

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

February 2023

Vision **Statement**

"Lovely Lane is a dynamic faith community that seeks to welcome all people, nurture one another in the faith, and reach out in ministry and service." This vision connects with our Discipleship Pathway, Worship + 2. We encourage all persons to be active in worship and participate in two groups in the church: one group is focused on study and the other group is focused on service.

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Thinking Big

Growing up in Illinois, I became familiar with Daniel Hudson Burnham. Burnham was a prominent city planner and architect. He played a major role in the development of the city of Chicago back in the day. He crafted a powerful vision of what a major American city might look like. He developed plans for modern skyscrapers and helped to guide the Chicago's World's Fair in 1893. He was a pioneer in the area of urban planning.

There is a quote that is often connected with Burnham. The quote is, "Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir a person's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work . . ."

Now these words might not have the power they did over a hundred years, but they still have strength and merit. It's good to dream big and have plans for the future that are large in scope. We need constant inspiration as we move forward. We should focus on the matters that mean the most and not settle for less.

Burnham's words certainly connect with the church today. We should have big plans as we seek to "make disciples." Jesus had big plans when he came to establish the Kingdom of Heaven. This was an upside kingdom in which those who don't have much are lifted up and those who have a lot are humbled. The Apostle Paul aimed high when he started churches around the Mediterranean Sea. He would not have endured struggles and trials if he didn't have a passion for the gospel. John Wesley knew what he was doing when he sent Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury to America in the late 1700's to spread the Methodist movement.

As we look to the future at Lovely Lane, might we continue to imagine the possibilities in front us. God is moving us forward in exciting ways. It remains a joy to be on this journey with each of you!

Peace, Scott

| Calendar of Events (subject to change) — February 2023 | | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| | | | 1 9:30 am Zoom study 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kids Club 6 pm LL Youth Grp. 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Pastor's St. Grp. 6:30 pm Youth Grp.: Mental Health Talks (@ St. Paul's UMC) 7 pm Yth. Grp.: Taize Service (@ St. Stephen's) | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 8:30 am In-person Worship 9 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School for adults 10:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese 11:30 am-1:30 pm Sledding & Pizza @ LL 4-6 pm Yth. Grp.: Tex/ Mex Border Documentary | 6 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 | 7 9:30-11:15 am UWF Bible Study | 8 9:30 am Zoom study 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kids Club 6 pm LL Youth Grp. 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Pastor's Study Group 6:30 pm Youth Grp.: Mental Health Talks (@ St. Paul's UMC) 7:15 pm Bell Choir | 9 7:45 am Leadership Team (offsite) 1 pm UWF meeting 6:30 pm Missions | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Super Bowl Subs Pick-up 8:30 am In-person Worship 9 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School for adults 10:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese 4 pm Living Last Supper (LLS) grp. 5:30 pm Yth. Grp.: Watch Super Bowl (@ St. P's) | 13 Nourished Monthly Treat Box Pick-up @ Lovely Lane 10 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 | 14 9:30-11:15 am UWF Bible Study | 15 9:30 am Zoom study 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kids Club 6 pm LL Youth Grp. 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Pastor's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir | 16 6 pm Health & Wholeness 7-9 pm Linn Co. United Nations grp. | 17 5-8 pm Parent's Night Out Event @ LL | 18 8:30 am Men's Breakfast Grp. 4:45-6 pm Con- firmation Field Trip (to St. George Greek Orthodox Church) |
| 19 Transfigura- tion Sunday 8:30 am In-person Worship 9 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School for adults 10:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese 2:30-5 pm Yth. Grp.: D&D (@ People's Ch.) 4 pm LLS grp. | 20 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 | 21 9:30-11:15 am UWF Bible Study 6-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> Mardi Gras Gathering (@ Pastor Kristina's) | 22 Ash Wednesday 4:30-7 pm Youth help with Pancake Supper 6 pm Pancake Supper 7 pm Worship | 23 12 noon Friendly Fellowship | 24 | 25 |
| 26 1st Sunday in Lent 8:30 am In-person Worship 8:30-10:30 am Heart Healthy Brunch 9 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School for adults 10:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese 4 pm LLS grp. | 27 9 am Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 | 28 9:30-11:15 am UWF Bible Study | | CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries LLS = Living Last Supper | MMJ = Migrant Movement for Justice UWF = United Women in Faith (f/k/a UMW) | |

Happy Endings, book discussion group, will meet on Monday, Feb. 13th, at 10 AM in Fireside. The book we will discuss is *Venice Sketchbook* by Rhys Bowen. The book to read for March 13th is *The Boys from Biloxi* by John Grisham.

WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

Feb. 5: **5th Sunday after the Epiphany**; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20 / Sermon: "Living the Life"
Feb. 12: **6th Sunday after the Epiphany**; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Kristina / Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 / Sermon: "Choose Love"
Feb. 19: **Transfiguration Sunday**; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / The Rev. Paul Witmer from Women At The Well UMC will preach
Feb. 22: **Ash Wednesday**; in-person service @ 7 PM / Pastor Kristina / Scripture: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 / Sermon: "The Fast We Choose" *Learning to Live Inside Out*
Feb. 26: **First Sunday in Lent**; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11 / Sermon: "If You Fall Down" *Learning to Live Inside Out*

Pastor's Study Groups

The study with Pastor Scott that began on Jan. 4th continues with AM sessions via Zoom at 9:30 and in-person sessions in the library at 6 PM. The study is entitled "Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith." Materials are available in the church office. All are welcome!

PANCAKE SUPPER & ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - FEB. 22ND

Come and enjoy a pancake supper in the Fellowship Hall @ 6 PM on Weds., Feb. 22nd, and then stay for a special Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary @ 7 PM. Our confirmation class will lead the service which will include some special music as well.

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP RETURNS: The Friendly Fellowship Potluck Group will meet on Feb. 23rd at noon in the Fellowship Hall. (Please note that this is the 4th Thursday of the month.) Bring a dish to share and table service; coffee and water will be provided. The program will be a presentation by Phil and Shirley Martin on their trip to Antarctica. We look forward to seeing everyone! Contact Nancy Miller (319-393-6340) with any questions.

A Blessing For When You're Exhausted

In my conversations with so many of you, you find yourself exhausted in the midst of this season. You're pulled in so many directions. Work is busy, the chores need tending to, you're driving your children from one place to another. There's just so much, and it is likely challenging to juggle it all and keep the plates spinning. As a new mom, I'm going from the moment I wake up to the moment I go to sleep. There's always laundry to stay on top of and bottles to wash! I recently wrote a blessing for the Nourished Facebook Page that has been meaningful for many different folks. Maybe it will be for you, too. *Pastor Kristina*

Blessed are you
When you hit the snooze button for the fifth time,
When getting out from under the covers feels like too much to bear.
And oh how blessed are you
When the responsibilities of the day pester you and nag you,
Bringing that all too familiar feeling of anxiety.
You know,
The tight stomach and the jello legs?
When it all feels too much,
When the one more request sends your heart soaring,
And you just can't shut off the physical exhaustion of anxiety,
May you encounter the Divine like a weighted blanket upon you,
Bringing you back to a feeling of peace.
And when the opportunity arises for even a small moment of rest,
May you take a breath and feel the peace of God fill your very being.

Nourished: Spiritual Community

The Nourished Board met at the end of January to discern and re-evaluate our biweekly worship gathering. Stay tuned for more information about a change in Nourished's worship time.

Check out our facebook page for updates
(www.facebook.com/NourishedCR)
or contact Kristina Roth-Klinck to be on the mailing list.
kristina@nourishedcr.org



NOURISHED

Monthly Treat Boxes

Treat yourself or your sweetie to our February treat box, just in time for Valentine's Day! Sign up by February 8th for pick up on February 13th.

This month will feature: Strawberry Pop-Tarts, Red Velvet Truffles, Chocolate Biscotti, and Heart-Shaped Sugar Cookies



Scan the QR Code to sign up or email our Lead Baker Betsy at betsy@nourishedcr.org



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NOURISHED PRESENTS A:

MARDI GRAS GATHERING

FEBRUARY 21, 2023 | 6PM-8PM
PASTOR KRISTINA'S HOUSE

HEART HEALTHY BRUNCH

On Sunday, Feb. 26th, Health & Wholeness will have their annual Heart Healthy Brunch. It will be in Fellowship Hall from 8:30 until 10:30 AM. In recognition of February as Heart Month, we are encouraging **everyone to wear red that Sunday to church.** Come join us for healthy food and good fellowship! (Monetary donations for the brunch will be accepted.)



