

# Lovely Lane *connection* United Methodist Church

June 2024

## 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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## A Time for Gratitude

From time to time we change the doxology we use in our worship services. We are currently singing the hymn, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow." These words call us to praise God for the many rewards and riches we have received. The call is to live as individuals receiving gratitude. The apostle Paul writes words that might have inspired this musical piece. In Colossians 1:11-12 he writes, "May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father . . ." (NRSV)

In this passage from Colossians, Paul urges the early church to give thanks even when it is hard to do so. He knows the importance of having a grateful heart. Paul further knows that gratitude must be learned, exercised, and repeated. The apostle might even suggest that if our thanksgiving is solid and sustained, three levels should be lifted up.

First, Paul might suggest we give thanks for the "apparent." Some things are so commonplace that we often fail to recognize them. These are the day to day blessings like a smile, a handshake, pleasant weather, good health, and the presence of family and friends.

Second, Paul might suggest we give thanks for the "abstruse." Treasures are sometimes hard to understand and blessings go unnoticed. Specific happenings get overlooked. While in prison during World War II, German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, would express gratitude for his dreams. He would say, "I never knew before what source of pleasure they can be."

Finally, the apostle would probably say that we need to give thanks for "agony." This is the ultimate mark of our thanksgiving. We can express gratitude when we have experienced hurt or pain. Many years ago I heard popular pastor and writer, Rob Bell, speak at an event in Des Moines. He said that, "moments of crisis and suffering can cause us to rethink everything essential. In effect, they allow us to create ourselves anew." Bell suggested seeds of creativity come in unlikely ways.

As we move into the summer months, might we learn from Paul and so many others! Might we make strides to become grateful in all we do!

*Peace & blessings, Scott*

*Calendar of Events (subject to change) — June 2024*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			MMJ = Migrant Movement for Justice UWF = United Women in Faith CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries			<b>1</b> 3 pm Recital (N. Patrick)
<b>2</b> <i>Communion Sunday</i> 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>4</b> 6 am- 9 pm LL as an election site	<b>5</b> 12 noon Weds. Women's Study	<b>6</b> 6 pm Trustees	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <i>Annual Conference Sunday</i> 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 9:45 am Infant/Toddler class 12-2 pm Congolese	<b>10</b> 10 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 7 pm <i>Nourished</i> Monday Centering (@ Pastor Kristina's)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6 pm Youth outing (mini golf)	<b>13</b> 7:45 am Leadership Team (offsite) 1 pm UWF Board mtg. 2 pm Elizabeth Circle (UWF) mtg. 6:30 pm Directory Tm.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <i>Father's Day Sunday</i> 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm SPPRC	<b>19</b> <i>Juneteenth</i>	<b>20</b> 6 pm Health & Wholeness 7 pm Linn Co. UN Assoc. mtg.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9 am-? Trustees' Work Day
<b>23</b> 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese	<b>24</b> 10 am Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 7 pm <i>Nourished</i> Monday Centering (@ Pastor Kristina's)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 4-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> @ the Mega Market 6:30 pm Rizpah Circle (UWF)	<b>28</b> 7 pm Family Movie Night	<b>29</b> 8:30 am Domestic Violence Workshop (UWF)
<b>30</b> 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. Worship 10:30 am 5th Sunday Brunch/Potluck 12-2 pm Congolese						

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT  
FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 7 PM**

We will begin at 7:00 PM with a craft and then start the movie at 7:30 PM. The movie will be "A Bug's Life."

**5TH SUNDAY  
BRUNCH/POTLUCK**

Hospitality will host an All-Church Brunch/Potluck on **June 30th**, after worship, in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. This will be a great time for fellowship and a great meal! Drinks provided.

**TRANSFORM WEEK:** This year, **Matthew 25's 9th Annual Transform Week is June 24-28**. Thanks to many amazing volunteers, they're able to continue the commitment to quality affordable housing and strong neighborhood building. Our hope is to make this a very impactful week helping someone in need.

