

# Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

April 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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## The Love Commandment

"I give you a new commandment: Love each another. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other." – John 13:34 (CEB)

This reading from John's Gospel brings us to the night Jesus gathered with the disciples in the Upper Room. Scripture tells us that Judas had already been provoked to betray Jesus. The betrayal would soon lead to our Lord's death on a cross. But Jesus washed the feet of every disciple who was present, even the feet of Judas.

In Jesus's time, there was a constant need to wash feet. Roads were made of dirt, and people wore sandals made of rope and leather. Sweat-inducing heat, nearly bare feet, and a dirt road made for a messy combination. It was normal practice for a guest to wash his or her own feet, or a servant to wash the feet of the guest. Many rabbis thought this task was so low that it was unacceptable to have a Jewish person do it. This was something only a servant should do.

Yet, on the final Thursday of his life, Jesus turned everything upside down. He took a bowl and knelt down to wash feet that were dirty from the roads of Palestine. Jesus took on the duties of a servant, but instead of showing weakness, he showed strength. Later on he shared the new commandment to "love each other."

The love that came from Jesus and went out to others was a surprising kind of love. It was a love that catches others off guard. As followers of Jesus, we are called to share this love in similar ways with all those around us.

How we can share this surprising love? Maybe we reach out to someone we have had an argument with? Perhaps we swallow our pride and admit we are wrong? Maybe we accept all those we come into contact with? The possibilities are endless. Might we always express this love!

*Peace to you, Scott*

## Calendar of Events (subject to change) — April 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries	MMJ = Migrant Movement for Justice UWF = United Women in Faith (f/k/a UMW)				<b>1</b>
<b>2 Palm Sunday</b> 8:30 am In-person Worship 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School for adults 10:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese 2:30-4 pm Youth Co-op: Visit to Czech Museum 7 pm <i>Living Last Supper</i> presentation	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Women's Study Group 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30 am <i>Zoom study</i> 12 noon Women's Study Group 5:30 pm Family Meal 5:30 pm LL Yth. Grp. 6 pm Kids Club 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Pastor's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>6 Maundy Thursday</b> 7 pm <i>Living Last Supper</i> presentation	<b>7 Good Friday</b> 7:00 pm Worship Service	<b>8</b> 10-11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt 7:30-9 pm <i>Nourished</i> Easter Vigil (@ Pastor Kristina's)
<b>9 Easter Sunday</b> 8:30 am In-person Worship 9:30-10:30 am Easter Brunch 10:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese	<b>10</b> 10 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Women's Study Group 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 am <i>Zoom study</i> 5:30 pm Family Meal 5:30 pm LL Yth. Grp. 6 pm Kids Club 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Pastor's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>13</b> 7:45 am Leadership Team (offsite) 11:30 am UWF (lunch @ Matt. 25, Groundswell Café) 6:30 pm Missions	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:30 am Men's Breakfast Grp. 9 am-12:30 pm Blood Drive 2 pm Community Nature Hike (@ Indian Creek Nature Center)
<b>16 Confirmation Sunday (10:30 service)</b> 8:30 am In-person Worship 9 am Choir Rehearsal 9-10:30 am Youth Bake Sale 9:30 am Sunday School for adults 10:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese 2-5 pm Youth Co-op: Sunday Funday	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm Women's Study Group 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30 am <i>Zoom study</i> 5:30 pm Family Meal 5:30 pm LL Yth. Grp. 6 pm Kids Club 6 pm Pastor's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>20</b> 6 pm Health & Wholeness 6 pm Trustees 7-9 pm Linn Co. United Nations grp.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 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 (No Youth Co-op)	<b>24</b> 9 am Prayer Shawl 6 pm <i>Nourished</i> : Centering Monday (@ Pastor Kristina's) 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:30 am <i>Zoom study</i> 5:30 pm Family Meal 5:30 pm LL Yth. Grp. 6 pm Kids Club 6 pm Pastor's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>27</b> 12 noon Friendly Fellowship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9 am-1 pm Greeting Card Class
<b>30</b> 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 TBD Youth Co-op: Outdoor service project & hike @ Prairie-woods						

## APRIL WORSHIP (including Holy Week)

April 2: **Palm/Passion Sunday & Communion;** in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11 / Sermon: "This is the Day" *In Awe of Grace* / "Living Last Supper" Presentation @ 7 PM

