

Lovely Lane *connection* United Methodist Church

July 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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Grind Often, Celebrate Rarely

Inspiration comes from the Bible. Inspiration comes in other ways too. A sports radio talk show host spoke words several years ago that I've taken to heart. The words are "Grind Often, Celebrate Rarely." The radio host used those words to describe successful sports franchises that focus on the discipline of getting better as a team. They celebrate their successes, but they quickly move forward to focus on the next season. They don't act as if one championship is the end game. They keep making forward progress. Examples in recent years include the Pittsburgh Steelers, San Antonio Spurs, and the Golden State Warriors.



While these are not biblical words, I think they speak to church life. As followers of Jesus, we need to keep working to be the best we can be in our service to God. We also need to keep engaging in the ministry we are called to do. If we rest on our laurels or pat ourselves on the back too much, we don't move forward.

Ultimately, we need to find beauty in the "grind" and we need to be "humble" when we reach those special moments. The grind might involve getting up early, morning exercise, daily devotions, and taking chances throughout the day. The grind isn't glamorous, but it can result in wonderful achievements down the road.

Poet Robert Frost once said, "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." The grind is often the road less traveled. It's usually the one others don't want to take and it's not easy, but the rewards are greater later on.

Humility is also essential in our journeys. As we get to those moments of accomplishment, it's easy to think we have arrived and we can celebrate. A little celebration might be good, but we have to continue moving forward. Madeleine L'Engle would say, "Humility is throwing oneself away in complete concentration on something or someone else."

Might we consider the impact of the words, "Grind often, celebrate rarely." This approach to life makes a difference! Peace and blessings, Scott.

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — July 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	2	3	4 Independence Day 	5	6 Noon - Pride Fest @ NewBo 
7 Joint Worship And Communion Vet's Memorial Building at 9:30 am 12:00 pm Congolese	8 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 7:00 pm Nourished Centering at Pastor Kristina's	9	10 8:30 pm Youth Co-op Outside Movie Night @ St. Stephen's ELCA	11 7:45 am Leadership Team (Offsite)	12 11:30 am Happy Endings lunch @ Olive Garden	13 HS Trip to Memphis, TN begins 2:00 pm Nourished Gathering @ Lion Bridge
14 9:30 am In-person & live-stream worship 9:45 am Toddler class 12:00 pm Congolese 5:15 pm VBS Meal 6:00 pm VBS	15 5:15 pm VBS Meal 6:00 pm VBS 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	16 9:30-3:30 MMJ (FS) 5:15 pm VBS Meal 6:00 pm VBS	17 5:15 pm VBS Meal 6:00 pm VBS	18 3:55 Green Sq Meals 5:15 pm VBS Meal 6:00 pm VBS 7:00 pm Linn UNA (C)	19 HS Trip to Memphis, TN ends	20 10:00 am Nourished Gathering @ Thomas Park Playground
21 9:30 am In-person & live-stream worship 12:00 pm Congolese 1:05 pm Kernels Game	22 10:00 am Prayer Shawl (FS) 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 7:00 pm Nourished Centering at Pastor Kristina's	23	24	25 6:30 - 8:00 Rizpah (FH) 5:30 pm Nourished Meet Up @ Mega Market	26	27 9:00 am to 12:30 pm Blood Drive in LL Parking Lot
28 Church Shower 9:30 am In-person & live-stream worship 12:00 pm Congolese	29 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	30	31			
		UWF = United Women in Faith	MMJ = Migrant Movement for Justice	CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries	UWF = United Women in Faith	



LOVELY LANE CHURCH SHOWER

Sunday, July 28

There will be cake, punch and mints following worship in the Narthex.

A list of registry items will be available in the office.

Metro UMC Circuit News

PRIDE FEST AT NEWBO - Saturday, July 6, Noon to 5:00 pm. Supporting the LGBTQ community with other UMC churches. All are welcome to participate.

"FLASHBACK ON ELLIS" at Trinity-St. James UMC

For all of you car buffs and/or if you just want to check out their root beer floats, the place to be is Trinity-St. James for "Flashback on Ellis", **Saturday, July 6th**, at 1430 Ellis Blvd. NW.

