

# Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

September 2020

## 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.

## New Beginnings

The past few weeks in Cedar Rapids, Marion, and surrounding areas have been emotional and exhausting. We have come together to assist one another following the damaging storms that came through our communities.

Through it all, the best in people has come out. Folks have helped out one another. Sacrifices have been made. Appreciation has been given for the tireless efforts that have been put out. We will get through this.

The events follow a pattern we see all the time. As Father Richard Rohr shared in my recent morning devotions, the pattern is "Order, Disorder, Reorder." To say it another way, it is "Construction, Deconstruction, Reconstruction" or "Good News, Bad News, Good News." We are currently in a period of disorder or deconstruction. From previous experiences, we know that good news is around the corner. With help from God and others, and an extra amount of determination, we will come out on the other side stronger and better. This gives us hope.

The ongoing Gospel message is that new beginnings are right around the corner. No matter the circumstances, we have the promise of new life and fresh starts. "Go, take your place in the temple, and tell the people everything about this new life." (Acts 5:20, CEB)

*Peace & Blessings, Scott*



Bishop Laurie Haller and members of the Conference and National Communication teams came to Lovely Lane on August 28 to hear about our church's story following the derecho!

## Calendar of Events (subject to change) — September 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 4-7 pm Kennedy Cougar Pantry (on church lawn)	<b>2</b> 9:30 am & 7 pm— Online Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <i>Communion Sunday</i> 10:30 am—Live-stream worship only (no in-person)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30 am & 7 pm— Online Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10:30 am—Live-stream worship only (no in-person) 5:00-7 pm ICE CREAM SOCIAL (@ Noelridge Park)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:30 am & 7 pm— Online Bible Study	<b>17</b> 7 pm Ad Council mtg.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10:30 am—OUTDOOR WORSHIP (& Live- stream Worship)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:30 am & 7 pm— Online Bible Study	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10:30 am—Live-stream worship only (no in-person)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30 am & 7 pm— Online Bible Study	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	



### BACKPACK BLESSINGS CONTINUE

If you missed the drive-thru event, stop by the church on a Tuesday or Wednesday between 9:30 AM and 3 PM, to pick up a backpack blessing from Pastor Kristina!

If you can't make it those days, E-mail Pastor Kristina at [kristina@lovelylane.org](mailto:kristina@lovelylane.org) to arrange another date.

### Zoom Study Group with Pastor Scott

Pastor Scott will lead an online Zoom Study Group in September; more specific info. to come! It will take place on Wednesdays at 9:30 am and 7 pm. Please let Scott know if you want to be added to the E-mail list.

## SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6: **Communion Sunday**—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Luke 2:41-52 / Sermon: “Onward and Upward”

Sept. 13: **15th Sunday After Pentecost**—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Exodus 14:19-31 / Sermon: “Making a Way”

Sept. 20: **16th Sunday After Pentecost**—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Kristina / Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16 / Sermon: “Equality or Equity?”

Sept. 27: **17th Sunday After Pentecost**—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Matthew 21:23-32 / Sermon: “By What Authority”

### Sunday Worship at Lovely Lane

Worship services will remain online at least thru the end of September. We are following guidance from Bishop Laurie Haller and the Linn County Public Health Dept. as we seek to be safe and well. Join us on our YouTube Channel on Sundays at 10:30 am!

### Outdoor Worship Service on Sunday, Sept. 20th

We are planning to have an outdoor in-person worship service here at Lovely Lane on Sunday, Sept. 20th, at 10:30 AM. Bring your own lawn chair(s) and plan to wear a mask for safety’s sake.

### From Our New Associate Pastor, Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck

It seems like just yesterday that I wrote in the newsletter for August about the windstorm back in July when a tree limb fell down! Well, here we are again, with much bigger tree limbs and a much bigger windstorm! I know for many of us, we experienced great damage to our homes, garages, vehicles, yards, and our beloved trees. For many, we were without power for several weeks and without Internet, well after getting electricity back in our homes. In the midst of all of the damage of this natural disaster, I saw God at work.

God was working through neighbors that helped others get trees off their houses and clean up debris. God was working through local restaurants, stores, and organizations that provided free food for those affected by this storm. God was working through roofers and contractors who have helped repair homes. God was working through the electricians and energy companies who restored power safely and quickly, some coming from all over the country.