April 6: **Maundy Thursday;** 7 PM "Living Last Supper" Presentation (live on YouTube)

April 7: **Good Friday;** 7 PM Worship Service (live on YouTube)

April 9: **Easter Sunday;** in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: John 20:1-18 / Sermon: "The End that Wasn't" *In Awe of Grace* / Easter Brunch 9:30-10:30 AM

April 16: **Second Sunday of Easter & Confirmation Sunday;** in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Kristina

April 23: **Third Sunday of Easter;** in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Luke 24:13-35 / Sermon: "The Emmaus Journey"

April 30: **Fourth Sunday of Easter;** in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Kristina

### Pastor's Study Groups

Groups continue to meet on Wednesday mornings via Zoom at 9:30 AM and Wednesday evenings in the library at 6:00 PM. A new study will be coming soon.

### New Member Classes

Classes are tentatively scheduled to meet on Sundays, May 7 and 21, at 4 PM. More info. to come!

**Lent** is certainly not the joy and peace of Advent, is it? We just celebrated that time of year it seems like. Christmas carols, movies, chocolates and candy, gift giving, decorating, etc. Lent doesn't necessarily bring that. This season is the transition to spring as we start to see a little bit more green every day, but it's a solemn time of the Christian calendar as we prepare for Christ's brutal violent death by crucifixion and the immense joy Easter Sunday brings us. Both seasons in the Christian calendar bring an array of emotions, but as we find ourselves moving into Holy week, the emotions of the Lenten season always seem to fill me with grief and sadness. And truly, that's what makes Easter Sunday so magnificent. Resurrection, new life, and new birth after so much death, destruction, and grief.

Many of my family members died around this time of year. Each year as an anniversary date comes up, I take time to remember them and live into the memories I have of them. This past Lenten season, we received a letter for someone else besides Ryan and me. We've received letters like that in the past, usually junk mail that lands in the recycling bin. This was to the "The Estate of." After a little bit of digging, I learned that they were the original owners of the house. They sounded like truly wonderful people. She was a long-time teacher at Washington High School—teaching English and Debate, and coaching swimming. They never had children of their own but were long-time foster parents. Being a writer, the wife wrote many articles for the Cedar Rapids Gazette. And as I dug deeper, I noticed the dates. The husband died almost twenty years before the wife. I grieve for her and how painful that may have been. From stories in the neighborhood, she grieved greatly during those twenty years. They had been married for over forty years.

This Holy Week, I hope to visit their gravesites, praying a blessing over them, and I hope that they might be happy for how we cultivate the home they designed and built. As it was for them, it's a home that brings us delight.

May this Holy Week be what it needs for you, whether that be a space for grief, for crying, laughter, walks, or maybe even silence. My prayer is that you encounter the Spirit this week in Jesus' final week, death, crucifixion, and in the joy of resurrection. *Peace, Pastor Kristina*

# BLOOD DRIVE

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## Lovely Lane United Methodist Church Blood Drive

Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am – 12:30 pm

ImpactLife Mobile Donor Bus

To sign up online, scan the code below. You may also contact Sue Moss at [suem@lovelylane.org](mailto:suem@lovelylane.org) or Joy Jackson at [joydjackson@gmail.com](mailto:joydjackson@gmail.com)

Nothing cooler than saving lives!  
Give and get a 20-can cooler tote or a \$10 gift card (\$20 for a double red donation).

Give from your heart this Spring! When you give blood, you give hope. Every donation means more time, more love, more happiness given to those in need

Please eat and hydrate before donating and bring Photo ID.

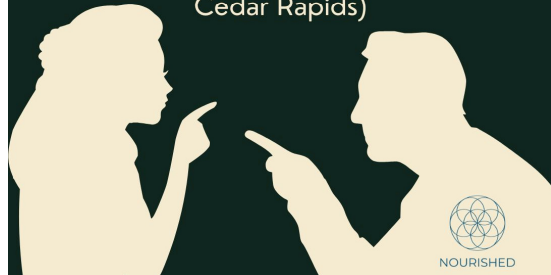


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## THE FACE OF MY ENEMY

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 8th 7:30-9pm  
Pastor Kristina's (3000 Carroll Drive SE  
Cedar Rapids)



## NATURE HIKE

Saturday, April 15th  
2pm  
Indian Creek  
Nature Center



## Men's Breakfast Gathering



The next monthly gathering is on Saturday, April 15, @ 8:30 AM. Dennis Walker and Evan Kerns from our local Boy Scout Troop will speak. All are welcome!

