

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 21, 2024

JOYS:

- *Congrats to Jason & Brittany Dyson on the baptism of Olivia Grace (4/21)
- *Thanks to Curt Pakkebier for speaking to the men's breakfast group on 4/20
- *Sue Moss is retiring after 14 years of service in the church office
- *Photos for the church directory began yesterday, 4/20 (off to a good start!)
- *Good Nourished Board meeting over the weekend
- *Rally for Peace in Green Square Park on Sunday
- *New member classes started on Sunday, 4/21
- *General Conference for the UMC begins on Tues., 4/23

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sherry Minor recovering from a surgical procedure
- *Jack Murphy with health concerns
- *Don & Wanda Whitford adjusting to life at Emory Place
- *Sarah Robinson, daughter of Rose Blank, with health concerns
- *Heather Leske's grandmother receiving hospice care
- *Tariq Baloch receiving hospice care
- *Israeli-Palestinian conflict
- *National & international concerns

SIGN UP FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS: We're putting together a new photo directory at church. We are doing this in-house. You will have access to the final pictures for your personal use, but there will be no sales pitch to purchase photos.

Photos will be taken at the church from April 20 to May 2. (Other arrangements are being made for homebound folk.) You can sign up through the Lovely Lane website or call the church office. Spots are filling up, so be sure to reserve your spot soon!

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GENERAL CONFERENCE: The gathering of United Methodist leaders takes place every 4 years to review legislation and provide direction for the denomination. The event takes place in Charlotte, North Carolina, April 23-May 3. A focus this year is Recognize-Revise-Remove. Hopes include a desire to **Recognize** regional conferences so the United States can determine its own path on important issues, a **Revision** of the social principles, and **Removal** of harmful language from "The Book of Discipline" in areas of human sexuality. Let us keep everyone in our prayers!

CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR NEEDED:

General church oversight and office work, approx. 30 hours/week. Send cover letter and resume to: Lovely Lane United Methodist Church, c/o SPPR Committee, 2424 – 42nd St. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

FAITH ISSUES TOPICS: Today (4/21), Pastor Kristina will present a discussion on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Even when the emergency in Gaza is quieted, the conflict will continue. What response might we as American Methodists have? On April 28, the topic is Justice in Iowa, and Mike Niece-Jacoby will tell us about the Fresh Start Ministry here in Linn County to persons who are incarcerated or coming out of

incarceration and reentering the general community. On May 5, Heather Meador will tell us about local health and other services to refugees in Linn County.

Everyone is invited at 9:30 AM in the library. To find the library, just keep walking to the other end of the building. We will be happy to see you there!

DID YOU KNOW APRIL IS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH? We want to thank ALL of our dedicated volunteers and let them know how valuable they are both to the church staff and to LL members. Our church would not operate nearly as well as it does without your hard work and sacrifice. *God Bless You and the volunteer work you do!*

CWM NEEDS A BEFORE SCHOOL DAYCARE SUPERVISOR for the rest of the school year, 6:30 to 9 AM M-F. The person hired has the option to work or not in the summer, with hours of 6:30 AM-12 PM M-F. If you're interested and/or have questions, contact Dawn DuPont, Children's Weekday Ministries Director (319-393-8189 or ddupont@lovelylane.org).

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

Current needs: fresh potatoes, apples, rice, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti / goulash (both canned), ketchup, snack size items (chips, microwave popcorn, granola bars, breakfast bars), hot chocolate packages, baking mixes, and menstrual pads.

Look on LL's website for a sign-up link to help at the Pantry.



CAMP WESLEY WOODS: Summer '24 enrollment is open! This summer's theme is *Linked by Love*. Be sure to secure a spot for your child(ren) in a season filled with laughter, friendship, unforgettable experiences, personal growth and faith formation. Choose from a variety of camp sessions: Inpost, Outpost – Full Weeks, 1/2 Weeks, Day Camps, Horses, Adventure, Cooking, or Splash! *There's even a promotion to earn a free week of camp.*

Space is limited, so enroll your child(ren) today and let the countdown to a summer of joy begin! Go to their website: <http://wesleywoodsowa.org>.

MORE FROM CAMP WESLEY WOODS: Additional summer staff are needed, particularly Nursing and Barn Staff (other roles are kitchen, programming, & cabin leaders). Check out the Summer Jobs page on their website or connect with Mikaela Dunn @ mikaela.dunn@wesleywoodsowa.org.

The next volunteer day at camp is May 18th, 8 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM. This is a great opportunity for your family, or your small or large group, to come and help get camp ready for the camp ministry season! Lunch will be available. Be sure to RSVP for the May volunteer day on their website.

A Summer Camp Kick-Off will be held on June 8, 1-4 PM.

LAKE OKOBOJI UM CAMP is ready for another fantastic summer! Week-long campers aged 9-17 can experience the famous Adventure Camps, the biggest and best way to (*cont'd.*)

experience camp. Adventure Campers take part in the exciting Okoboji Journey Program each full day of camp (with available upgrades like Go-Karts or Aerial Park). For younger campers aged 6-9, Short Stacks Camp offers 2 action-packed days and nights filled with classic camp activities. A Day Camp is also offered, filled with fun activities and faith development. To register &/or to learn more, go to: <https://okobojicamp.com>.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP: We need YOU to sign up to help in worship! Use a link below to sign up:

8:30 Worship: <https://signup.com/go/vHHMzKm>

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 — April 21th

- 8:30 AM In-person worship – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for Adults – Library & Rm. 204
- 10:30 AM In-person & live-stream worship – Sanctuary
- 12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary
- 4:00-6 PM Youth Co-op: Earth Keeping event (@ St. Paul's UMC)

MONDAY — April 22nd

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

TUESDAY — April 23rd

WEDNESDAY — April 24th

- 9:30 AM *Pastor's Zoom study*
- 5:30 PM Family meal – Kitchen & Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Kid's Club – Fellowship Hall et al.
- 6:00 PM Youth Group (@ St. Paul's UMC)
- 6:00 PM Pastor Scott's Study Group – Library
- 7:15 PM Bell Choir – Sanctuary

THURSDAY — April 25th

- 12 noon Friendly Fellowship – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
- 6:30 PM Rizpah Circle (UWF) – Fellowship Hall or Fireside

FRIDAY — April 26th

SATURDAY — April 27th

- 2:00 PM *Nourished* Nature Hike (@ Prairie Park Fishery)

SUNDAY — April 28th

- 8:30 AM In-person worship – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for Adults – Library & Rm. 204
- 10:30 AM In-person & live-stream worship – Sanctuary
- 12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary
- NO Youth Co-op

Assisting in Worship – April 21st

Greeters

- 8:30 – Travis Meiborg & Kathy Meiborg
- 10:30 – Streff family

Lectors

- 8:30 – Travis Meiborg
- 10:30 – Jayne Woodson

Ushers

- 8:30 – Myrna & Jim Loehrlein
- 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)
	Paige Gerjets & Kyla Mulnik
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