Lovely Lane will again have a team taking on one or more projects during the week. As a volunteer, you can work what your schedule allows: half days, full days, multiple days, or all week - any and all help is appreciated. It's a very rewarding feeling to see a project completed for someone truly deserving!

Early sign-up is encouraged; to register, go to [hub25.org](http://hub25.org) and then to the Transform Week page. When committing to a project, it's very helpful to know how many volunteers we have and what skills they possess. This is all covered during sign-up. (We're trying to get a project that meshes with the general skillset our group has had in past Transform Weeks.)

Please contact Les Minor with any questions you have, 319-310-1945 or [lminor@imonmail.com](mailto:lminor@imonmail.com).

## WORSHIP IN JUNE

June 2: **2nd Sunday after Pentecost / Communion Sunday**; in-person & live-stream service @ **9:30 AM (summer hours)** / Pastor Scott / Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-20 / Sermon: "Eli and Samuel"

June 9: **Annual Conference Sunday**; in-person & live-stream service @ **9:30 AM (summer hours)** / United Women in Faith (UWF) will lead worship

June 16: **Father's Day Sunday**; in-person & live-stream service @ **9:30 AM (summer hours)** / The Rev. Rose Blank will preach

June 23: **5th Sunday after Pentecost**; in-person & live-stream service @ **9:30 AM (summer hours)** / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Mark 4:35-41 / Sermon: "Calming the Sea"

June 30: **6th Sunday after Pentecost**; in-person & live-stream service @ **9:30 AM (summer hours)** / Pastor Kristina will preach

**[July 7: 7th Sunday after Pentecost; JOINT WORSHIP WITH AREA UMC'S @ VET'S MEMORIAL BUILDING, 9:30 AM]**

PASTOR SCOTT'S STUDY GROUP & MEN'S BREAKFAST ARE "ON PAUSE" FOR THE SUMMER.

### On to a New Chapter (by Sue Moss)

I don't know about you, but I have always thought of my life as a book with different chapters. I'm about to finish the chapters of being gainfully employed and begin the next chapter of full retirement. It will be a big change—that's for sure!

Will it be a life of mostly leisure? Well, probably for at least the month of June. The last week of June, my husband Jim and I are going on a short vacation to Ely, MN—staying in a very cool three-bedroom VRBO with friends from Rochester, MN. I have been in the Boundary Waters twice before, but I tell everyone that it was very much on the primitive side: "sleeping on a rock" in a tent, canoeing over multiple lakes and portaging between them, having to hoist our food up high in trees in case of bears, and trying to stay warm in a sleeping bag when the nighttime temps dove well below freezing. This trip to the Boundary Waters area will seem luxurious in comparison!

What are my plans after that? In several months, I'm hoping to volunteer at the Ecumenical Community Center/Helping Hands in downtown CR. They help so many people who are in need in so many different ways, that I really would like to be a part of that.

My husband and I are still trying to either build a small house or move a house to our country property near Springville. Having more free time will allow me to be really serious about making one of those two things happen. There is a current possibility of buying a house that is near by and having it moved to our property, but there are some complications that we need to find out more about.

Lastly, I want you to know that I feel blessed to have been an office manager at Lovely Lane for as long as I was, and to have worked alongside so many wonderful people. I feel good about handing my part of the reins over to Tammy, who I have no doubt will do an excellent job for you. Thank you so much for all of your love and support over the years, and don't worry—I will still be around, just in other capacities! *In gratitude, Sue*



United Women in Faith

## UWF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FOR JUNE 2024

THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH WILL BE HOSTING THE JUNE 9TH SERVICE WITH AN EMPHASIS ON CLIMATE JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY! The UWFaith is continuing to seek climate justice and sustainability in our church and in our homes.

We're hosting an event on **Domestic Violence** on Sat., June 29th, with coffee and snacks starting at 8:30 AM, followed by the 9-Noon meeting. Lynn Calvert, a recovering victim of domestic violence, will be our guest speaker (with a little help from Deb Streff). We'll need help in planning, food donations, and women to make coffee and host. Please text/call Deb to volunteer. THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL – women, men, and youth! Please bring a friend or a bunch of friends!