JOINT WORSHIP AND COMMUNION with Area UMC's - at Veteran's Memorial Building, 50 Second Ave Bridge, **Sunday, July 7, 9:30 am.** We will *not* worship at Lovely Lane that day. Parking will be available on the city bridges.

FOOD AND MUSIC ANYONE? Keep your calendar open on **August 18th** as the Metro UMC Committee is planning for a summer concert at Lovely Lane. The concert will be preceded by providing hot dogs for the concert goers.

WORSHIP IN JULY

July 7 *Joint Worship Service with Communion at Veteran's Auditorium*

In-person & live-stream service at **9:30 am**
Rev. Jonathan Heifner, St. Paul's UMC, will preach

July 14 *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

In-person & live-stream service at **9:30 am (summer hours)**
Pastor Scott will preach, "Matthew's Genealogy," Scripture: Matthew 1:1-17

July 21 *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

In-person & live-stream service at **9:30 am (summer hours)**
Pastor Scott will preach, "Against Christian Nationalism," Scripture: Mark 12:13-17

July 28 *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

In-person & live-stream service at **9:30 am (summer hours)**
Pastor Kristina will preach, Scripture: John 6:1-21



A graphic for VBS 2024 Camp Firelight. It features a QR code in the top left corner with the text "REGISTER HERE!" below it. The main text reads "VBS 2024" in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by "CAMP FIRELIGHT" in a large, stylized, yellow and black font. Below that, it says "JULY 14 - JULY 18". The background is a colorful illustration of a forest with green pine trees, a brown tent, a campfire, and two blue folding chairs. At the bottom, there is a small white arrow pointing right and the text "LOVELY LANE UMC 2424 42ND ST NE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52402".

LOVELY LANE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 14-18

Meal 5:15 – 6:00 pm VBS 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Register online at:

<https://lovelylane.breezechms.com/form/f34620>

For more information, or if you are available to help with VBS, please contact Annie at: anniew@lovelylane.org.

Wishlist for VBS decorations and materials:

- Old unwanted Christmas trees
- Large sheets of cardboard
- Paper towel tubes
- Egg cartons
- Unused chicken wire
- Unwanted artificial greenery (flowers, vines, etc.)

There will be a VBS donation box in the Narthex.
Please contact Olivia Schneider with questions at:

msoschneider3703@gmail.com

Thank you for your contributions!

SAVE THE DATE

LOVELY LANE GOLF OUTING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

We will golf at the Lake MacBride Golf Course in Solon. Cost is \$33 per person for 9 holes with cart. You can pay at the course. Please let Denny Fitz know if you want to play, dmf.rboyz@gmail.com.





United Women in Faith

UWF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FOR JULY 2024

BOARD MEETING: Occurs on the 2nd **Thursday, July 11th, from 1:00-2:00 pm**. All women are invited to these meetings; your input is welcome and appreciated. We're still in need of a secretary for UWF board - please step up and help. We'll be planning one or more summer social events.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE: Not meeting in July

RIZPAH CIRCLE: Meets LAST Thursday of the month, **July 25th, from 6:30-8:00 pm**.

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BANNED BOOKS EVENT at Lovely Lane UMC— Open to **WOMEN, MEN AND YOUTH**

Thursday, September 26th 6:30-8:30 pm

Moderator/Leader, Deb Streff

Please read any **BANNED BOOK** of your choice.

Lists can be found on-line, at libraries, or most bookstores.

The two most common topics are: **LGBTQ+** and **BLACK HISTORY OR RACISM**.

Bring your book to the meeting if you can.

We will share in small groups and then open up discussions with the large group.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS/SERVANTS

Please sign up as a Worship Volunteer; greeter, usher, lector, &/or communion server, on Lovely Lane's website www.lovelylane.org. You'll find a sign-up link under the "Worship" tab. Just select "Worship Servants" and then click in the blue box marked 9:30 Summer Service. Please check your calendar and consider choosing a date(s) to serve! If you need assistance or can not access the website, please call the church office (319) 393-6674. Thank you to all of our Worship Servants for serving at Lovely Lane. We appreciate all of you!

A BIG Thank You to the congregation for honoring my 14 years in the church office, & my retirement, on Sunday, June 2. I so appreciated the bouquets of flowers, the card & gift card, & the delicious cake for all to enjoy after the service. I also appreciate everything received from individuals before & since that time - including cards, gift cards, miscellaneous gifts & other flowers, along with many words of thanks & well wishes. You have made me feel truly appreciated & blessed.