At St. Sallie’s House, God was working through neighbors, friends, and family who helped get our tree off the roof, clear the driveway of a tree trunk, and wash our clothes, provide us with hot meals, and even a place to sleep when it got hot. We would not have been able to do everything without help. Around Cedar Rapids, I saw folks with chainsaws, walking the neighborhood to help others. Even when all seemed impossible, God was at work. God is always making a way out of no way.

Last month, I invited you to get to know the names of the four closest neighbors to you. I’m sure that many of you had the opportunity to meet your neighbors after the storm. This month, I invite you to write a thank you note to a neighbor. It can be really simple. Perhaps you might write a thank you note to a neighbor who has helped you clean up from the storm. Maybe you write a thank you note thanking your neighbor for their beautiful flowers or for always having a smile on their face. You might write a thank you note and invite them to your backyard for a socially distanced dessert. I look forward to hearing about all the connections and relationships you are continuing to make with your neighbors! Blessings, Pastor Kristina

### **July Financial Totals**

Cash inflow—mo. of July	\$ 39,562
Cash inflow—YTD	\$319,022
Budget need/month	\$ 46,202
Cash outflow—mo. of July	\$ 39,062
Cash outflow—YTD	\$269,104
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 0

### ***“Throw a Bag, Build a Home”***

Tournament to benefit Cedar Valley  
Habitat for Humanity  
Sat., Sept. 19th: Register at 10 am  
for 11 am Tournament  
Held at Sag Wagon Deli & Brew  
*Food & drink available to purchase!*

## **Thank You’s**

**We would like to thank you** for all the support that you are continuing to give to Women at the Well Ministries! With all the transition in our midst, we are moving forward with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in the “Grace Upon Grace” that we are receiving during this time of social movements that are transforming lives and helping us to see more clearly. As our awareness is expanded, we are expanding our ministry to fit new needs, while still maintaining our relationships and developing new ways to give voice to the Women at ICIW. ... We are keeping you in our prayers during this unsettling and yet spirit filled time. Please join us at Women at the Well Worship that is available at 7:00 PM on Thursday evenings on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/WomenattheWellUMC/>. Pastors Beth Harbaugh & Paul Witmer

**Thank you** to the congregation for your support for student face mask making and providing for both Pierce and Johnson Elementary Schools. The school staff appreciate the volunteer efforts to keep our community safe. Amy Conyers

### **BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS** (E-mail to Lisa Taylor & Sue Moss, Health & Wholeness Co-Chairs):

Congrats on your second super-successful pandemic blood drive! Here are your results: 14 donors registered - 0 deferrals (awesome!) = **14 donations collected!!!!** Plus **1 first time donor** – hooray!

Our staff said it was an awesome day – great donor flow with no issues at all on our end! Thank you again for hosting this month – sticking with us not only through these insane pandemic times, but also through the storm aftermath. These last few weeks have been challenging, but I love seeing how much the city is coming together. It has been truly wonderful!

Looking ahead, we now know for sure that none of our school groups will be prepared to host with us this fall like they usually do, so this has become an even more critical time for the blood supply. We cannot thank you enough for going above and beyond in hosting again this year! We are still trying to add drives where ever we can to the calendar through the end of the year so let me know if you think your donors might be up to give again. Maybe in December before the holidays? If that is too much for you, I totally understand. Normally, I wouldn’t even ask, but we are trying to fill in so many gaps that the pandemic has created. We never thought this would carry over into the school year! Just let me know your thoughts.

Thanks so much for your unwavering support! You are amazing and I am lucky to be able to work with you both. You really overcame some hurdles to hold a wonderful drive! You hit your goal right on the head and will help **56 local patients**.

Have a wonderful rest of your summer! You are life savers and we couldn’t be more thankful for your support!

Megan Dee

Donor Relations Consultant | Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center

Phone (563) 823-4160 | [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org)

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## **Please Help Our Neighbors!**

Hurricane Laura struck as a Category 4 hurricane and is now dropping rain inland in places already damaged by multiple spring and summer storms. On its wide and lengthy projected path through the country toward the Northeast, the storm will continue to cause damage and exacerbate living conditions for many as we all contend with staying safe and healthy during the pandemic.