**GRADUATION SUNDAY** this year will be on May 21st, and we'll recognize graduating seniors in our 10:30 worship service that day.

Also, we have a \$500 scholarship (given in memory of Gene Kadlec, a long-time LL member) available for a graduating senior. See Pastor Scott for the application which needs to be completed and turned in by 4/21.

## Kennedy Food Pantry Help

Help is needed at the Kennedy H.S. Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed to run the pantry when it is open. The pantry is open on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Additional assistance is needed to help organize the pantry and to pick up food from HACAP. Contact Mrs. Jenny McAtee @ [jmcaatee@crschools.us](mailto:jmcaatee@crschools.us) if you can assist. Pastor Scott can also answer questions.

## Remembering with love:

Scott Ernst.....2018  
Richard Rainville.....2019  
Mary Smith.....2020  
Al Stiers.....2021  
Jack Sackett.....2021



## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS

## PICTURED ROCKS DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

**Happy Endings**, book discussion group, will meet on Monday, April 10th, at 10 AM in Fireside. The book we'll discuss is *River Sing Me Home* by Eleanor Shear. The book for May is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Come join us for a good discussion and fellowship!

★ **FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP:** The Friendly Fellowship Potluck Group will meet on Thursday, April 27th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and table service; coffee and water will be provided. The program will be a depiction of the life and career of Grant Wood in CR. Our speaker will be Floyd Sandford, retired professor from Coe College. Come join us for good food, fellowship, and an interesting program. Questions? Contact Nancy Miller (319-393-6340).

**Thank you!** Your financial support is enabling Global Ministries missionaries to fulfill the mission of the church (gift amount of \$2,720.89). Over 200 United Methodist missionaries come from many places and backgrounds, witnessing and serving in dramatically different locales and cultures, engaging in a range of activities and professions as pastors, educators, congregational and leadership developers, regional coordinators for UMCOR, agriculturalists, health coordinators, and doctors. On behalf of the people who are recipients of the love of God through the direct ministry of a Global Missions ministry—Thank You!

**Thank you** for demonstrating your love of God and neighbor through your gift to Catholic Charities (amt. of \$2,736.67). The work of Catholic Charities impacts the lives of the most poor and vulnerable in Northeast Iowa and your gift makes this work possible. On behalf of the thousands who will be served as a result of your generosity, thank you and God bless.



## YOUTH GROUP IN APRIL

\*4/2 - Visit to the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in Czech Village, 2:30 to 4 PM; Bring \$5 for admission fee

\*4/5 - Wednesday Evening Youth, 5:30 to 6:45 PM

\*4/6 - Maundy Thursday Service @ your home church

\*4/7 - Good Friday Service @ your home church or Passover Seder @ People's Church

\*4/8 - Help Hide Easter Eggs for Kids @ your home church!

\*4/9 - Easter Sunday, No Youth Co-op in the Afternoon

\*4/16 - Bake Sale @ Lovely Lane, 9 to 10:30 AM

\*4/16 - Sunday Funday Hangout! Work on an Art Project, Play Dungeons & Dragons or Board Games, or watch a Movie, Your choice, 2 to 5 PM, @ Lovely Lane UMC

\*4/23 - No Co-op ( Ryan out of town )

\*4/30 - Outdoor Service Project & Hike @ Prairiewoods, time TBD

Questions? Contact Ryan Roth-Klinck, Youth Director, (940)390-7437 or [ryan@lovelylane.org](mailto:ryan@lovelylane.org).



Children may bring their own Easter basket if they'd like; otherwise, there will be extra baskets and/or sacks available for them. **Volunteers are needed at 9 AM for set up and to hide eggs.** There will be crafts for kids to do when not hunting for eggs!

**Children's Weekday Ministries is seeking an Administrative Assistant** from 6:30am-1:00pm Monday-Friday. Assist with administrative duties in the office and be the building sub for our preschool classes and before school K-5 elementary daycare. Must be able to pass background check, be organized and detail oriented, reliable, love children, complete approx. 20 hours of paid training online with a computer. This position may involve being moderately active on your feet, lifting a small child or being outside for up to 30 minutes.

