

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

September 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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Believing and Belonging

What comes first for the Christian? Is it believing or belonging? Belief involves a confidence in a set of statements about Christianity. Belonging involves a confidence that we are loved and welcomed into a Christian community.

Truth is, this conversation has been taking place for years. The "old school" approach has often looked at belief leading to belonging and behaving appropriately. A "newer" approach focuses on belonging leading to believing and becoming the person God created us to be.

This newer approach is supported with some research. Several years ago the Methodists in Great Britain reached out to hundreds of individuals who had become inactive in the church. With this group they found that only two mentioned loss of faith as the reason for their lapsing.

This research, and work done by others, suggests that people lose their sense of belonging long before they lose their sense of belief. Of course, belief is important, but it is probably the wrong starting point for missions. The priority should involve creating communities of care and love where belief can develop.

To this end, Lovely Lane continues to be a church that "welcomes" all people. We want to create space where all persons are invited to participate and grow as a disciple. To keep moving forward though, we have to create additional entry points of belonging that can lead to faith development.

Pastor Kristina and I just returned from a workshop the Iowa Annual Conference held called "Fresh Expressions." The workshop invited persons to consider new groups a church can start that welcome others. Many of these groups would meet off campus. There is a lot to consider here.

Our church just completed a focus on "Great Ideas." You gave us many exciting ideas to consider as we continue our journey. Our leadership team is looking at these ideas right now.

I look forward to working with each of you as we move into the fall season. There is a lot to do as we welcome others and create vital community!


Blessings to you, Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — September 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	WWG = Wednesday Women's Group	1	2
3 Communion Sunday 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. Summer Worship (1 service) 10:30 am Choir rehearsal 12-2 pm Congolese	4 Labor Day (church & office closed)	5	6 9 am—3 pm D.S. Moody (pastor interviews) 12 noon WWG 6-7:30 pm Confirmation dinner (@ Pastor K's) 6 pm Youth Grp. 7:15 pm Bell Choir	7 6-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> Cake Ball Class (@New Bo City Market)	8	9 7-9 pm <i>Nourished</i> Movie Night (@ Pastor Kristina's)
10 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. Outdoor Summer Worship (1 service) 10:30 am Choir reh. 12-2 pm Congolese	11 10:00 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 7 pm <i>Nourished</i> Centering Monday (@ Pastor Kristina's)	12 10 am-4 pm Iowa MMJ	13 9:30 am <i>Zoom study</i> 12 noon WWG 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm Youth Grp. 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Pastor Scott's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	14 7:45 am Leadership Team (offsite) 1 pm UWF mtg.	15	16 6-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> Collage Art (@ New Bo City Market)
17 Start of Fall Schedule 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	18 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	19 6:30 pm SPPRC 6:30 pm Laity Circuit	20 9:30 am <i>Zoom study</i> 12 noon WWG 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm Youth Grp. 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Pastor Scott's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	21 6 pm Health & Wholeness 6:30 pm Linn Co. United Nations Assoc. 7 pm Ad Council	22 Retreat for Confirmation & Youth Co-op thru Sept. 24 (@ Clear Lake)	23
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Nourished in a

Barbie World

Movie Party: Saturday, Sept. 9th 7pm-9pm
Centering Conversations: Sept. 11th & Sept. 25th 7pm-8:30pm
Both at Pastor Kristina's House



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September 11

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 3: **Labor Day Weekend / Communion Sunday**; in-person & live-stream summer service @ 9:30 AM (one service only) / Scott preaching / Scripture: Matt. 11:25-39 / Sermon: "Faithful Rest"
- Sept. 10: **Outdoor Worship on the church lawn**; in-person & live-stream service @ 9:30 AM (one service only) / Kristina preaching **[please bring your lawn chair(s) if able]**
- Sept. 17: **Fall Schedule Starts**; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Matt. 18:21-35 / Sermon: "Forgiveness Factor" *Greatness of Grace*
- Sept. 24: **17th Sunday after Pentecost**; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Philippians 1:21-30 / Sermon: "Forward Steps" *Greatness of Grace*

Pastor Scott's Study Groups: New groups start 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 available in the church office for \$10 each.

