

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 24, 2023

JOYS:

- *Trees are planted in Pierce Park. Thanks to the City of CR, Trees Forever, & Kennedy HS!
- *Confirmation class with a fall retreat in Clear Lake, IA
- *Nametags & QR Code in worship services for check-in purposes
- *Good turnout for Wednesday night meals & Kid's Club
- *Happy Birthday to Rita Stewart!
- *Maggie Thomas expresses thanks for prayers following her mother's passing
- *Jim Moss returning from a Boundary Waters canoe trip
- *Marci Wittles' daughter visiting this week

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Pam Nixon & family after the passing of her father, Marvin
- *Sympathy to Nancy Miller & family after the passing of her sister, Carolyn, in Illinois
- *Lee Stepp with hospitalization
- *Jim Vancura recovering from back surgery
- *Dale Snyder with a hand procedure on 9/29
- *Virginia Weiland's sister, Juanita, with surgery week of 9/25
- *Bob Hoover's cousin, Linda, receiving hospice care
- *Teri Krumm's cousin, Shawn, with long recovery following a bad motorcycle accident
- *Jim Moss's friend, Ricky, with a serious infection from a spider bite that occurred during their canoe trip
- *Children's Weekday Ministry (CWM) looking to fill some job openings
- *National & international concerns

WAYS TO CONNECT: Please connect with us using the QR code – shown on the screen and found below, OR you may use the paper connection card (f/k/a the STUB) provided here in the Sanctuary. Thank you!!



tinyurl.com/LLConnectionCard

WOMEN'S SOCIAL ACTION GROUP (called Rizpah) will meet on Thursday, Sept. 28th (meets the last Thursday of each month) at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room. All women are welcome! Stephanie Heifner shared last month about the gift economy. Remember to bring an item or two or three that you want to gift to someone because you are not using it. NO MONEY INVOLVED!

The topic for this meeting will be two-fold. JR Streff will share about himself and his disabilities; then he will tell a story (with the help of his mom) about a chain of random acts of kindness that started with JR. We'll end with a discussion of how we can increase our own number of random acts of kindness. Bring a friend, a neighbor, or a family member to join us whether they attend Lovely Lane or not.

PASTOR SCOTT'S STUDY GROUPS: New groups started on Weds., Sept. 13th. The focus is the book *The New Testament You Never Knew* by N.T. Wright. The book takes a behind-the-scenes look at the development of the New Testament. Groups meet on Wednesdays on Zoom at 9:30 AM and in-person in the Library at 6 PM. All are welcome! Books are available in the church office for \$10 each.

FALL SCHEDULE: The Weds. night family meal, with Kid's Club, started on 9/13 at 5:30 PM. Our fall worship schedule started on 9/17 with 2 services (8:30 & 10:30 AM). Sunday school also started on 9/17. Two adult classes are offered at 9:30 AM: Faith Issues (Library) and Faith Journeys (Rm. 204, 1st classroom on left). Sunday School for children takes place after Children's Time in 10:30 worship.

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP will have its first potluck and program this Thursday, Sept. 28th, at 12 noon. We are honored to have Diana Nollen, the longtime Entertainment Editor at the CR Gazette, as our guest speaker. We look forward to seeing everyone!

CHRISTMAS MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA: The Cedar Rapids Metro Circuit Laity is hosting a Christmas Music Extravaganza on Dec. 7th. Vocal or instrumental soloists or small groups, bells, kazoos, etc. are invited to share their musical talent. There will also be a CR Metro Community Choir. If you're interested in participating, please let Becky Wood know at Rebecca.wood@mchsi.com.

COUGAR PANTRY LOOKING FOR HANDS-ON HELP: All you need to do is sign up, show up, and help students get what they need from the pantry. Go to the following to sign up: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848AFAA2AA7FC1-cougar#/. The folks at Kennedy's food pantry thank you!!](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848AFAA2AA7FC1-cougar#/)

WEDNESDAY OFFICE SUPPORT: One ongoing volunteer ministry opportunity involves weekly office support on Wednesdays, 9 AM–Noon. Volunteers are scheduled for the same Weds. each month. Duties include answering the phone, greeting visitors, and entering computer data. We're also looking for people available on an "as needed" basis when the scheduled volunteer is unavailable. Please contact Marti Bowman for more information (martib@lovelyLane.org).

