

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 11, 2024

JOYS:

- *Super Bowl Sunday subs & soup from the youth group
- *Sports clothes worn in worship reflecting favorite schools & teams
- *Pastor Kristina preaching at Hope UMC in Marshalltown promoting Nourished
- *Welcome back to organist/pianist Dennis Ramsey
- *Dave Keefe is feeling better after some health challenges

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Rev. Reva Rimmer & family following the passing of Tom Rimmer (funeral service is 2/12 at Reece Funeral Home in Ottumwa)
- *Sympathy to Cathy Homard & family on the passing of her mother
- *ReGina Culbertson hospitalized at Mercy
- *Jack Murphy with ongoing health concerns
- *Rose Blank's daughter, Sarah, with health concerns & testing
- *National & international concerns

HEALTH & WHOLENESS SPONSORING 2 DRIVES IN FEBRUARY FOR THE ECCF*:

WINTER GLOVE DRIVE



"Show some love; donate gloves!"

New or gently used; mittens okay

PERSONAL CARE DRIVE



"Show you care!" Donate the following:

Soap (bath, laundry, & dish) Shampoo & conditioner
Deodorant Toilet Tissue Toothpaste & brushes
(Sample sizes of all accepted)

(*Ecumenical Community Center Foundation)

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP & PANCAKE SUPPER:

Ash Wednesday falls on Feb. 14th this year, which of course is also Valentine's Day. AW worship is @ 7 PM, when Pastor Kristina will introduce the worship series *Seven Words*. Before worship, our youth will host a pancake supper, as a fundraiser for summer mission trips. The pancake supper is @ 6:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S GROUP STUDY FOR LENT:

A book study with Annie Walker starts this Weds., Feb. 14th, at noon in Fireside. The book is by a group of authors, edited by Kelly M. Wahlquist, entitled *Walk in Her Sandals: Experiencing Christ's Passion through the Eyes of Women*. It is described as "A devotional tapestry, richly woven from the poignant threads of women's intimate experiences of Jesus." (Sonja Corbitt, author of *Unleashed*) Books are available in the church office for \$10 each.

PASTOR'S STUDY GROUP: A Lenten study with Pastor Scott starts on Weds., February 21st. Groups will meet on Zoom at 9:30 am and in-person at 6 pm. The focus is the book,

Seven Words: Listening to Christ From the Cross, by Susan Robb. Everyone is welcome!

LENTEN SPECIAL OFFERING RECIPIENTS

Save the Children-Children's Emergency Fund: Save the Children provides essential services and support to Palestinian children. Right now, these children are under increasing emotional and psychological pressure as they bear the brunt of the world's worsening crisis. For years, Save the Children has responded to the unique needs of children impacted by conflict and displacement. Your donation will help support this life-saving work. (2/18)

Matthew 25: M25 is a local non-profit that exists to strengthen core neighborhoods on Cedar Rapid's west side. M25 provides the programs, opportunities, and education needed to improve the health of people and their neighborhoods. Lovely Lane will again partner with Matthew 25 during the 9th year of Transform Week in late June. (2/25)

Big Brothers-Big Sisters: Big Brothers Big Sisters is one of the oldest and largest youth mentoring organizations in the US. Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors children, ages 5 thru young adulthood in communities across the country. Their mission is to "create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth." (3/3)

Mental Health Access Center: The Access Center provides urgent, high quality crisis behavioral treatment for people 18+ years of age experiencing a mental health or substance use disorder crisis that requires immediate attention. It provides short-term assistance for individuals in crisis and then connects them to ongoing recovery services. The goal is to reduce the no. of unnecessary hospitalizations and arrests and create a healthier community. (3/10)

WHAT TO GIVE UP FOR LENT: Instead of giving up a commonly-named item such as chocolate, chips, Twitter, or social networking, here are some other items you might consider giving up:

- 1) Give up the need to be right all the time
- 2) Give up your reluctance to ask for help
- 3) Give up your fear of failure
- 4) Give up comparing yourself to others
- 5) Give up the need to have things all figured out
- 6) Give up your fears of the future
- 7) Give up anesthetizing yourself to pain and suffering
- 8) Give up the need to be in control
- 9) Give up the need to make everyone happy
- 10) Give up all the non-essential noise in your life

(taken from an article in Ministry Matters by Magrey deVega: "10 Other Things You Might Give Up for Lent")

KENNEDY PANTRY: Place donations of food and personal care items in tubs outside the church office OR drop them off to the basket inside front entrance to school (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/vHHMzKkm>
10:30 Worship: <https://signup.com/go/BmLsDmp>
You can also sign up thru 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 — Feb. 11th *Transfiguration Sunday*
8:30 AM In-person worship – Sanctuary
9:00 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School – Library & Rm. 204
9:45 AM Infant & Toddler Sunday School – F'ship Hall
10:30 AM In-person & live-stream worship – Sanctuary
12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary
6:00 PM-? Youth Co-op: *Big Game Watch Party* (@ St. Paul's UMC)

MONDAY — Feb. 12th
10:00 PM Happy Endings – Fireside
6:30 PM Scouts BSA Troop 766 – Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM *Nourished* Monday Centering (@ Pastor Kristina's)

TUESDAY — Feb. 13th
6:00 PM Pastor's Study Group – Library (*instead of on 2/14*)

WEDNESDAY — Feb. 14th *Ash Wednesday*
9:30 AM *Pastor's Zoom study*
12:00 noon Wednesday Women's Group Lenten Study – Fireside
6:00 PM Pancake Supper – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
7:00 PM AW Worship – Sanctuary

THURSDAY — Feb. 15th
6:00 PM Health & Wholeness – Fireside
7:00 PM Linn Co. UN Assoc. mtg. – Choir Room

FRIDAY — Feb. 16th

SATURDAY — Feb. 17th
1-3:30 PM Troop 766 Merit Badge – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY — Feb. 18th *1st Sunday in Lent*
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 In-person & live-stream worship – Sanctuary
12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary
1:30-3:30 PM Youth Co-op: Ice Skating (@ ImOn Arena)

Assisting in Worship – Feb. 11th

Greeters

8:30 – Travis Meiborg & Kathy Meiborg
10:30 – Nancy & Dave Wittenburg

Lectors

8:30 – Travis Meiborg
10:30 – Sharilyn Forcht

Ushers

8:30 – Phil & Shirley Martin
10:30 – Terrie & Scott Seibert

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
Website & Social Media	Shelly Turner
Facilities Manager	Curtis Thomas
Custodians	Rex & Rhonda Heasty
Wedding Coordinator	Becky Wood