Men's Breakfast Gathering

The next monthly gathering is on Sat., Feb. 18th, @ 8:30 AM. The speaker will be Cody Oakes. Cody is a baseball umpire in the AAA ranks. He will share some of his story and journey. All are welcome!

Remembering with love:

Kay Rath.....2018
Eddie Anderson, Jr......2018
Dan Randall.....2019
Gene Kadlec.....2021
Sally Craig.....2021
Kae Schmickley.....2022

December Financial Totals

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| Cash inflow—mo. of Dec. | \$ 61,423 |
| Cash inflow—YTD | \$570,123 |
| Budget need/month | \$ 50,132 |
| Cash outflow—mo. of Dec. | \$ 45,000 |
| Cash outflow—YTD | \$535,572 |
| Unpaid apportionments | \$ 0 |

"Glory of God—The Beauty of Winter" Photo Project: Please send in your favorite winter picture (of scenery, animals, children, etc.) by 2/15 to suem@lovelyane.org. Sue will work with Eric W. to create a presentation to be seen in worship before winter is over! (By sending us your photo, you are giving us permission for it to be seen/used in worship, YouTube, Facebook & other social media.)



United
Women
in Faith

UWF MEETING

UWF (formerly UMW) will meet on **Thursday, Feb. 9th, at 1 PM in Fireside**. We'll put together some special treats to take out to some special people in our congregation.

Please bring 2-3 dozen of your favorite homemade cookies which we will combine to assemble plates of cookies to deliver to homebound members of our congregation. Even if you don't bake cookies, come and help decorate the cards and plates. We'll also need volunteers to help deliver the cookies. We will divide up the deliveries according to addresses and then one or two women will go out together to make the deliveries. Cindy Sale will be our coordinator. We need a volunteer to act as hostess and make coffee for us as we sample some of the cookies as our refreshments before heading out to make deliveries.

UWF TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study group meets on **Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:15 AM in Fireside**. Weather permitting, we will continue to meet on Tuesday mornings. We're currently studying Paul's letters to the Corinthians. We've found that our studies have helped us to gain new insights and understanding of the Scriptures, continue to grow spiritually, and deepen our faith within a loving, caring fellowship. We invite anyone who is free on Tuesday mornings to join with us for fellowship and study. **We've decided to not only LUG OUR MUGS, BUT ALSO TO FILL THEM AT HOME; SO DO COME PREPARED WITH YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE IN HAND.** Call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205) with any questions.

Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for the cards I received to celebrate my 99th birthday. I had a wonderful day and am so blessed to have family and friends. God's blessings and my love. *Marcie Baugh*

To our neighbors & friends at Lovely Lane Church: Our student supply closet has been restocked with notebooks, folders, markers, and gluesticks. It feels like Christmas. Thank you for the generosity. We are so appreciative. *The Pierce Community*

Faith from the Start

How do we begin to know, carry, and grow faith? We start from the beginning. A newborn learns that faith can be trusted or can feel like a betrayal. The adults who care for the child teach this every moment of every day almost always without thinking about it.

Babies need a world they can trust including good care of their physical and security needs. They need to know:

- when they get hungry, the hunger will be relieved.
- when they hurt, the discomfort will be taken away.
- that they are safe from falling and from frightening experiences like sudden loud noises and bright lights.
- that their world has regular rhythm, in movement, and in their daily schedule, even in "Patty Cake" play.

(The beginning of predictability)

These things are the essential beginning of knowing how to trust, how to build a relationship. They are the incapable first lessons that either faith is good or it is cruel. Can the child trust?

The parents are the most important teachers, of course, but we in the faith community play a part. We support this learning when we support the parents and caregivers of these children. It won't be long until the children are ready to reach out a little bit into the larger community. The faith community can be there ready and waiting to nurture their nascent faith.

