

# Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

May 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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## **Going on a Trip**

"'Come, follow me,' he said, 'and I'll show you how to fish for people.'" – Matthew 4:19 (CEB)

The summer months are almost here! This wonderful time invites us to enjoy the great outdoors and visit places we have never been. As some of us prepare for a vacation, we ponder whether we will "tour" or "travel."

Kathryn Walsh, a writer for the USA Today, says that tourists stay in comfort zones and focus on the attractions. They expect others to do the heavy lifting. Travelers, on the other hand, immerse themselves in the local culture and do activities others don't do. They don't go to places everyone else visits.

A quote from G.K. Chesterton brings perspective. He writes, "The tourist sees what he or she has come to see. The traveler sees what he or she sees." The tourist embraces the path laid out. The traveler is open to adventure.

When it comes to our Christian faith, some of us tour and some of us travel. Tourists come to worship and hope to be amused. Travelers polish up their strengths and use them for the good of the church. They don't wait for things to happen. Travelers don't just go to church, they work with others to "be" the church. Travelers worship, but they also work to deepen their spiritual life and serve others. They embrace a Worship + 2 life.

Now there are valid reasons why some of us approach faith life in the manner we do. Depending on our season in life and family situation, we may not be in a position to do as much as we wish. This is understandable. As much as possible though, it is important to embrace a traveler mindset when it comes to our walk with the Lord. Life is short. We want each day to count.

I hope and pray we see the merit of being a traveler. Might we open ourselves to the wonders of each new day!

*Peace to you, Scott*

*Calendar of Events (subject to change) — May 2023*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 12-3 pm PEO 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 12 noon Women's Study Group 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm CWM Parenting Seminar 6 pm Kids Club 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>4</b> 6 pm UWF Mission Dinner	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9 am-Noon <i>Nourished</i> @ Nature Center Plant Sale
<b>7</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 4:30-6 pm Youth Co-op: Funeral home visit	<b>8</b> 10 am Happy Endings 6 pm <i>Nourished</i> Centering Monday (@ Pastor Kristina's)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 am <i>Zoom study</i> 12 noon Women's Study Group 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kids Club 6 pm Pastor's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>11</b> 7:45 am Leadership Team (offsite) 1 pm UWF Meeting 6 pm CWM Family Night	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> Fork 'n' Folk (@ Pastor Kristina's)
<b>14 Mother's Day</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 ( <u>NO</u> Youth Co-op)	<b>15</b> 9:15 am Preschool Graduation Practice 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>16</b> 9:15 am Preschool Graduation Practice 10 am-4 pm Iowa MMJ	<b>17</b> 9:15 am Preschool Graduation Practice 9:30 am <i>Zoom study</i> 11 am Preschool Graduation 12 noon Women's Study Group 6 pm Pastor's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>18</b> 9:15 am Preschool Graduation Practice 11 am Preschool Graduation 6 pm Health & Wholeness 6 pm Finance 6 pm Trustees 7 pm Ad Council 7-9 pm Linn Co. United Nations grp.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 10 am-2 pm <i>Nourished</i> @ Houby Days in Czech Village 5-7 pm Picnic in the Park (@ Noelridge Park)
<b>21 Graduation Sunday</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 2-4 pm Youth Co-op: Nat. Ctr. service project	<b>22</b> 10 am Prayer Shawl 6 pm <i>Nourished</i> Centering Monday (@ Pastor Kristina's) 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30 am <i>Zoom study</i> 12 noon Women's Study Group 5:30 pm Minneapolis Pretrip Meeting 6 pm Pastor's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>25</b> 12 noon Friendly Fellowship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Pentecost Sunday</b> 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am In-person & live-strm., start of <b>summer worship</b> 10:45 Choir brunch 12-2 pm Congolese 5-6:30 pm Youth Co-op: Year-end party @ Quarter Barrel Arcade	<b>29 Memorial Day</b> (Church & office closed)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30 am <i>Zoom study</i> 6 pm Pastor's Study Group 6:30 PM SPPRC	CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries	MMJ = Migrant Movement for Justice UWF = United Women in Faith (f/k/a UMW)	

**PICNIC IN THE PARK**

We'll be having a Picnic in the Park for our church family on Sat., May 20th, from 5 to 7 PM, at Noelridge Park. We have the pavilion reserved on the creek side by Harding M.S. Bring a dish & a game to share!