**BOARD MEETING:** Occurs on the 2nd Thurs., June 13th, from 1:00-2 PM. All women are invited to these meetings; your input is welcome and appreciated. We're still in need of a secretary for UWFaith board—please step up and help. We'll be planning one or more summer social events.

**ELIZABETH & RIZPAH CIRCLES:** Do you have a topic you're interested in studying? Are you willing to present or find a speaker on the topic? I'd like to do a panel on other religions. Does anyone have some contacts?

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE:** Meets 2nd Thursday, June 13th, starting at 2 PM. We'll be setting personal and church goals for climate justice and discussing our June 9th service. (What went well? What could we change to make it better?) Next, we will plan upcoming events for our meetings.

**RIZPAH CIRCLE:** Meets LAST Thursday of the month, June 27th, from 6:30-8 PM. We'll be discussing personal goals for climate justice! I hope you've remembered to set a new goal for yourself and be prepared to share. Next, we'll plan upcoming events for our meetings.

**How Does An Autumn Cruise on the Mississippi Sound?** The Metro UM Church Committee, working with Woosley Tours, has put together a day trip for our members. On Sept. 26, a tour bus will leave Lovely Lane for Moline and the **Celebration Belle**. The luncheon cruise begins at 11 AM and ends at 3 PM. Besides snacks and a hot lunch buffet, there will also be live entertainment. With a goal of 30 passengers/reservations, the cost per person would be \$139. We're asking for committed reservations by July 26, 2024, or sooner. If you have any questions or comments, or would like to make a reservation, contact Scott Seibert, [sdseibert1@aol.com](mailto:sdseibert1@aol.com) or 319/393-3785.

<p><b>HAPPY ENDINGS</b></p> <p>Happy Endings Book Club will meet June 10 at 10 AM in Fireside. The book we will discuss is <i>Remarkable Bright Creatures</i> by Shelby Van Pelt. The book is a charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.</p> <p>Happy Endings will not meet in July. We will meet in August at Next Page Books for a review of books to consider for upcoming meetings in the fall and next year.</p>	<p><b>GREEN SQUARE MEALS</b></p> <p>Six volunteers are needed each month to help with Green Square Meals! June's date is 6/20, with a 3:55 PM expected arrival time. (Lovely Lane serves meals on the 3rd Thursday of the month.)</p> <p>Contact Carmen Johnson with any questions: (<a href="mailto:cfjohnson0802@gmail.com">cfjohnson0802@gmail.com</a>; 319-651-1192).</p> <p>Thank you to those who have helped in past months and those who will help in the future!</p>
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# June Treat Box: Summertime Rainbow

Sign up by June 18th

Pick up on June 20th @ St. Paul's UMC 4pm-6pm

This box is \$25 and Contains:

2 Funfetti Cupcakes, 2 Birthday Blondies

2 Funfetti Cookie Sandwiches, 6 Sprinkle Cakeballs

Scan the QR Code  
For Sign Up



NOURISHED AT THE MEGA MARKET

LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN THE SUMMER

(JUNE 27, JULY 25, AUGUST 29, SEPTEMBER 26)

4PM-8PM

CULTIVATE HOPE URBAN FARM

437 G AVE NW, CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

**\*JOIN THE LARGER NOURISHED COMMUNITY FOR  
HANGOUT TIME AT THE MARKET- 5:30PM-7:30PM\***



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## Regularly Scheduled Gatherings

**Centering:** On the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, 7pm to 8:30pm, we gather together for Centering in a community member's home. Sometimes we get asked if Centering is our "worship" service, which we like to answer, "Sort of...but it's more like a mini-retreat." There isn't a typical sermon, but a conversation where we each share our wisdom. There aren't hymns out of hymnal or praise songs, but we sometimes sing songs together. We like to think of this space as an experimental lab where we discuss challenging topics related to spirituality and the challenges we face in our world, try out different spiritual practices together, and work to move towards action together.