## THE RESTORATION PROJECT A Men's Retreat on Sat., April 29th, at the Indian Creek Nature Center, 8:30 AM-5 PM plus Dinner & a Fire

"How Did I Get Here?" Rediscover who you want to be and reclaim the life you want to live! A one day reflection and retreat "for the rebellious and inquisitive man" hosted by men for men. To secure your spot, visit [the-restoration-project.com/events](http://the-restoration-project.com/events).

betsy@nourishedcr.org'. A QR code is provided for sign-up, and the Nourished logo is in the bottom right corner."/&gt;

## Greeting Card Class

A Greeting Card Class is set for Saturday, April 29th, 9 AM—1 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. You are asked to please bring your own adhesive and \$20 for materials. Annie Walker is teaching the class.

## Concerns & Celebrations

### **JOYS:**

- \*Denny & Linda Fitz celebrate new grandchild, Mae Wilder
- \*Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Connor Culbertson
- \*Cindy Linder shares news of daughter, Reagan, meeting Erv Mussman in NYC
- \*Pastor Kristina & her husband Ryan are getting backyard chickens
- \*Annie Walker's card class
- \*Jayne Woodson lifted up the *Champions* movie out in theaters
- \*Heather Hingtgen's parents visited from New Jersey
- \*Margaret Nelson & Afghanistan refugees sharing with the youth
- \*Family night at Spare Time Bowling Lanes
- \*New nametags are coming
- \*Lenten study groups at church
- \*Celebrating Wesley Woods Camp with staff member, Molly Cox
- \*Lenten offering for United Methodist Camps
- \*Appreciation for our online worshipping community
- \*Those with disabilities in our church community
- \*Successful Women's Tea on 3/25
- \**Living Last Supper* at Meth-Wick on March 30 & at church on April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>
- \*Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at the home of the Roth-Klincks
- \**Nourished* Community with encouraging food orders to support the ministry
- \*High School students with sports & arts achievements
- \*Warm weather & signs of spring
- \*Spring break trips & rest off from work & school
- \*Joys of family visiting
- \*Iowa Women's Basketball playing in the Final Four

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO VBS**

**Vacation Bible School is set for July 16-19**, each evening starting with a family meal at 5:30 and the program running from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. This year's VBS theme is *Hero Hotline*. Please contact Annie Walker, Director of Family Ministries, if you'd like to volunteer in any capacity (leading an activity, meal prep, etc.). E-mail Annie @ anniew@lovelylane.org.

### **CONCERNS:**

- \*Sympathy to the family & friends of the Rev. Mike Shaffer on his death
- \*Sympathy to the family & friends of Lucy Tabelisma on her death
- \*Rory Niebuhr having medical procedure & tests due to lymph node in thyroid that is growing
- \*Mitch Turner after a cardiac cath procedure
- \*Marla Gonzalez with health challenges
- \*Ken & Judy Robertson at home after hospitalization
- \*Regina Culbertson with difficult news she will lose another toe
- \*Mitch Turner's mom Helena with health complications
- \*Brian Haines' mother with breast cancer news
- \*Regina Culbertson's mother with health concerns
- \*Jan Culbertson's sister, & others, facing job loss
- \*Stephanie French's stepsister receiving hospice care
- \*Cindy Sale's cousin Kathy in GA now in hospice care
- \*LuAnn Basemann's niece, Amy, with cancer news
- \*Sharon Kouba's nephew, James, with hospitalization
- \*Jan Culbertson's niece-in-law losing her brother
- \*Mark Dillman's sister in-law with MS complications
- \*Love Offering to support the family of Alfred Zigbuo
- \*Friend of Curtis & Maggie Thomas with cancer news
- \*Linda Bayless's family friend, Lulu, facing health challenges
- \*Ron & Margaret Nelson's friend, Bill, receiving hospice care
- \*Pam Morris's friend Frankie with COVID & other health challenges
- \*Lindsey Starmer's son's teacher, Carrie, with health challenges
- \*Margaret Nelson shares news of Ukraine friends teaching resiliency
- \*Friends from Afghanistan & Ukraine with challenges and new experiences
- \*Shooting at a Marion bar
- \*Local schools & families with ongoing challenges
- \*Kennedy High School Food Pantry needing additional help
- \*Families & individuals that struggle with addiction
- \*Tax season & those in pain
- \*LGBTQ community following actions in statehouses across the country
- \*Communities & families impacted by tornadoes in Mississippi
- \*Northern California following snow, rain, & flooding
- \*National & international concerns
- \*COVID-19: 3 years in the pandemic
- \*Ukraine & the ongoing invasion



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