**Men's Breakfast Gathering**

The next monthly gathering is on Sat., May 20, @ 8:30 AM. The speaker is TBD. All are welcome!

## MAY WORSHIP

May 7: **Fifth Sunday of Easter / Holy Communion;** in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16 / Sermon: "Hiring Process"

May 14: **Mother's Day / Audrey Roth-Klinck baptism;** in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Kristina

May 21: **Graduation Sunday;** in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 / Sermon: "Building Your Life"

May 28: **Pentecost Sunday** (*Summer worship time begins*); in-person & live-stream service @ 9:30 AM (one service only) / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 / Sermon: "Change in the Air" **(Wear Red!)**



### Justice Moment: Highlighting the Work of Nourished

"I just wanted to offer my thanks, and much gratitude on behalf of the women at ICIW for the notes from the Nourished community. The women were very touched. It's one thing for me to tell them that folks on the outside think about them, care about them, and pray for them, but it really becomes real when they get that hands on touch and personal greetings. It was powerful to share them in the midst of worship. There were tears and laughter from the women inside the prison. We extend our deep gratitude."

-Rev. Paul Witmer, Pastor at Women at the Well, a church inside the women's prison at Mitchellville, IA, upon receiving our letters to those in prison, written at this year's Easter Vigil



Things always seem to go wrong at the most inconvenient times, don't they? You get pulled over for speeding when you're late dropping your child off to school. You hit all the red lights and then come to locked doors at the post office when you need to get something postmarked. Or, even with "Find My iPhone," you can't find it anywhere. Maybe it's with the keys that have been missing for days or your favorite shirt you never did find. Sometimes it seems like things pile up on us all at once. We hit red lights all the time, walk up to closed stores, or misplace things frequently. I'm sure most of the time we all can handle it well. We shrug it off and keep going. But, when we're overwhelmed or navigating more than we can bear, those simple things can feel like a lot.

Living in Dallas, TX, I dealt with traffic a lot. You could leave with plenty of time, but most often there would be a stalled vehicle or a fender bender on the interstate and freeways, and we'd be backed up for miles. While I was going to be on time, I'd see my GPS shift: 5 minutes late, 8 minutes late, 10 minutes late....20 minutes late. Oof! For this small-town Iowan, the traffic in Dallas was challenging. It would make my blood boil and raise my blood pressure. Once I would finally get to my destination, my heart would be bounding and the apologies would start, "I'm so sorry I'm late." It was like this shared experience. Everyone would give each other grace.

I quickly learned to surrender to the traffic, to leave really early or simply surrender to the times when I was late and live into the moment. Most often, there was nothing I could do about the traffic and letting it get to me didn't help anything. While we don't have big city traffic, we do struggle with the challenges of our everyday lives, navigating those little things that go wrong. Instead of letting it get to you, might you surrender to the moment, recognizing your limits, and take some deep breaths, letting the peace of Christ fill you and the space around you. You still might be late and the object still might be lost, but you can experience a feeling of calm when you slow down your breath and let the Spirit come upon you. *Peace, Pastor Kristina*

# Parenting Seminar

May 3rd, 6-7pm

Hosted by Lovely Lane Daycare and Preschool

Free Childcare available

Optional family meal at 5:30pm provided by church



## Helping Children with Strong Emotions

Jennie Null LMFT, RPT-S  
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RSVP to [ddupont@lovelylane.org](mailto:ddupont@lovelylane.org)

## CWM FAMILY NIGHT THURS., MAY 11TH, 6:00-7 PM



Join us for a fun family night of music on the lawn! You can meet your preschool child's music teacher, Amy Mauer, with the Cedar Rapids Symphony. If it's raining or too cold, we'll hold the event inside. *(Note that this date has changed, was 5/4.)*

**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 pre-school 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.

## WANNA PLAY? OUTSIDE?

Our new playground at Asbury church is one of our most useful learning tools. It helps children learn in so many way – social do's and don'ts, science principles, personal values, health, and more.

Social skills are the ways we learn to behave that help us have friends or get our point across when we're trying to persuade someone. Playgrounds can set the stage for shy children to figure out how to join a group or how to make a friend without having to "use their words" much if at all. On the other hand, it is often on the playground that children can learn how to negotiate the rules of a game or who gets to go first. With a little teacher guidance, the playground can be the best place to learn how to stand up to a bully.

