

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 3, 2023

JOYS:

- *Labor Day travel & rest
- *Welcoming Tara Neveu as our new Nursery Coordinator
- *Great appreciation to Shelbie Wood for serving as our previous coordinator
- *Lovely Lane preschool beginning new school year on 9/5
- *Music ministries starting again with chancel choir & bell choir opportunities
- *New study groups in the church this fall
- *Fair Trade & Eco-Friendly Sale in the narthex on 9/3
- *Christopher Hauser beginning service in the Peace Corps
- *Happy Birthday to Linda Keefe
- *Happy 53rd Anniversary to Steve & Deb Streff
- *Tariq Baloch is doing better with his health
- *Joan Roscovius's grandson is doing well after football injury
- *New oven in the church kitchen
- *Sue Moss's stepson, Jacob, with full-time work with the DNR
- *Gerry Stolba celebrates new great grandchild

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Island of Maui after wildfires (special offering for UMCOR)
- *State of Florida following Hurricane Idalia (special offering for UMCOR)
- *Barb Olive's parents as they continue to recover after car accident
- *Marla Gonzalez's great niece after she tried to take her life
- *National & international concerns

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S GROUP is starting a new study entitled "THRIVE—Living Faithfully in Difficult Times" by Jennifer Cowart. You can walk in faith...even when times are tough. In "THRIVE", Jen helps women develop the habits and attitudes necessary to thrive, whatever their circumstances.

Leading readers thru the Book of James, a letter written about enduring hardships, Jen lifts up six characteristics of mature Christians. From endurance and humility to controlling our words, she helps participants find the divine and the practical in living faithfully.

Annie Walker will lead the study which starts on **9/6 at noon**. Most or all of the participant workbooks in the church office have been spoken for, so if you have not yet signed up and need to purchase a book, call the church office (319-393-6674).

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS: The Chancel Choir begins rehearsing **TODAY**, Sept. 3rd, **after the 9:30 AM worship service**, and will rehearse again next Sunday, Sept. 10th, at the same time.

Rehearsals go back to their normal time of 9 AM on Sunday, Sept. 17th, when we change to two worship times of 8:30 & 10:30 AM. The first Sunday the choir will sing in worship will be Sept. 17th (10:30 service).

We hope to see a good turnout—whether you sang with us last choir season, whether you are returning after taking a break, or whether you are ready to try something brand new!

Nancy Patrick, Director

BELL CHOIR will begin rehearsing this Wednesday, Sept. 6th, from 7:15 PM to 8:30 PM. If you have any questions or are interested in playing hand bells, please contact Charlie Kucera, director, at charliek@lovelylane.org or at 319-389-0877. Thanks!

PASTOR SCOTT'S STUDY GROUPS: New groups start up on Wednesday, 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. The groups will meet on Wednesdays on Zoom at 9:30 AM and in-person in the Library at 6 PM. All are welcome! Books are now available in the church office for \$10 each.

FALL SCHEDULE: The Wednesday night family meal, with Kid's Club, will start on September 13th at 5:30 PM. We will move to our fall worship schedule with two services (8:30 & 10:30 AM) on Sunday, September 17th. Thanks!

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

LOVE TO SING? Enjoy making music and learning great choral literature with others? Want to be a member of one of the area's premier choral ensembles? If you answered "yes" to any of the above, consider singing with the Cedar Rapids Concert Chorale! Founded in 1959, the Chorale is an SATB chorus that welcomes people of all ages, occupations and musical ability. Rehearsals occur September thru May on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:30 at First Lutheran Church, CR. The first rehearsal was Aug. 30th. No audition is required.

Please contact the Chorale at crconcertchorale@gmail.com or visit their website, www.crchorale.org, if you have any questions or concerns.

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 Lovely Lane website. If using the website (www.lovelylane.org), 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 the following link to sign up as a worship volunteer: <https://signup.com/go/NbZgWmh>. You can also visit our website (www.lovelylane.org) to sign up as a greeter, usher, lector, &/or communion server. The sign-up link is listed in the website under *Worship Servant Signup*. Sue or Marti in the church office 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. 3rd

- 9:30 AM In-person & live-stream Summer Worship
(1 service)
10:30 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary

MONDAY — Sept. 4th *Labor Day (church & office closed)*

TUESDAY — Sept. 5th

WEDNESDAY — Sept. 6th

- 9 AM-3 PM D.S. Moody (pastoral interviews) – Library
12:00-1 PM Weds. Women's Group – Fireside
7:15 PM Bell Choir rehearsal – Sanctuary

THURSDAY — Sept. 7th

FRIDAY — Sept. 8th

SATURDAY — Sept. 9th

SUNDAY — Sept. 10th

- 9:30 AM In-person & live-stream **Outdoor** Summer
Worship (1 service)
10:30 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary

Serving in Worship – Sept. 3rd

Greeters

9:30 – Steve, Deb & J.R. Streff

Ushers

9:30 – Ron & Margaret Nelson

Lector

9:30 – Judy McDowell

Communion Servers

9:30 – Wilma Parsons & Heather Meador

Preacher

Today's service.....Scott Meador

LOVELY LANE UMC STAFF

Administration & Worship

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

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

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

Aug. 27 '23 summer worship attendance, in-person @ 9:30 AM
= 146; YouTube views = 118