- Sue Moss

HAPPY ENDINGS

THE HAPPY ENDINGS BOOK CLUB will be meeting **July 12** for lunch at **11:30 am** at The Olive Garden. Hope you can meet with us for great conversation and fellowship. We are not reading a book in July. Please contact Judy McDowell if you have questions: Jmcdow51@aol.com

GREEN SQUARE MEALS

Six volunteers are needed each month to help with Green Square Meals! Next date is **July 18**, with a **3:55 pm** expected arrival time. Lovely Lane serves meals on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Contact Carmen Johnson with any questions at cfjohnson0802@gmail.com or (319) 651-1192. Thank you to those who have helped in past months and those who will help in the future!

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*



Yum! Ice Cream Sandwiches

ORDER BY JULY 9TH
 PICK UP JULY 11TH AT
 ST. PAUL'S UMC
 4PM-6PM

\$25
 COMES WITH 6 INDIVIDUALLY
 WRAPPED GF COOKIE SANDWICHES
 SIGN UP AT THE QR CODE BELOW




SPRINKLE COOKIES WITH
 VANILLA ICE CREAM



Join Nourished for:

- Centering Monday, **July 8th 7:00 pm** at Pastor Kristina's
- Centering Monday, **July 22nd 7:00 pm** at Pastor Kristina's
- Nourished Gathering at Lion Bridge **July 13th 2:00 pm**
- Nourished Gathering at the Thomas Park playground **July 20th 10:00 am**
- Nourished Meet Up at the Mega Market **July 25th 5:30-7:30 pm**

"I'm Here, Where Are You?"

There were so many delightful moments on our family vacation trip to Ely, MN. We rented a cabin on Lake Vermillion, which I know many of you know as a prime place for fishing walleye. While we didn't fish, we enjoyed many hikes, and I often stopped myself and exclaimed to Ryan, "Ah! Can you smell that? It smells like Christmas!" So often that gorgeous smell of pine stopped me in my tracks.

But, what was probably the most enjoyable experience for me was sitting on the back patio after Audrey went to bed, enjoying a drink and a s'more. The water grew still as the boaters were heading home for the day and the sun was creeping out of sight behind the bend. I watched as the birds flew over the trees, ever so graciously. And then it would start....the serene sound of the loon call. The call of the loon is believed to be a contact call. It is used to find a mate or perhaps in finding a lost chick. Most often times, you'll hear one loon give this long wail, essentially saying, "I'm here, where are you?" Moments later, you'll hear the response, "I'm over here." It's a haunting peaceful sound that will stick with you. I can't wait to hear that gorgeous sound of the loon once again. I know we'll be heading back to Minnesota again soon!

In many ways, the call of the loon reminds me of God. How many times has God called us using that same question. "I'm here, where are you?" Are we going to respond? Are we going to call out, "I'm over here."

If you haven't heard the sound of the loon before, you can here:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=2A23jUixSJM&t=50s

Pastor Kristina

YOUTH SUMMER NEWS

YOUTH CO-OP:

July 10 - Outside Movie Night @ St. Stephen's ELCA, 8:30-11:00 pm

July 13 -19 - High School Summer Trip to Memphis

August 24 - Pool Party @ Ellis Pool, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

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

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

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



CHURCH NIGHT AT THE KERNELS GAME SUNDAY, JULY 21

All are welcome to attend the Cedar Rapids Kernels Baseball Game on **Sunday, July 21,**

at 1:05 pm. The Kernels are playing the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. Tickets are \$16. (A portion of the ticket price will go to the Abbe Center Hygiene Closet.) Please let Scott know if you are interested at: scottm@lovelylane.org. Please make checks out to "Lovely Lane" and in the memo line note "Kernels Game".