Barbie and What We Are Made For

Have you seen the Barbie movie yet? I've seen it a few times now, and each time, I've gone with someone new. It brought up so much conversation within my circle of friends, my family, my chiropractor, my colleagues, and even the Starbucks employee making my first pumpkin spice latte of the season. (Hello, Fall!) But seriously, the Barbie movie was fantastic, and spoke to so many women, including me. I felt seen. I felt heard. I found myself in moments of laughter, remembering playing with the many Barbies that I had as a child, make believing story lines. I also found myself silently sobbing and wiping away tears as Barbie goes into the real world and discovers that women are not in power. In fact, Barbie realizes that all the people in charge of Mattel, the power company behind Barbie, are men. I sobbed when this all made Barbie sad. She discovered anxiety, depression, sadness, and feeling belittled and small, things that I've struggled with in the past.

Barbie felt such anxiety and depression in the way women are treated by men, the media, and simply even the way the culture is not set up for women to have freedom. This past Sunday, I was a guest preacher at St. Paul's United Methodist Church to promote *Nourished* and our work in healing religious trauma. As I preached about nonconforming to this world, I shared my own personal story in navigating the media, the voices of men, and the culture of the world telling me I should be someone I'm not. I silently struggled with an eating disorder for so long and once receiving help and therapy 6 years ago, you would never believe the amount of people my story has touched. Again, this Sunday, countless people came up to me afterwards to say they have family that has struggled with disordered eating, or they themselves. So many people struggle with what Barbie encounters in the real world, which is why I think the movie touched so many of us.

In a scene in the movie, Barbie is talking with the woman who created her. This Barbie is stereotypical Barbie. She doesn't have a set job or role like the other Barbies do. In the background of the scene are these haunting words from artist Billie Eilish, "What was I made for... 'Cause I, I don't know how to feel, but I wanna try. I don't know how to feel, but someday I might." Barbie is made to be Barbie, and Ken is made to be Ken. And you.... you are made in God's image. You are made to be you. There is no one like you, so be you. The world needs more of you.

So if you haven't watched Barbie yet, or if you have, and want space to process it and talk about it, join *Nourished* in September as we dive into the Barbie World! On Saturday, Sept. 9th, we'll watch the movie together at my house from 7pm-9pm and hold conversation in our series, "Nourished in a Barbie World" on Sept. 11th and Sept. 25th from 7pm-8:30pm, both nights at my house. *Pastor Kristina*

JOIN NOURISHED & NEWBO CITY MARKET
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GLUTEN FREE CAKE BALL CLASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH
6PM-8PM

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
4PM-8PM

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Great Ideas “Thank You”

Thank you all for submitting your great ideas for the church last month. The leadership team is looking through these ideas. Coming up, we plan to share some new ideas and ministry options to consider.

CHOIR NEWS

Chancel Choir’s first rehearsal will be on Sunday, Sept. 3rd, after the 9:30 service and again on Sept. 10th after the 9:30 outdoor service. The first anthem for the 10:30 AM service will be on Sunday, Sept. 17th.

Bell Choir will begin rehearsing on Weds., 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!

Chancel Choir Anthem Spotlight

Our first Chancel Choir anthem in worship will be *Family of Faith* by Pepper Choplin. The United Methodist Church has gone through so much this past year with disaffiliation. This anthem was chosen to speak for all faith communities. Each faith community is unique but shares a mission: to be a family that is faithful, to learn, study, and grow together toward discipleship. One of the passages of this anthem puts it strongly:

“Many members, one body;
many hearts, one hope,
one faith in you.
And when we disagree,
teach our eyes to see
that we are one
in the family of faith.”

UWF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Lovely Lane United Women in Faith Meeting

We will meet on Thursday, September 14th, at 1 PM in Fireside. Our Vision remains the same—of turning Faith, Hope and Love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world. We seek to be women who help others by supporting missions and social issues here where we live and around the world, and we also want to continue to strengthen our faith in a supportive fellowship. One of the objectives of UWF is to be centering our hearts and minds on God's Word and Character as this is critical to understanding our role as individuals and as part of a community in Christ. We invite all women of Lovely Lane to join us for this time of fellowship as Cheryl Murphy will present a program using Jesus' question "Who do you say I am?" from Mark 8:29.