**UMCOR-trained volunteers are already preparing to assist people in their community.** Your help is needed to provide the tangible items necessary for relief work including personal protection equipment that our volunteers will need to stay healthy.

Your gift, today, to U.S. Disaster Response will enable UMCOR to serve people impacted by the catastrophic wind, rain and fire events of this season. **We need your help, today.**

### **GLOBAL MINISTRIES / UMCOR**

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**Have questions:** 800.862.4246

**To give by check,** please send checks payable to Advance GCFA to:

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**The Kennedy Cougar Outdoor Pantry** continues on Tuesday, Sept. 1st, 4–7 PM. The pantry will take place on our church lawn. You are invited to bring in non-perishable food items. Gift cards are also being collected to distribute. Another way to participate is through the link for monetary donations on our church Facebook page. Thank you for your generosity!

## **UPDATE FROM HELPING HANDS & THE ECCF**

Devastation has been delivered to the Linn County area simultaneously from three directions – a pandemic to make us sick, the resulting recession that takes our jobs and businesses, and an inland hurricane to destroy our cities, homes, and trees.

As a result, anguished neighbors who have never needed help before now turn to our Helping Hands Ministry (HHM). We have ***never*** had to meet such epic challenges.

We recognize that many of our most reliable supporters are dealing with their own emergencies, and the generosity that we count on at the holidays is 4 mos. away. But, our clients' needs can't wait. Please consider a donation today. Your partnership will never be more valuable.

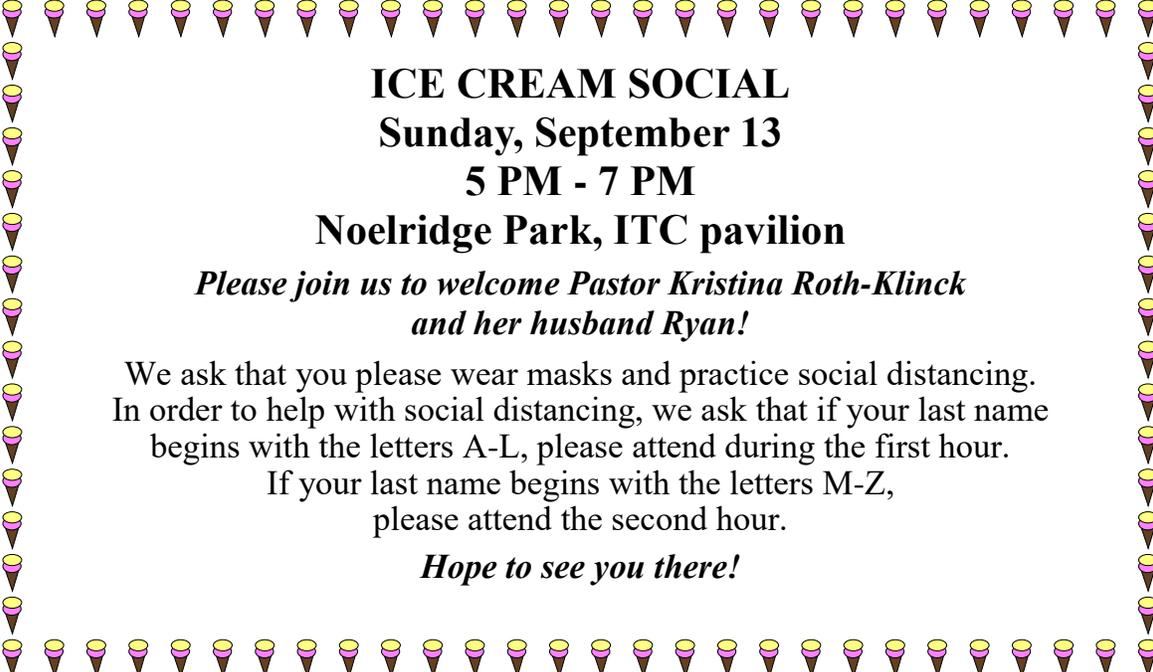
**Hope is at the door. Every dollar makes a vital difference.**

At ECCF, Helping Hands Ministry is operating by appointment only in order to follow healthy recommendations. Please let people know to call 319-366-2651 and leave a message to request financial assistance. If you have items to donate, please call.