So much science happens on a playground. Basic physics is what a playground structure is all about – gravity (how not to fall), forms of energy (climbing is harder than sliding down), numeric relationships (you can have 2 slides, then it's my turn), impact of time (your turn lasts until we count to 10). Not to mention the earth science of a well set up playground including access to a sandy area, grass, even puddles that can be full of delightful bugs.

Personal values are discovered and honed on playgrounds. Inclusion of folks who might not be as agile as you are and development of mutual respect between the skilled and unskilled, genders, ages, and other groups. We learn the satisfaction (without outside praise or control) of personal achievement. We learn the value of the out-of-doors and build an understanding of our responsibility to care for creation.

Health gains are almost too numerous to mention. Joy of movement and a life long interest in regular exercise might be the longest lasting effect. Then there is stress relief for our mental health, balance and space orientation for safety – particularly as we get older. There is bi-lateral and cross body coordination to help us accomplish everyday tasks like writing or not hitting your thumb with the hammer when you hang a picture.

But, maybe the best of all is learning how to have fun – unplugged! *(from Children's Weekday Ministries)*



United  
Women  
in Faith

## UWF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FOR MAY 2023

### UWF MISSION DINNER

Lovely Lane's United Women in Faith are hosting a Mission Dinner. We will do the cooking. Just come and bring a friend or two to share this meal with us. Our speaker will be Deb Streff and our topic will be about the intersection of White Privilege with Social Injustice. Since Social Injustice affects us all, this will be a timely discussion. Please come and join us for the dinner and to share in this timely discussion. It will be held **Thursday, May 4th, at 6:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Happy Endings**, book discussion group, will meet on Monday, May 8th, at 10 AM in Fireside. The book we'll discuss is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. On June 12th, we will meet and everyone will discuss a book or books they have read. We will meet on July 10th and will discuss "Hang the Moon" by Jeanette Wall. Come join us for a good discussion and fellowship!

**FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP** will meet for their potluck and program on Thursday, May 25th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and table service; coffee and water will be provided. Our presenter will be Scott Stevens, Jayne Woodson's son, who will share about his experience travelling to Nepal and doing mountain hiking with his sister, Lisa Nelson, in the Himalayas and Mt. Everest. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Miller (319-393-6340).

### MAY MENSTRUAL CARE & BRA DRIVE

Health & Wholeness is sponsoring this drive during the month of May for the ANCHOR Center, a residential corrections facility that provides supervision, housing and programming for adult women ordered to reside in the facility as a condition of their probation, parole, early release from prison, or who are ordered to serve a prison sentence for drunk driving. The facility is associated with the Sixth Judicial District of Iowa. Bras may be new or gently used (sports bras especially welcome). There is or will be a collection bin/box in the Narthex. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



Restore the body. Refresh the spirit.

Join us on Monday, May 8th, 7:30 to 8:30 AM OR 5:30 to 6:30 PM, for a tour and to meet Dr. Ann Safo, at 1245 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids. Dr. Safo is His Hands' first employee physician. You're invited to enjoy breakfast or hors d'oeuvres, a facility tour, and some face-to-face time with Dr. Safo. Please Please RSVP to [Angelica@hishandsclinic.org](mailto:Angelica@hishandsclinic.org). Hope to see you there!!



## YOUTH GROUP IN MAY

- \*5/7 - Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home Visit: Conversation on Transitioning from Life to Death, 4:30 to 6 pm
- \*5/14 - **No** Co-op (Audrey's Baptism)
- \*5/21 - Service Project @ Indian Creek Nature Center's Orchard, 2 to 4 pm
- \*5/24 - Minneapolis Pre-Trip Mtg., 5:30 to 6:30 pm
- \*5/28 - End of the School Year Party @ Quarter Barrel Arcade, 5 to 6:30 pm

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



## VBS COMING IN JULY!

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*.

Contact Annie Walker, Director of Family Ministries, if you'd like to volunteer in any capacity (leading an activity, meal prep, etc.) and/or if you have questions. E-mail her @ [anniew@lovelyane.org](mailto:anniew@lovelyane.org).