Lovely Lane UWF Rizpah Circle Meeting

WOMEN! WOMEN OF ALL AGES! WOMEN INTERESTED IN SOCIAL ACTION! UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH! We're starting a monthly meeting on the last Thursday of each month from 6:30-8 PM in Fireside. We'll choose a topic, have a speaker, and/or a discussion on the chosen subject. We hope this will encourage you to educate others, take action, and/or make a difference.

For more information, please call or text Deb Streff at 319-721-8864. Everyone is welcome! Feel free to invite your family and friends!!

Pictured Rocks District United Women in Faith Annual Meeting

The district meeting will be held on Friday, Sept. 22nd, at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls. For more information, please contact Cheryl Murphy (319 377-6205).

FAIR-TRADE & ECO-FRIENDLY ITEMS will be sold on **September 3rd**, before and after our 9:30 service. Every item has its own story of helping our environment. ALL proceeds support United Women in Faith / Methodist missions around the world.

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, Sept. 11th, at 10 AM in Fireside. The book we will discuss is "Where the Sky Begins" by Rhys Bowen. You are welcome to join us!

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP: The first potluck for the group will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28th, at 12 noon. We will be honored to have as our guest speaker, Diana Nollen, the longtime Entertainment Editor at the Gazette. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 28th!

SAVE THE DATE!!! Our Fall Women's Retreat is set for Saturday, Oct. 21st, 9:30 AM—2:30 PM! We are excited to share that our location will be Lowe Park & Art Center in Marion. We have a very large double room reserved with a kitchenette to use for the retreat. The art area should be open to us and the outside is beautiful—with gardens, amphitheater and walking trail. The theme of the retreat is "Awakening to God", and Pastor Kristina will be our spiritual leader for the day, directing several spiritual activities and/or practices. Your Health & Wholeness Committee continues to plan for this event, focusing on Faith, Fun, and Food. Stay tuned for more details and let's pray for a beautiful Fall day for the event!

YOUTH CO-OP

Save the date! Fall retreat on Sept. 22-24 @ Clear Lake! Be on the lookout for more info.!

Youth Co-Op is a safe and loving ecumenical youth group for all students 6th-12th grade. We embrace all students no matter race, abilities, ethnicities, gender identities, expressions, and sexual orientations. We provide opportunities for fun, learning activities, faith and spirituality exploration, and service to the community. Our partner churches include: Lovely Lane UMC, People's Church UU, St. Mark's UMC, St. Paul's UMC, and St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. We meet Sundays during the school year from 4:00-6:00 PM.

WEDS. NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sept. 6th—Kick-off: Parking lot games, cook-out, & ice cream!

Sept. 13th—Color War: Wear clothes you don't mind getting colors all over

Sept. 20th—Team Building with Improv: Tree will lead us through some team building improve games

Sept. 27th—Learning to Listen: Setting up small groups & listening skills

Contact Ryan Roth-Klinck, Youth Director, with any questions: (940)390-7437 or ryan@lovelylane.org.

Men's Breakfast Gathering

The Men's Breakfast Group is meeting on Sat., Sept. 30th, at 8:30 AM. This date is later than normal. More details are coming!

Remembering with love:

Betty Van Fossen.....2019

Max Fitz.....2021

July Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of July	\$ 46,381
Cash inflow—YTD	\$368,593
Budget need/month	\$ 47,614
Cash outflow—mo. of July	\$ 56,744
Cash outflow—YTD	\$364,291
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 0

SUNDAY SCHOOL & KID'S CLUB

Sunday School for children takes place during the 10:30 service after the Children's Time. It will start on Sept. 17th.

Kid's Club is on Weds. at 5:30 (meal followed by program @ 6 PM), beginning on Sept. 13th. We ask that you RSVP for the Weds. evening meal at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA4AA22ABF49-wednesday9>.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions and/or would like to volunteer to help.

