

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 17, 2023

JOYS:

- *Family time at the holidays
- *Christmas Eve services coming up (3:30, 5:30 & 7:30 PM)
- *Children's Christmas pageant in 2nd service today (12/17)
- *Nourished with a successful sustainable wrapping paper workshop
- *Jerry Weiland expresses appreciation for prayers re a procedure
- *Shirley Martin back in worship after a procedure
- *Sherry Minor back in worship after surgery
- *Cathy Homard back in worship after a procedure
- *Sharilyn Forcht's daughter's surgery went well
- *Dave & Linda Keefe with their 55th anniversary
- *Sue & Jim Moss with their 23rd anniversary (same date as Keefes')
- *Christopher Hauser starting a teaching position in the Peace Corps
- *College students with recent graduations

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Linda Keefe's co-worker's son with a sudden passing
- *Mary Brabston's co-worker's grandson died after an accident
- *Sympathy as Liz Roland's classmate's father passed
- *ReGina Culbertson with ongoing health challenges
- *Tariq Baloch with ongoing health challenges
- *Jack Murphy with health concerns
- *Carol Wishnowski ill with Covid
- *Barb Olive's mother with health concerns
- *Nancy Hinkel's father, Tom Rimmer, with health challenges
- *Dorothy Speight lifts up Katie following surgery
- *Dulcie Lauritsen's cousin, Jamie, with cancer concerns
- *Mass shootings last week in our country
- *Global unrest in many settings

BRING IN YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA for the altar any time during Advent to honor or remember a loved one. Be sure to write your name and the name of the person(s) to be commemorated on the poinsettia sign-up sheet in the narthex.

2023 ADVENT OFFERING RECIPIENTS

Hillcrest Family Services of Dubuque is a place people come for help, guidance, and compassion. Folks leaving Hillcrest feel better physically thru their Health Services, and troubled youth build confidence through the foster group care programs. At Hillcrest the homeless gain hope, and those wanting a family gain a promise. Hillcrest builds character in adults who have lost their dignity, and adds stability to the lives of families in need of mentoring. (12/3)

Nourished is a growing new community, and a missional campus of Lovely Lane, that strives to be a place to grow relationships that feed the soul. This is done thru two experiments: a spiritual community and a gluten-free bakery. Studies show that nearly 30% of the population is gluten free by choice or medical diagnosis, but for many in this population there are few, if any, options in restaurants and coffee shops. On the flip side, there are many who identify as spiritual but not religious, have religious trauma, or are unattracted to the inherited church. We seek to provide refuge for both these groups. Your Advent gift will bring us one step closer to opening up our own space. (12/10)

Women At The Well is a United Methodist congregation located within the walls of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, in Mitchellville, Iowa. It offers ministries designed to

encourage the spiritual growth of its members, assist them when they transition back into the world outside the walls, and better understand the hurts and hopes of those who reside within the Iowa Correctional Institute for Women. Lovely Lane is a committed partner supporting this ministry. (12/17)

Restoring Vision provides reading to people in underdeveloped and impoverished countries. Vision is one of our most important senses. It impacts one's ability to interact with the environment and other people. By providing a simple pair of reading glasses, we can immediately and positively impact a person's life, and the wellbeing of one's family and community. (12/24)

CWM IS HIRING! Click on the links below to apply or contact ddupont@lovelylane.org for more information.

Preschool 2s teaching assistant- part time; click on <https://forms.gle/PmFWXZDgcXJBDj1t9>.

Elementary Daycare Supervisor- part time or full time; click on <https://forms.gle/ARzmMrczrHVik3sM9>.

Office Admin Assistant/Building Sub- part time; click on <https://forms.gle/4xobocXV6vCYP6r7A>.

Elementary Daycare morning staff- part time; click on <https://forms.gle/8USJG6ULFSvm39uH8>.

KENNEDY PANTRY: Please place donations of food and personal care items in tubs outside the church office OR drop off to the basket inside Kennedy's front entrance (M-F, 7:15 am-3:30 pm).

Current suggested donations: Ramen noodles, cooking oil, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, bottled water, deodorant, & toothpaste. Look on LL's website for a sign-up link to help at the Pantry.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP: We need YOU to sign up to help in worship! 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 sign up through LL's website (www.lovelylane.org) to be 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.

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 — Dec. 17th 3rd Sunday of Advent / Children's Christmas Program in 2nd service

8:30 AM	In-person worship – Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School – Library & Rm. 204
10:30 AM	Children's Christmas Program during service / In-person & live-stream worship – Sanctuary
12:00-2 PM	Congolese congregation – Sanctuary

MONDAY — Dec. 18th

11:15 AM	CWM Preschl. Christmas Program – Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Scouts BSA Troop 766 – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — Dec. 19th

11:15 AM	CWM Preschl. Christmas Program – Sanctuary
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WEDNESDAY — Dec. 20th

9:30 AM *Pastor's Zoom study*
 12:00 Noon Women's Group Advent Study – Fireside
 5:30 PM Family Meal – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
 6:00 PM Kid's Club – Fellowship Hall et al.
 6-8 PM Confirmation Christmas Party (@ Pastor Kristina's)
 6:00 PM Youth Group (@ St. Paul UMC)
 6:00 PM Pastor's Study Group – Library
 7:15 PM Bell Choir – Sanctuary

Website & Social Media
 Facilities Manager
 Custodians
 Wedding Coordinator

Shelly Turner
 Curtis Thomas
 Rex & Rhonda Heasty
 Becky Wood

In-person attendance on 12/10: 56 @ 8:30; 101 @ 10:30;
 YouTube views (during 10:30 service) = 70; Total: 227.

THURSDAY — Dec. 21st**FRIDAY — Dec. 22nd****SATURDAY — Dec. 23rd****SUNDAY — Dec. 24th** *4th Sunday of Advent*
§ Christmas Eve

9:00 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
 9:30 AM In-person & live-stream worship (one service only,
 in the AM) – Sanctuary
 12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary
 3:30 PM Christmas Eve Service (family-friendly)
 – Sanctuary
 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service (Lessons & Carols /
 Chancel Choir Sings) – Sanctuary
 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Service (Lessons & Carols) –
 Sanctuary

Serving in Worship – Dec. 17th**Greeters**

8:30 – Steve, Deb & J.R. Streff
 10:30 – Joy Jackson

Lectors

8:30 – Kathy Millian
 10:30 – Helen Anderson

Ushers

8:30 – Travis Meiborg & Steve Streff
 10:30 – Nancy & John Hinkel

Preacher

Both services.....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