These "mini-retreats" are planned and led by rotating teams and anyone can help plan or lead. We meet quarterly to choose topics and form teams who will lead the Centering time. Centering takes place at 3000 Carroll Dr. SE, CR.

**Social Gatherings:** On one night a month, from 6 to 8pm-ish, our community gathers together for a kid-friendly potluck and hangout. We believe part of our work is to create spaces of joy in our world, and wonderful things happen when people share food, hang out, and play games with each other. So, this gathering is meant to be a fun, relaxed way to connect with other folks with the community and form meaningful friendships. We will often offer a fun activity for folks to do along with the potluck, like an art project or a sing along around the camp fire. (These gatherings are often on Fridays or Saturdays, sometimes in the PM.)

## YOUTH SUMMER NEWS

### YOUTH CO-OP:

June 12—Mini Golf @ Mini Pines, 6 PM; please bring \$12, which will cover your game, a hotdog, chips & drink!  
June 20-23—Middle School Summer Trip to Kansas City  
July 10—Outside Movie Night @ St. Stephen's ELCA, 8:30-11 PM  
July 13-19—High School Summer Trip to Memphis  
August 24—Pool Party @ Ellis Pool, 5:30-7:30 PM

### LOVELY LANE YOUTH GROUP:

**VBS:** We need volunteers to help out with Lovely Lane's Vacation Bible School! If you're available to help in the evenings during the week of July 14-18, Director of Family Ministries (Annie) would greatly appreciate it! Reach out to her at [anniew@lovelylane.org](mailto:anniew@lovelylane.org).

Lovely Lane is hosting a block party for **National Neighborhood Night Out!** There are 2 opportunities to help:

- 1) Help the church canvas the neighborhood! We will meet up at the church on July 28th, break into teams and hand out flyers to neighbors around the church.
- 2) Help out with set up, activities, and tear down for our event on Aug. 6th.

*Please reach out to Ryan, (940)390-7437 or [ryan@lovelylane.org](mailto:ryan@lovelylane.org), if you're interested in helping out!*

## Metro UMC Circuit News

A joint worship service is planned for Sunday, July 7th, at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cedar Rapids. A music event is planned at Lovely Lane on August 18th. ***Musical acts are welcomed for the August event!***

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

High School Graduates were celebrated in worship on May 19th. We celebrated . . . Silas Dillman (Kennedy), Jonah DuPont (Center Point-Urbana), Ryan Ellis (Jefferson), Reece Fischer (Kennedy), Nolan Grawe (Kennedy), Jayce Hingtgen (Center Point-Urbana), Morgan Johnson (Linn-Mar), Jared Lauritsen (CR Homeschool Assistance Program), Jaida Lyons (Benton Community), Kyla Mulnik (Linn-Mar), Luke O'Brien (Kennedy), Cade Pakkebeier (Kennedy), Mason Turner (Linn-Mar).

Also, Jaida Lyons, Kyla Mulnik, and Mason Turner were recipients of the Kadlec College Scholarships. The scholarships are in memory of long-time church member, Gene Kadlec, and made possible through donations from the family.

## NEW MEMBERS

During our 9:30 AM summer worship service on Sunday, May 26th, we welcomed the following as new members to our church family:

David & Allison Arendt  
Eric & Brooke Arp  
Pat Bark  
Larry & Sherrie Ilg  
Laurel Meyer

***WELCOME ALL!!***

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS/SERVANTS

Sign up as a Worship Volunteer (greeter, usher, lector, &/or communion server) on LL's website ([www.lovelylane.org](http://www.lovelylane.org)). You'll find a sign-up link for the 9:30 AM summer service listed under *Worship Servant Signup*. Check your calendar and choose a date(s) to serve! If you need help, please call the church office (319-393-6674).