At Lovely Lane, we have known for more than 60 years that the preschool years are golden moments for helping children develop a strong lifelong faith. Our **Children's Weekday Ministries** program is one of the most powerful ministries we have in building faith from the start.



Super Bowl Youth Fundraiser

The youth group's fundraiser for the Superbowl is on Sunday, Feb. 12th! Order deadline is Feb. 8th. E-mail Pastor Kristina w/questions, kristina@lovelylane.org.

Sub Choices - Ham or Turkey
 - Provolone or Cheddar Cheese
 - Includes Lettuce and Tomato
 - **Gluten-Free Option Available**



Soup Options - Chili or Chicken Noodle

Suggested donation: \$5-10 per sub and soup combo. Combos will be available for pickup at the church after each service on Sunday, Feb. 12th. Please indicate which service you'd like to pick up your subs at. Scan over the QR code above to order or click on the link: <https://forms.gle/btj4UF4fn2K8ieoz9>.

YOUTH GROUP IN FEBRUARY

- *2/1: Taize Service Visit, 7pm @ St. Stephen's Lutheran Ch.
 - *2/1: Mental Health Talks: Parent Session & Youth Session, 6:30-7:30pm @ St. Paul's UMC
 - *2/5: Documentary about the Texas/ Mexico Border (recommended for any youth interested in going on the Summer Trip), 4-6pm @ Lovely Lane UMC
 - *2/8: Mental Health Talks: Whole Family Session, 6:30-7:30pm @ St. Paul's UMC
 - *2/12: Soup & Subs Fundraiser, 8:30-11:30am @ Lovely Lane UMC
 - *2/12: Super Bowl Watch Party, 5:30-7:30pm @ Ryan's hse.
 - *2/17: Parent's Night Out--Valentines Fundraiser, 5-8pm @ Lovely Lane UMC
 - *2/19: D&D Group, 2:30-5pm @ Peoples Church
 - *2/22: Ash Wednesday Pancake Dinner Fundraiser, 4:30-7pm @ Lovely Lane UMC
 - *2/26: No Co-op
- Questions? Contact Ryan Roth-Klinck, Youth Director, (940) 390-7437 or ryan@lovelylane.org.



Help the youth fundraise for their summer mission trips! Go on a Valentine's date and the people of Lovely Lane will watch your children for you. The church will provide dinner, games, crafts, and a movie for your kids while you are out on your date.

All funds raised will benefit the summer service/ learning trips to Minneapolis and the Texas/Mexico border for the youth program.

When - Feb. 17th, drop off begins at 5pm and lasts till 6:15pm. Children must be picked up before 8:30pm.

Where - Lovely Lane UMC, 2424 42nd St NE, CR

How much - Suggested donation of \$25 per child

Registration deadline: Feb. 15th. [Register Your Children Here.](#)

Contact Ryan (ryan@lovelylane.org or text 940-390-7437) with any questions and/or to register.

Mission Trip to Texas/Mexico Border is open to anyone who has just finished 9th grade through students who've just finished college. The trip focus will be about considering what our faith has to say about immigration and how we are to respond as Christians.

Thanks to a grant, the trip cost is \$100/person. We'll fundraise thru the winter and spring to help with costs. We ask all youth who want to go on the trip to help with fundraisers. Save the dates of July 8-16, because you won't want to miss this once in a lifetime experience!

Registration began Jan. 30th. We have 15-20 spots for this trip, so register early. We'll need 3 to 4 adults (besides Kristina & Ryan) who are 24 & up to help with driving the 15-passenger van since it's such a long drive down to the border.

Mission Trip to Minneapolis is open to any student who has finished 6th grade and to high schoolers not able to go on the Texas/Mexico Border trip. This trip will focus on the Christian response to racism and we'll spend time learning from multicultural church congregations.

Thanks to a grant, the trip cost is \$50/person. We'll fundraise thru the winter and spring to help with costs. We ask if your youth would like to go on this trip, they come to the fundraisers. Save the dates of June 8-11. Registration began Jan. 30th. We have 10-15 spots for this trip, so register early. We'll need 2 to 3 adults who are 24 & up to help with driving the 12-passenger van and be adult sponsors for the trip.

