worship @ Pierce Elementary (reservations required) 10:30 am— <i>Live-stream</i> worship only | 5 1-3 pm —Financial Secretary 6 pm Confirmation filming @ St. Mark's UMC | 6 | 7 9:30 am & 7 pm— <i>Online Bible Study</i> 6 pm-7:15 pm Confirmation Class (in-person) | 8 9:30 am—UMW Zoom meeting | 9 | 10 |
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Off-Site Worship Services

With our church under renovation, we have scheduled some off-site worship services. These services are in addition to our regular livestream services on Sundays at 10:30 AM. The upcoming schedule is:

April 4, Pierce Elementary, 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM (**Easter**)

May 1 & 2, Cedar Memorial, 6:00 PM & 8:00 AM

May 30, Matthew 25, 8:00 AM

June 6, Church lawn, 10:30 AM

June 27, Olympic Theater, 8:00 AM

SUNDAY ONLINE (& IN-PERSON) WORSHIP IN APRIL

April 4: **EASTER SUNDAY**—3 services (2 in-person & 1 live-streamed)

7 AM in-person @ Pierce (**online reservations required**) / Pastor Kristina & Lovely Lane Youth

9 AM in-person @ Pierce (**online reservations required**) / Pastor Scott

10:30 AM *live-streamed* / Pastor Scott / Scripture: John 20:1-18 / Sermon: "Everything Changed"

April 11: **Confirmation Sunday**—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Kristina / Scripture: Acts 2:37-47 / Sermon: "Entering into a Rule of Life"

April 18: **3rd Sunday of Easter**—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Luke 24:36b-48 / Sermon: "All Times and in All Places"

April 25: **4th Sunday of Easter**—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: John 10:11-18 / Sermon: "Overflowing with Abundance"

Maundy Thursday worship (4/1) will be live-streamed at 7:00 PM
Good Friday worship (4/2) will be live-streamed at 7:00 PM

Sunday Worship at Lovely Lane

Worship services continue online thru April (with the exception of 2 in-person services on Easter, 4/4). We continue to follow guidance from Bishop Laurie Haller and the Linn Co. Public Health Dept. as we seek to be safe and well. Please join us on our YouTube Channel on Sundays at 10:30 am!

Zoom Study Group with Pastor Scott

A new study group with Pastor Scott will start on Wednesday, April 14. The focus is the book "A Multitude of Blessings: A Christian Approach to Religious Diversity," written by Cynthia M. Campbell. Groups will meet via Zoom on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM. All are welcome!

"NOURISHED"

What things in your life need to be in place in order to experience nourishment? This was the question that Pastor Scott, Clint, Bill Poland (Director of New Faith Communities in the Iowa Conference), and I asked ourselves when we met for a retreat the end of March. We asked ourselves this question as we continued to brainstorm the vision and values for the new community of faith, called Nourished, that we're creating here in CR.

I have been serving as your Associate Pastor half time as the other half of my time is going into building a new community of faith in collaboration and support between Lovely Lane and Matthew 25. Following a missional approach, these last several months I have spent time in conversation with city leaders, neighbors, and people who are looking for a new community of faith. I have been particularly listening to people who have left the church for various reasons. It could be that they have never felt they belonged anywhere and are looking for a place to be themselves, free from any expectations. They might even be looking for something more progressive or a place that just does church in different ways.

As we continue to think about the Nourished community, we strive to be a holistic healthy community that grows in Spirit and serves in love and justice. For me the name "Nourished" came out of my own experience of an eating disorder and finding healing around the sacrament of Holy Community. Through spiritual nourishment in the gifts of bread and cup, I began to find "nourishment" in a simple meal, nourished holistically- body, mind, and spirit.

I look forward to seeing where the Nourished Community goes and continuing to have more conversations with you all as we continue to move forward. I'd love to share a cup of coffee with you to share more, virtual or in person. If you know of anyone who would be a good fit for Nourished or even serving on a visionary team to continue to dream with us, send me an email at Kristina@lovelylane.org.

Stay up to date with the upcoming and happenings at Nourished by liking our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NourishedCR>.