## April Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of April	\$ 58,844
Cash inflow—YTD	\$234,869
Budget need/month	\$ 53,556
Cash outflow—mo. of April	\$ 50,051
Cash outflow—YTD	\$202,587
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 0

## Concerns & Celebrations

### **JOYS:**

- \*Nourished at nature center plant sale
- \*Graduation season (high school, college & other)
- \*General conference
- \*Listening to young voices
- \*Dave Dix's birthday
- \*Thiara Smith's family graduation
- \*Dennis Ramsey's niece's graduation
- \*Pam Nixon's niece Alison with clear CAT scan
- \*United Women in Faith pin recognition for Heather Meador, Cathy Weber, Jayne Woodson, & Cheryl Murphy
- \*Celebrating Children's Weekday Ministries (CWM)
- \*Mother's Day celebrations
- \*Happy birthday to Dan Moore
- \*Happy 17th birthday to Connor Culbertson
- \*Happy 38th anniversary to Rick & Cathy Homard
- \*Tammy Martin as our new office administrator
- \*Isaac Schneider with a driver's license
- \*Welcoming Emily Mulholland to the choir
- \*Pastor Heecheon on Camino Walk in Spain
- \*Praise for all firefighters
- \*Celebrating church's birthday on Pentecost Sunday
- \*Celebrating our High School grads at Lovely Lane
- \*Kadlec scholarship recipients: Jaida Lyons, Kyla Mulnik, & Mason Turner
- \*Congratulations to Patrick & Katrina Mahoney on the birth of Ryan!
- \*Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday to Lucille King
- \*Reid Pakkebieer competing in a college decathlon at a top level
- \*Jan Loftus celebrating family member, Carol, graduating from medical school
- \*Jan Culbertson celebrates graduates in her family
- \*Kim Moore's friend, Jewel, with good health report
- \*Pastor Kristina promoting Nourished at First UMC, Iowa City
- \*Relay for Life opportunity to participate on June 1
- \*Appreciation to all our veterans for their service
- \*John Roland lifting up nephew, Roland Stokes, who serves our country
- \*Wedding congrats: Ted Camp & Andrea Whitlock
- \*Welcoming Andrea's parents, Doug & Sue Whitlock, to Sunday worship
- \*Celebrating Rose Mills' kindergarten graduation
- \*Happy 6<sup>th</sup> birthday to Brinley Bentley
- \*Jayne Woodson celebrating the birth of new great grandchild, Jackson
- \*Welcoming new members to our church: David & Allison Arendt, Eric & Brooke Arp, Pat Bark, Larry & Sherrie Ilg, Laurel Meyer

### **CONCERNS:**

- \*Sympathy to the family of Arlene Allison on her passing
- \*Sympathy to Teri Krumm on the passing of her stepdad
- \*Sympathy to the family of Kathleen Galloway on her passing
- \*Sympathy to Nancy Patrick after the passing of her brother, Joel
- \*Margaret Nelson lifts up a family losing a child at birth
- \*Remembering members of the U.S. military who died in service to our country
- \*Jack Murphy with health challenges
- \*Carol Wilson with health challenges
- \*Regina Culbertson doing better but has continued challenges
- \*Carol Wishnowski recovering from an illness
- \*Marilyn Dunlap recovering after medical procedure
- \*Jerry Showman recovering after medical procedure
- \*Dennis Ramsey's brother diagnosed with cancer
- \*Barb Olive's parents with health concerns
- \*Denise Lawton's daughter having surgery
- \*David's fiancé Angela going through challenges
- \*Sharon Kouba's nephew Kim with health challenges
- \*Maggie Thomas's friend, Travis, with medical concerns
- \*Congo family Martin after a heart attack
- \*District Superintendent Moody Colorado's wife after her hospitalization
- \*Mental health & addiction challenges
- \*Persons, & their families, experiencing Parkinson's disease
- \*Community of Greenfield, IA, after recent tornadoes
- \*All communities impacted by recent tornadoes in our state & country
- \*Israel/Palestine & Ukraine
- \*Call for global peace
- \*National & international concerns

### **Remembering with love:**

*Louis Stolba.....2021*

*Do Koudelka.....2023*



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**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
Director of CWM (Children's Weekday Ministries)	Dawn DuPont

**Office & Facilities**

Office Administrator	Tammy Martin
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