Concerns & Celebrations

JOYS:

- *Fresh starts & new beginnings in the New Year!
- *Cathy Homard lifts up her son marching in the Rose Bowl Parade with the Marine Band
- *Happy Anniversary to Frank & Susan Camp
- *The Roth-Klinck family had a nice visit to Texas
- *Appreciation to Marcie Stumpf for serving as our church treasurer
- *Patty Logsdon lifts up family time over the holidays
- *Baptismal reaffirmation & remembrance during worship
- *Les Minor recovering well after knee surgery
- *Engagement congratulations to Mitch Turner & Cindy Pringle
- *Confirmation class visited Temple Judah Synagogue
- *Football player, Damar Hamlin, doing better after cardiac arrest
- *Remembering and celebrating the life of Dr. King
- *Welcoming Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai to the Iowa Conference
- *Welcoming Jane Schildroth as our new Ad Council chair
- *Appreciation to Ron Nelson for serving as our past Ad (Administrative) Council chair
- **Nourished* worship & celebration on 1/22
- **Nourished* Monthly Treat Boxes are available
- *Youth Group overnight lock-in with area churches
- *Happy 63rd Anniversary to Phil & Shirley Martin
- *Happy 99th Birthday to Marcie Baugh
- *Update on our sponsorship of Afghan refugees
- *Byron & Sheryl Thompson celebrating 59th wedding anniversary
- *Barb & Jim Vancura are grandparents-to-be!
- *Marla Gonzalez' 60th birthday & continued health prayers as she undergoes radiation
- *Celebrating our wonderful nonagenarian church members (90+ in age)
- *Lifting up our online worshipping community
- *Happy 54th Anniversary to Jim & Myrna Loehrlein
- *Happy 50th Anniversary to Jeff & Pat Swartzen-druber
- *Wanda Whitford back in worship & thanks everyone for their prayers during her hospitalization
- *Remembering the ministry of the Rev. Don Caspers, former LL pastor
- *New women's study group(s) coming together

CONCERNS:

- *Reflecting on friends & family we lost in 2022
- *Sympathy to Carol Wilson after the passing of her friend, Jerry
- *Sympathy to Janelle Morio's family & friends after her passing
- *Family & friends of Sandee Skelton, Marci Wittles' family friend, on her passing
- *Jan Culbertson's co-worker after the passing of his son, Dylan
- *Alfred Zigbuo lifts up family loss & time of grief
- *Family & friends of Devonna Walker
- *Remembering the lives of Pele, Barbara Walters, & Pope Benedict XVI
- *Chris Tanner hospitalized
- *Abby Meiborg with encouraging health news
- *Marla Gonzalez with radiation treatments
- *Millie Corbett following a hip procedure
- *Wanda Whitford after hospitalization
- *Sue Moss with vision concerns in one eye
- *Travis Meiborg's daughter, Abby, & other family members
- *Heather Leske's brother, Tim, with back surgery
- *Jayne Woodson's friend Linda Lindsay with health concerns
- *Marci Wittles' brother-in-law Scott with positive health news, but asks for ongoing prayers
- *Sharon Kouba's nephew, James, moved to a care center after hospitalization
- *Penny Boenish's mother, Mary Prosser, receiving hospice care in Grundy Center
- *Maggie Thomas's friend's daughter hospitalized at UIHC
- *Dave Keefe's nephew, Clint, with health concerns
- *Pastor Kristina's mother with a knee procedure
- *Brandon Drew's co-worker, Sonny, after a seizure
- *Winter travel struggles for many families
- *Persons with mental illness concerns
- *Small groups beginning for folks experiencing loss & difficulties
- *1st Pres. Church with a burst pipe & water concerns
- *State legislature as they vote on key decisions
- *LL member Art Staed in his work as a state rep.
- *California with the flooding & mass destruction
- *Ongoing issues of the pandemic
- *Community of Des Moines following mass shooting
- *Community of Memphis following the death (& release of the video) of Tyre Nichols
- *National concerns
- *Countries of Israel & Ukraine with violence & extra challenges, & other international concerns



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Children & Youth

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| Director of Family Ministries | Annie Walker |
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