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, July 27th

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

ImpactLife Donor Bus at Lovely Lane

To book your appointment, please visit:

https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/132212

Or email:

Sue Moss at suejimoss@yahoo.com

Joy Jackson at joydjackson@gmail.com

Annie Walker at anniew@lovelylane.org

Dear Lovely Lane Scholarship Committee:



Thank you for the generous scholarship that I received. This scholarship will be helpful to continue education at the University of Iowa. I plan to study Pre-Occupational Therapy and go on to Graduate School. Thanks again. - Sincerely, Jaida Lyons

Thank you for the awarding me the Kadlec Scholarship. It will help with my college tuition. My Lovely Lane times have been very special. - Sincerely, Mason Turner

Huge thank you to the Lovely Lane Scholarship Committee and Gene Kadlec for this award. It is my honor to accept it and use it towards my studies in the fall at Missouri State University.

- Sincerely, Kyla Mulnik

The Kadlec Memorial Scholarship is awarded in memory of Gene Kadlec to graduating seniors annually.

JOYS

- *John Roland lifting up nephew, Roland Stokes, who serves our country
- *Wedding congratulations to Ted Camp & Andrea Whitlock
- *Welcoming Andrea's parents, Doug & Sue Whitlock, to Sunday worship on 5/26
- *Celebrating Rose Mills' graduation from kindergarten
- *Congratulations to Patrick & Katrina Mahoney on the birth of Ryan Francis
- *Happy 6th birthday to Brinley Bentley
- *Jayne Woodson celebrating the birth of new great grandchild, Jackson
- *Welcoming new members to our church (joined 5/26): David & Allison Arendt, Eric & Brooke Arp, Pat Bark, Larry & Sherrie Ilg, Laurel Meyer
- *Lifting up Sue Moss as she moves into retirement (thanks Sue!)
- *Pastor Kristina at the Young Clergy Women Conference
- *Nick and Heather Leske and family with home purchase
- *Marti Bowman expresses thanks for prayers following her son's passing
- *Welcoming Tammy Martin into the church office
- *Phil Martin introduces Luka from Lithuania in worship, students visiting Iowa from Lithuania
- *Pastor Kristina and family enjoying vacation time
- *Sophia Meador moving into new apartment in Washington DC
- *Myrna Loehrlein celebrates assistance from Randy during travel
- *Kim Moore expresses thanks for those helping with the photo directory (contact the church office if you would like your photos before directory distribution)
- *Junior High mission trip to Kansas City
- *Transform week with 13 LLUMC participants
- *Pam Nixon lifts up new Vet's Center in Minnesota
- *Pastor Kristina and family with vacation time in MN
- *Nourished Community supporting Damien at LGBTQ+ event
- *Happy birthday to our organist, Dennis Ramsey
- *Happy 56th anniversary to Jim and Trish Palmer
- *Dan and Kim Moore celebrate new grandchild

Scott and Heather Meador express thanks for prayers and cards following the passing of Heather's father, Dick.

CONCERNS

- *Sympathy to Nancy Patrick after the passing of her brother, Joel
- *Marilyn Dunlap recovering after medical procedure
- *Jerry Showman recovering after medical procedure
- *Denise Lawton's daughter having surgery
- *Barb Olive's mother with health concerns
- *Community of Greenfield, IA, after recent tornadoes
- *Cindy Turner with a medical procedure on Monday
- *Travis Meiborg's nephew, Maxwell, with brain surgery procedure
- *Barb Waterhouse-Miller with a family loss
- *Pastor Kristina's cousin's son following an accident
- *Jerry & Virginia Weiland's friend, Tim, with health concerns
- *Continued prayers for Tariq Balouch with pancreatic cancer
- *Scott & Heather Meador for her father's sudden passing
- *Marla Gonzalez lifts up the Parker family after loss and tragedy
- *Pam Nixon lifts up family friends with the loss of a son
- *Carla Jesse's neighbor, Mary, with health concerns
- *Sympathy to Mike and Becky Wood after the passing of Becky's brother
- *Sympathy to Nick and Heather Leske after the passing of Heather's grandfather
- *Sympathy to Joan Winkowski Roscovius after passing of friend, Tariq
- *Linda Keefe and family after medical procedures for her brother
- *Community of Spencer and Northwest Iowa with flooding
- *Annual Conference Memorial Service remembered Carl Kirkpatrick
- *Rose Blank's daughter, Sarah, with radiation treatments

Remembering with love:
Fran Fairchild.....2019
Steve Mooney.....2021



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Children & Youth

Director of Family Ministries	Annie Walker
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