NEED TO CONTACT CURTIS THOMAS, LL FACILITIES MANAGER? Access our new *Breeze* easy to use Facilities Work Order form by either clicking on the following link: <https://lovelyLane.breezechms.com/form/1db47c> or by accessing the form through the LL website (www.lovelyLane.org). On the website, click on the down arrow located on the main page, then choose Policies & Forms under the Resources tab.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SERVANT SIGN-UP: Please use one of the following links to sign up as a worship volunteer:
8:30 Worship: <https://signup.com/go/vHHMzKm>
10:30 Worship: <https://signup.com/go/BmLsDmp>
You can also visit our website (www.lovelyLane.org) to sign up as a greeter, usher, lector, and/or communion server on one or

more Sundays. The sign-up link is listed in the website under *Worship Servant Signup*. Sue or Marti in the church office (319-393-6674) can sign you up online if you are unable to do so. Thank you!!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are Mon.–Thurs. 9 AM–5 PM & Fri. **CLOSED**. Thank you for taking note of it!

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

SUNDAY — Sept. 24th

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| 8:30 AM | In-person worship – Sanctuary |
| 9:00 AM | Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room |
| 9:30 AM | Adult Sunday School – Library & Rm. 204, then 1 st door to left |
| 10:30 AM | In-person & live-stream worship – Sanctuary |
| 12:00-2 PM | Congolese congregation – Sanctuary |

MONDAY — Sept. 25th

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| 10:00 AM | Prayer Shawl Group – Fireside |
| 6:30 PM | Scouts BSA Troop 766 – Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 PM | <i>Nourished</i> Centering Monday (@ Pastor Kristina's) |

TUESDAY — Sept. 26th

WEDNESDAY — Sept. 27th

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| 9:30 AM | <i>Zoom Study</i> |
| 12:00-1 PM | Weds. Women's Group – Fireside |
| 5:30-6 PM | Family Meal – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen |
| 6:00 PM | Kid's Club – various rooms |
| 6:00 PM | Youth Group (@ St. Paul's UMC) |
| 6:00 PM | Confirmation – Youth Room |
| 6:00 PM | Pastor's Study Group – Library |
| 7:15 PM | Bell Choir rehearsal – Sanctuary |

THURSDAY — Sept. 28th

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| 12 Noon | Friendly Fellowship – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen |
| 4:00-8 PM | <i>Nourished @ the Mega Market</i> (@ Cultivate Hope Farm) |
| 6:30 PM | UWF Rizpah Circle – Fireside |

FRIDAY — Sept. 29th

SATURDAY — Sept. 30th

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| 8:30 PM | Men's Breakfast Group – Fellowship Hall |
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SUNDAY — Oct. 1st *World Communion Sunday*

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| 8:30 AM | In-person worship – Sanctuary |
| 9:00 AM | Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room |
| 9:30 AM | Adult Sunday School – Library & Rm. 204, then 1 st door to left |
| 10:30 AM | In-person & live-stream worship – Sanctuary |
| 12:00-2 PM | Congolese congregation – Sanctuary |
| 1-3:45 PM | Troop 766 Merit Badge – Fellowship Hall |
| 4:00-6 PM | Youth Co-op: Service project @ LL – Fellowship Hall |

Serving in Worship – Sept. 24th

Greeters

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| 8:30 | – Linda & Dave Keefe |
| 10:30 | – Ron & Margaret Nelson |

Lectors

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| 8:30 | – Marci Wittles |
| 10:30 | – Lyn Lewis |

Ushers

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| 8:30 | – Phil & Shirley Martin |
| 10:30 | – Bill & Gloria Jahnle |

Preacher

Both services.....Scott Meador

LOVELY LANE UMC STAFF

Administration & Worship

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| Lead Pastor | Dr. Scott Meador |
| Associate Pastor | Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck |
| Director of Media & Technology | Eric Wylie |
| Organist | Dennis Ramsey |
| Chancel Choir Director | Nancy Patrick |
| Handbell Choir Director | Charlie Kucera |
| Director of Children's Choirs | Carla Jesse |
| Chancel Choir Accompanist | Linda Bayliss |

Children & Youth

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| Director of Family Ministries | Annie Walker |
| Director of Youth Ministries | Ryan Roth-Klinck |
| Nursery Caregivers | Tara Neveu (lead)
Brenda Holub
Paige Gerjets
Claire Van Erde-Wyk |
| Children's Weekday Ministries Director | Dawn DuPont |

Office & Facilities

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| Sr. Office Manager | Sue Moss |
| Office Manager | Marti Bowman |
| Treasurer | Susan Kohl |
| Financial Secretary | Tammy Martin |
| Membership Secretary | Susan Camp |
| Website & Social Media | Shelly Turner |
| Facilities Manager | Curtis Thomas |
| Custodians | Rex & Rhonda Heasty |
| Wedding Coordinator | Becky Wood |

**Sept. 17 '23 worship attendance: in-person @ 8:30 AM = 59 ;
in-person @ 10:30 AM = 99 ; Total of both services = 158 ;
YouTube views (10:30 service) = 82**