Peace, Pastor Kristina

UMW APRIL MEETING

Please mark your calendars for UMW's meeting on Thursday, April 8th, at 9:30 AM.

We'll have a coffee time and then have a short program: *Unbound to Share Good News*.

We will learn how women experience freedom in Christ through the stories of the unbound woman and the women at the empty tomb and to apply that understanding to the work of the UMW Regional Missionaries.

Below you will find the Zoom Link for the meeting:

Judy Smith McDowell is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: UMW Meeting

Time: Apr 8, 2021 09:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87331642889>

Meeting ID: 873 3164 2889

If you have questions, please let Judy know @ 319 560-2960.

CHURCH FINANCE NEWS

The Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Administrative Council, is looking to establish a larger reserve base for the general fund. According to Joe Park, CEO at Horizons Stewardship, churches should establish cash reserves that equal 90 days of operating expenses. For Lovely Lane, this amounts to approximately \$136,000. During the pandemic, our church has remained in good financial shape. We appreciate the faithful giving. Our staff costs and expenses have also been less than normal. We have further benefited from Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds that came to us early in the pandemic. Please reach out to Pastor Scott or a member of the Finance Committee if you have any questions. Thank you!

Book Review & Recommendation (book available from CR Public Library)

Leave Only Footprints by Conor Knighton is part travel monologue, part heartfelt, and part healing memoir. It is essentially a love letter to America and to himself.

Following a broken engagement, Knighton decides to take his mind off his pain by visiting all of America's national parks, taking a single year to do it. It is an admirable endeavor for anyone, particularly someone nursing a broken heart. But, Knighton rises to the occasion, ultimately gaining the inspiration to move on with his life through the "healing strengthening power of nature."

Instead of lumping parks together by state or region, Knighton creatively organizes the chapters into themes such as canyons, food, people, and animals. Throughout his road tripping, he finds little nuggets that encapsulate America's distinctiveness and beauty, such as Oregon's vibrantly blue Carter Lake (deepest in the U.S.), Death Valley's Devils Hole pupfish (a very rare fish species, found only in one water-filled cavern in the middle of the Nevada desert), and Michigan's Isle Royale (a group of islands so remote that they're only accessible by seaplane or boat). Throughout his travels, he weaves bits of history, science, geography, statistics, and little-known fun facts.

This entertaining and inspirational book appeals to anyone who wants to learn more about America's *best idea* and how challenging yourself can help with spiritual, emotional, and personal growth.

From your Health & Wholeness Committee

BLOOD DRIVE

Lovely Lane United Methodist Church Blood Drive

Saturday, April 10th

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

MVRBC Donor Bus

Sign up online at www.bloodcenter.org or with Sue Moss at suem@lovelylane.org or Lisa Taylor at lisataylor52402@gmail.com

APPOINTMENTS AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

Please note - If you have been diagnosed with and recovered from COVID-19, you will be eligible to donate whole blood again after you have been symptom free for 28 days.

TOGETHER

We're a Perfect Pair!

All donors will receive a voucher to redeem for socks or a gift card.

BLOODCENTER.ORG

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY—NEW BOOK

The next book for the women's study with Pastor Kristina will be
Inspired by Rachel Held Evans.

Reserve your book by noon on Friday, April 2nd, so books can be ordered.
The study starts Monday, April 12th, at 7 PM, and continues on consecutive
Mondays at 7 PM on Zoom!

Email Pastor Kristina at kristina@lovelylane.org to learn more and reserve your book.

Kids Club RETURNS!

Kids Club starts on Weds., April 14th, 5:30-6:15 PM, in the church parking lot!

Meal, Bible Stories, Activities, Music, & More!

More details and meal signup to come!!

Kids Club will run every Wednesday night, starting April 14th & go thru May 19th

YOUTH SERVICE WEEK!

We are partnering with St. Paul's UMC youth to put on a service week
for middle and high school youth,

Monday, July 19th, 2021 – Friday, July 23, 2021.

We'll be doing various service opportunities and educational trips around the city
such as: Matthew 25, Prairiewoods, The African American Museum,
and Catherine McAuley Center, as well as a fun day at Lake McBride.