Share our Facebook posts and www.ecc-cr.net. #NeighborsAVerb! Add this to bulletins and other news. We also need personal care items and volunteers to help us answer phones and to help people navigate resources.

With deepest gratitude for your generous support for neighbors in critical need,

*Robin Switzer Brunner, Chief Operating Officer, Ecumenical Community Center Foundation,*  
www.ecc-cr.net, admin@ecc-cr.net, 319-362-4284



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**Sunday, September 13**

**5 PM - 7 PM**

**Noelridge Park, ITC pavilion**

*Please join us to welcome Pastor Kristina Roth-Klinck  
and her husband Ryan!*

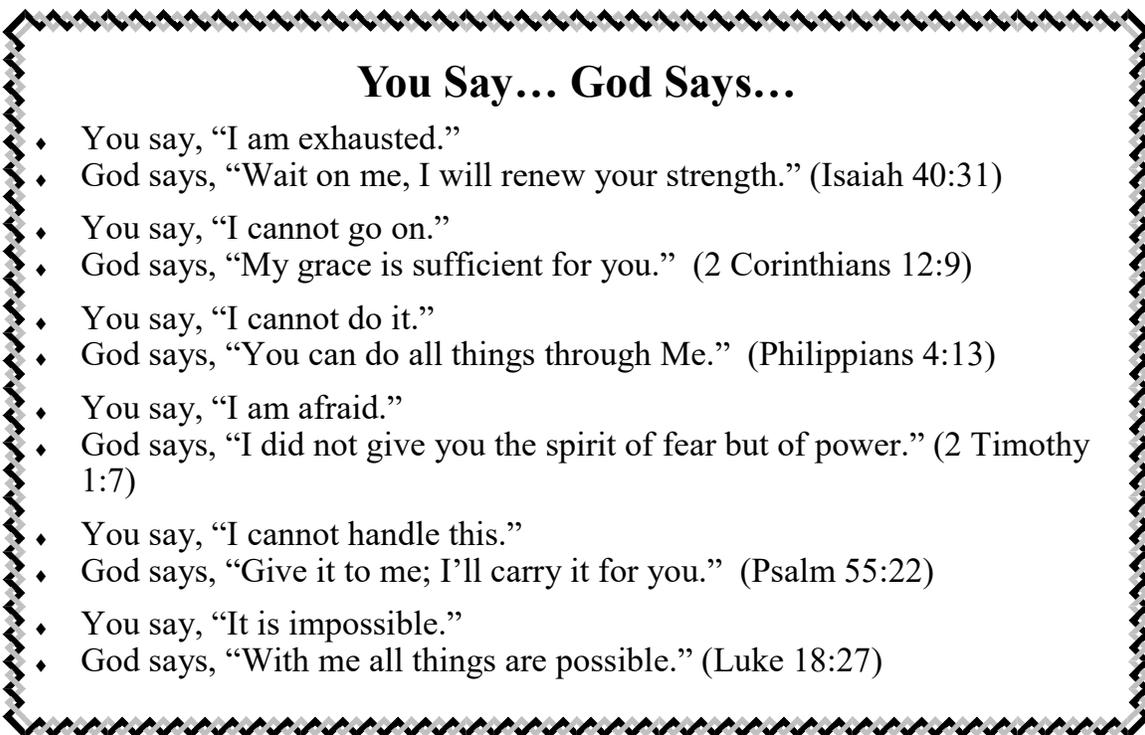
We ask that you please wear masks and practice social distancing.  
In order to help with social distancing, we ask that if your last name  
begins with the letters A-L, please attend during the first hour.

If your last name begins with the letters M-Z,  
please attend the second hour.