## March Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of March	\$ 55,376
Cash inflow—YTD	\$161,444
Budget need/month	\$ 47,614
Cash outflow—mo. of March	\$ 45,143
Cash outflow—YTD	\$158,012
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 0

## Graduation Sunday - May 21

On May 21st we'll recognize graduating seniors in our 10:30 worship service.

## Church College Scholarship

A \$500 scholarship is available for a college student to assist with school costs. The scholarship is in memory of Gene Kadlec. Contact Pastor Scott or the church office if interested.



## May Treat Box "Breakfast"

Treat Boxes are \$30, and everything is gluten free. Order by May 17th for pick up on May 22nd.



Sign up by scanning the QR code or emailing Kristina at [kristina@nourishedcr.org](mailto:kristina@nourishedcr.org)



## Concerns & Celebrations

### JOYS:

- \*Congratulations to Troy & Hope Neagle on the birth of Sutton Graham
- \*Happy 97<sup>th</sup> birthday to Corrine Davey
- \*Baptism of Granger Paul Feuss
- \*Holy Week services & events at church
- \**Living Last Supper* performances
- \*Nice spring weather & spring outdoor activities
- \*Easter celebrations with family and friends
- \*Easter worship with wonderful music at both services
- \*Easter brunch from the Hospitality Committee
- \*Great turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt
- \*Meaningful Easter Vigil on Saturday with Nourished Community
- \*New playground @ Trinity Lane Preschool
- \*Blood Drive hosted at Lovely Lane
- \**Nourished* nature hike
- \*Celebrating our Confirmands
- \*Celebrating a youth's First Communion
- \*Ian Montgomery speaking about the circuit with local UM pastors & churches
- \*Iowa Women's basketball team playing in championship game
- \*Beginning of the baseball season
- \*Local high school students sharing their talents

### *Remembering with love:*

*Helen Hansen.....2019*  
*Charles Atkinson.....2020*  
*Norma Fitz.....2022*  
*Berta Mullin.....2022*

### **MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH.** You can

#BeTheDifference with support strategies from MHFA (Mental Health First Aid). Five ways you can support a loved one with Anxiety or Depression are:

- 1) Treat the person with respect & dignity
- 2) Offer consistent emotional support & understanding
- 3) Provide practical help
- 4) Give the person hope for recovery
- 5) Offer information

Having a few people they or you can trust and can turn to can help them or you manage everyday challenges, make difficult decisions, and thrive during a crisis situation.

### CONCERNS:

- \*Sympathy to family & friends of Esther Noack on her passing
- \*Patty Logsdon following news of passing of her cousin, James
- \*Marci Wittles experiencing family loss
- \*Sympathy to Annie Walker's friend, Bobby, after his father passed
- \*Jim & Barb Vancura's friends, Dick & Jackie, after passing of their daughter
- \*Roosevelt Community Corridor Business Academy after passing of student, Shawn, with malaria
- \*Lifting up friends & family of those who died in Nashville shooting & for their community
- \*Chris Tanner & Carmen Johnson's friend coming off life support
- \*Lu Serbousek hospitalized with health concerns
- \*Regina Culbertson recovering from surgery
- \*Rory Niebuhr with health challenges & had Co-vid
- \*Barb Olive with health concerns
- \*Arlene Allison with difficult health news
- \*Pastor Kristina's mother Lou Ann recovering from knee replacement surgery
- \*Susan Camp's mom Esther with health concerns
- \*Don & Wanda Whitford with some family members hurting
- \*Carla Jesse's niece, Pam, with difficult news of a brain tumor
- \*Mike & Pam Morris's grandnephew with seizures
- \*Mark & Jorie Dillman's sister-in-law, Roxanne, doing better after health challenges
- \*Jorie Dillman with a family member who is close to the Nashville shooting situation
- \*Annie Walker's friend Bobby with health challenges
- \*Mills family friend Caden with health challenges
- \*Judy McDowell's hometown church in Kentucky is closing
- \*Iowa Wesleyan University following news of school's closing
- \*Local communities, including Coralville, impacted by recent tornadoes
- \*States of Indiana & Arkansas impacted by tornadoes
- \*All churches going through change & transition
- \*Those living on the streets, especially as the weather heats up
- \*Accidental shootings in our country
- \*Countries of Sudan & Ukraine



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