Cost for the week: \$15 To sign up:

<https://www.stpaulsumc.org/youth-week-of-service-and-learning/>

Join the new community of "Nourished" for:

A Mount Trashmore Trek on Sat, April 3rd, at 10 AM

Together, we'll hike the access road up to the top of Mount Trashmore, reflecting upon the cyclical
cycle of death to life and life to death, the cycle of composting and resurrection. We'll reflect to-
gether at the top, overlooking the composting facilities in our city. Hope to see you there!

If you haven't already, like us on [Facebook](#)

February Financial Totals

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Cash inflow—mo. of Feb. | \$ 43,840 |
| Cash inflow—YTD | \$ 99,656 |
| Budget need/month | \$ 45,253 |
| Cash outflow—mo. of Feb. | \$ 31,150 |
| Cash outflow—YTD | \$ 82,136 |
| Unpaid apportionments | -\$ 5,222 |
| (we're one month ahead) | |

Remembering with love:

Henry Hall.....2015
Don Stevens.....2016
Gary Davis.....2016
Scott Ernst.....2018
Richard Rainville.....2019
Mary Smith.....2020

Concerns & Celebrations

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Liz Briggman following the passing of her brother
- *Sympathy to Erv & Barb Mussman after the passing of Barb's mother; her service was in Webster City
- *Sympathy to Joe & Lisa Nelson after the passing of daughter, Sara; Sara is the granddaughter of Jayne Woodson
- *Former church member, Bill Allison, passed away last week; his service was in Bettendorf
- *Lifting up Dawn DuPont as she recovers from a medical procedure
- *Jack Sackett receiving hospice care at home
- *Art Staed having surgery
- *Andy Craig following a small stroke
- *David Whitford recovering from open heart surgery
- *Dulcie Lauritsen & Rhonda Mumby's cousin, Jamie, with treatment for advanced cancer
- *Continued prayers for Pastor Kristina's cousin, Merriellen Stevens, who was back in the hospital for another open heart surgery after some complications; she's back at home now, with mother & baby doing well
- *Lifting up our families at Lovely Lane who continue to navigate school in the pandemic along with juggling all of that with other things on their schedules
- *Now that the snow has melted, it certainly shows the work we still have to do from the derecho; blessings as we all continue the work of cleanup
- *We also lift up the city-wide work of restoring our canopy with new trees to be planted in the city, both public and private
- *Our local community & our world community, still navigating the pandemic; we are making progress, though!
- *Bad snowstorm in Colorado & western states
- *Health care workers during the pandemic
- *City of Atlanta and the Asian American community after spa shootings
- *Flooding in the Nashville, Tennessee area
- *Anamosa Penitentiary after emotional week
- *Virginia Beach community after shootings
- *Boulder, Colorado community after shootings
- *Families at the U.S./Mexico border
- *All are invited to watch *Soul of the Nation*, focusing on the Black Experience in America, Tuesdays on ABC, Ch. 9, 9:00 pm

JOYS:

- *Olivia Schneider turned "18"; congratulations!
- *Happy 17th birthday to Jay Lauritsen!
- *Generous donations to the Kennedy H.S. Food Pantry; additional items can be left inside the entrance to the church
- *Joy of the wonderful Springtime weather we've been having, & the first signs of spring
- *Continued joy as vaccines roll out!
- *Return of sports events like the NCAA college basketball tournament
- *Church live stream services over the last year
- *In-person Easter worship at Pierce Elementary
- *Spring break
- *Springtime & outdoor activities
- *Schools adjusting to changes during the pandemic
- *Happy Passover to our Jewish sisters & brothers
- *Holy Week & Easter services this week
- *Easter Egg & candy pick-up at church

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2021:

Connor Matthew Culbertson
Kepler Eric Engelmann
Kiya Kay Hinkel
Brooke Abigail Johnson
Alex Rex Myers

New Name for Iowa JFON: Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice (MMJ)

Much hard work has led to this new, Iowa-based immigrants' rights non-profit organization. It is immigrant-led and founded by American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Iowa and Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON). Together, they have become the Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice (Iowa MMJ) which will be officially launched on April 5, 2021!



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THE WILL OF
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