Annie Walker, Dir. of Family Ministries,
anniew@lovelylane.org



Staff Transition: Nursery Coordinator

Shelbie Wood has stepped down as our Nursery Coordinator. She has done wonderful work assisting our children and families over the years. We want to thank Shelbie for faithfully serving the church. At the same time, we are happy to welcome Tara Neveu as our new nursery coordinator. Tara has been a regular presence in the nursery the last several years.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SERVANT SIGN UP

Go to the church's website (www.lovelylane.org) to sign up as a Worship Volunteer Servant: greeter, usher, lector, and/or communion server. You'll find sign-up links for the 8:30 and 10:30 AM services listed in the website under *Worship Servant Signup*. Please check your calendar and choose a date(s) to serve! If you need help, call the church office and Sue or Marti can sign you up online. Thanks!

Concerns & Celebrations

JOYS:

- *Audrey Roth-Klinck celebrated her first birthday
- *Mike & Karlene Nesslage celebrated their 36th anniversary
- *Dave Dix sharing musical gifts in worship
- *Connor Culbertson with a full summer including camps & travel
- *Deb Streff & Maryann Stewart wearing t-shirts in worship that say "Protect Trans Kids"
- *Curtis & Maggie Thomas' son Sean passed tests for medical school
- *Patrick Mahoney starting first year of teaching
- *Patrick & Katrina Mahoney's wedding anniversary
- *Barb Olive's parents doing better after an accident
- *Rick & Cathy Homard's family joining in worship
- *Teri & Natalie Krumm after going to Wesley Woods camp
- *Kathy Meiborg lifts up joys of grandchildren with jobs & going to college
- *Lynn Heidt's grandson helping others
- *Happy Birthday to Nancy Miller
- *Happy birthday to Jayne Woodson
- *Happy birthday to Patty Logsdon's sister
- *Pastor Kristina preached at St. Paul's to promote *Nourished*
- *GREAT appreciation for the donated church shower items & gifts
- *Summer travel & family time
- *Lifting up our Lovely Lane preschool & daycare
- *Kids' Corner in worship
- *Iowa State Fair & all its festivities
- *Thanks for sharing your "Great Ideas" in worship, online, et al!
- *Thanks to children sharing their great ideas, too!
- **Nourished* Community with birding outing
- *Oasis Network possibilities for area outreach
- *Teachers back to teaching
- *Back to school for local families this week
- *Back to school for the larger community
- *College students returning to campus
- *CR district getting all electric school buses
- *Some nicer summer temperatures
- *Church golf outing on 8/27
- *Wednesday Women's Group starting up
- *Youth Co-op parent/youth meeting on 8/27

CONCERNS:

- *Long-time LL member Marjorie (Marge) Davis passed away
- *Linda Eggleston's father passed away
- *Sympathy to Patty Logsdon after the passing of friend, Gladys
- *Sympathy to Jerry & Virginia Weiland after passing of former neighbor, Keith
- *Carol Wilson receiving care & living at Linn Manor
- *Tariq Baloch with ongoing health matters
- *Barb Olive's mother with ongoing health matters
- *Lisa Taylor with health concerns re daughter Liv & re her friend Amy
- *Dave Dix's brother, Larry, with cancer concerns, delicate time
- *Curtis Thomas's brother, Mike, & cousin, Charlie, with health concerns
- *Virginia Weiland's older brother, Vance, hospitalized
- *Frank Camp's sister in-law Georgia with health challenges
- *Carla Jesse's niece Pam recovering after brain tumor surgery
- *Joan Winkowski's grandson, Evan, with heart issues
- *Pastor Kristina's aunt, Jill, hospitalized
- *Marci Wittles unable to reach brother-in-law, Rod, in Maui
- *Patty Logsdon's neighbor, Judy, with health issues & testing
- *Judy McDowell lifts up Blake Jesse & family evacuated after mission trip to Niger
- *Iowa State Fair workers, volunteers, & staff
- *Store workers with back to school shopping
- *Anniversary of the derecho
- *Children's Weekday Ministries (CWM) with staff positions to fill
- *National & international concerns
- *Ongoing special offering collection to UMCOR for Maui after fires (make out check to "Lovely Lane" with "Maui" on memo line)
- *Communities in Florida & surrounding states impacted by hurricanes; prayers for the ongoing recovery efforts
- *West coast after a devastating storm



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