*Hope to see you there!*



**You Say... God Says...**

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- You say, "I am exhausted."
  - God says, "Wait on me, I will renew your strength." (Isaiah 40:31)
  - You say, "I cannot go on."
  - God says, "My grace is sufficient for you." (2 Corinthians 12:9)
  - You say, "I cannot do it."
  - God says, "You can do all things through Me." (Philippians 4:13)
  - You say, "I am afraid."
  - God says, "I did not give you the spirit of fear but of power." (2 Timothy 1:7)
  - You say, "I cannot handle this."
  - God says, "Give it to me; I'll carry it for you." (Psalm 55:22)
  - You say, "It is impossible."
  - God says, "With me all things are possible." (Luke 18:27)

## Concerns & Celebrations

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

- \*Sympathy to Dorris Lanning & family after Dean's passing
- \*Sympathy to Pakkebiens after passing of Lisa's sister
- \*Sympathy to Rose Blank's friend, Pat, after passing of her husband
- \*Leisa Rosche following a procedure
- \*Rae Keegan with a fracture in her lower back
- \*Lucy McCord recovering after breaking her arm
- \*Norman & Kathy Stepleton
- \*Sue Moss recovering from bad case of poison ivy
- \*Leisa Rosche's daughter, Melody, with hospitalization
- \*Jim & Jean Bunney's daughter, Jocelyn, with work situation
- \*Sharon Kouba's sister, Jeannie, with health concerns
- \*Mari Lu Smith's cousin, Don, with mental health concerns
- \*Barb Geissinger's neighbor, Mary Ann, with cancer
- \*Lisa Taylor's co-worker, Brandi, undergoing treatment for Stage 4 colon cancer
- \*Lyn Lewis's co-worker, Tim, & wife, Kellie, with new baby who has health concerns
- \*Responding to COVID-19 pandemic, frontline workers
- \*School districts going back to school this fall
- \*Lifting up those without power
- \*Eastern Iowa communities recovering from the derecho
- \*Line workers, folks clearing trees
- \*Communities impacted by fires in Colorado & in California
- \*Persons & communities impacted by Hurricane Laura
- \*Community of Beirut, Lebanon, following explosion
- \*Black Lives Matter movement following shooting of Jacob Blake
- \*Individuals with mental health concerns

### JOYS:

- \*Don Whitford doing better after health challenges
- \*Al Stiers back at The Villages following rehab
- \*Erika Serbousek with good health report following routine 3-mo. MRI
- \*Rory & Karon Niebuhr celebrate new grandchild, Violet Olivia Wilson (was hospitalized with some health concerns but now back home)
- \*Gerry Stolba celebrated her 95th birthday on Aug. 4; Lou & Gerry celebrated their 76th anniversary on Aug. 23
- \*Happy Anniversary to Jeff & Rose Blank
- \*Ryan Roth-Klinck has started as our High School Youth Director @ LL; his E-mail address is [klink.o.Ryan@gmail.com](mailto:klink.o.Ryan@gmail.com)
- \*Congratulations to our 2019-2020 confirmation class who participated in a ceremony on 8/23:  
Joel Anders Dillman, Silas James Dillman, Jonah Paul DuPont, Ryan Jacob Ellis, Reece Andrew Fischer, Nolan Daniel Grawe, Jayce Henry Hingtgen, Morgan Alexandra Johnson, Jared Robert Lauritsen, Jaida Lee Lyons, Kyla Marie Mulnik, Cejay W. Mumby, Colton Lloyd Mumby, Luke Thomas O'Brien, Cade William Pakkebie & Mason Grant Turner
- \*A recording of the 8/23 Confirmation Service will be shared on Sunday, Sept. 6
- \*Patrick Mahoney's sister had a new baby
- \*Hattie, daughter of Eric Engelmann's friend, doing better after an accident
- \*Kennedy High School Softball team with state championship
- \*Celebrating our youth with achievements in academics, arts, athletics
- \*Church parking lot moving along (we have *light*)
- \*ServiceMaster did thorough cleaning of the church following the massive storm
- \*Appreciation to linemen, city workers, persons giving out food, roofers, tree service providers
- \*Thanks to chainsaw crews & others helping people following the derecho
- \*Kennedy Food Pantry on our church lawn
- \*Good turnout for work day to clean church yard
- \*Appreciation for those who donated at blood drive

### *Remembering with love:*

*Betty Widmer.....2017*

*Bill Travis.....2017*

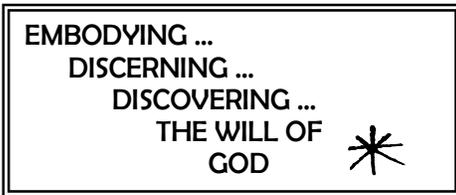
*Betty Van Fossen.....2019*



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