

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### September 1, 2024

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#### JOYS

- \*Rest and reflection on Labor Day
- \*End of summer travel and family time
- \*Thank you from Principal Kline at Kennedy regarding backpack donations
- \*Canned good collections for the Linn Community Food Bank
- \*Church photo directory is coming together
- \*Denise Lawton shares good news following overnight storms
- \*Faith Issues Class with planning meeting and meal at the Meador's
- \*Outdoor worship coming up on September 8 at 9:30
- \*Fall Sunday schedule begins on September 15 with two services
- \*Church garage sale (on September 14) able to accept adult clothing

#### CONCERNS

- \*Virginia Weiland making good progress following a stroke
- \*Bob Hoover following a bicycle accident
- \*Pat Swartzendruber recovering after a medical procedure
- \*Curtis Thomas's brother, Mike, with a cancer return
- \*Susan Ovel with limited movement following a wrist injury
- \*Pastor Kristina and Ryan following the passing of good friend, Philip
- \*Andrew Barden recovering after a medical procedure
- \*Carol Wishnowski recovering after a medical procedure
- \*John Roland and family traveling to Michigan for a wedding
- \*Marla Gonzalez and family lifting up memories
- \*National and international concerns

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**LINN COMMUNITY FOOD BANK COLLECTION – Sunday, September 1** – There will be two collection tubs in the narthex – one representing Iowa State and the other representing the University of Iowa. Please consider making a non-perishable food or monetary donation to the food bank in honor of your team of choice. The football game is scheduled for **Saturday, September 7**. Go Hawks and Go Cyclones!

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**TIME TO CLEAN THOSE CLOSETS FOR THE ALL-CHURCH GARAGE SALE! Saturday, September 14 from 8:00 – Noon**  
Donations we are looking for: household goods, pots & pans, dishes, small working appliances, linens, toys, sporting goods, games, puzzles, children's and baby clothing, baby items, tools, small furniture, and working electronics. **NO ADULT CLOTHING.** Items should be priced ahead of time and dropped off the day before the sale, **Friday, September 13 between 5:00 and 8:00 pm.** Please call or text Deb Streff at: **(319) 721-8864** to volunteer for set-up on Friday, sales work on Saturday, clean up starting at noon or delivering unsold items for donation to local charities. We need everyone to help with this church-wide fundraiser for church missions.

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE - On September 8, at 9:30 am** we will hold our worship service outdoors on the lawn at Lovely Lane. Please bring a lawn chair or a blanket.

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**KIDS CLUB & SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF – Sunday, September 8 from 4:00–5:00 pm.** Bowling event at Spare Time Entertainment, 4601 1st Ave SE, Cedar Rapids. **KIDS CLUB BEGINS – Wednesday, September 11** with family meal from **5:15-6:00 pm** and programs will be held from **6:00-7:00 pm.**

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**FALL KICK OFF** will be on **September 15**, when we return to our regular schedule with Sunday Worship Services at **8:30 & 10:30.** Sunday School will also begin again on the 15<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 service following the children's sermon.

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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** - We have two adult classes at Lovely Lane. Both classes meet at **9:30 am.** The "Faith Issues" class meets in the library and focuses on contemporary issues and the ways people of faith respond to those issues. Jim and Myrna Loehrlein lead this group. The other class is "Faith Journeys." This class meets in the first preschool room on the left in the education part of the building. This class takes a further look at the scripture reading that is preached on in worship that day. Pastor Scott leads this group. All are welcome to join both groups!

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**SOAPY SEPTEMBER** – Health & Wholeness is sponsoring a Hygiene Product Drive in the month of September. Products needed include: dish soap, bath soap, shampoo, deodorant and body wipes. Collected items will go to the Ecumenical Community Center Foundation. Donation tubs are located at left entrance to the sanctuary.

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**BANNED BOOK EVENT AT LOVELY LANE - Open to all on Thursday, September 26 from 6:30-8:30 pm.** Please read 1-3 banned books, if possible. A list of banned books is posted in the church narthex. We will first share in small groups and then have a large group discussion. The most common reasons that books are banned are racism, history of slavery and LGBTQ. Please contact Deb Streff with questions at: (319) 721-8864.

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**HOSPITALITY WILL HOST A 5TH SUNDAY ALL CHURCH POTLUCK on September 29**, after the 10:30 worship service in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service for your family. This will be a great time to have fellowship and a great meal! Drinks will be provided. Please call Judy McDowell, if you have any questions, (319) 560-2960.

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**AcabeLLa**, Lovely Lanes hand bell choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4th starting at 7:15 pm. Rehearsal generally lasts one hour and 15 minutes. If you are interested in learning more about hand bells this would be an excellent opportunity to learn. You are most welcome to come and listen or participate to the level you feel comfortable. There are open positions in the choir, if you are interested, we could use your help. Choir members, I am looking forward to seeing you all again. This promises to be a delightful season with bell ringing.

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## This Week at Lovely Lane

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### Ministry Opportunities

**Sunday – September 1** *Communion Sunday*

9:30 AM In-person & live-stream worship – Sanctuary  
12:00 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary

**Monday – September 2 – Labor Day** – Church office closed

6:00 PM Nourished Centering w/meal at Kristina's

**Tuesday – September 3**

6:30 PM SPPRC (Library)

**Wednesday – September 4**

10:30 AM LL Staff Meeting/Outing/Lunch  
7:15 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Thursday – September 5**

6:15 PM Youth Back to School Bash at St. Paul's

**Friday – September 6****Saturday – September 7****Sunday – September 8 – Outdoor worship**

9:30 AM In-person & live-stream worship  
12:00 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary

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### WORSHIP SERVANTS

For serving as an usher, greeter or lector at Lovely Lane, we thank you for your service to God, to our church and to each other. As we look ahead to resuming our Fall schedule, please consider signing up to serve in the coming months.

If you do not use a computer, please call the office at (319) 393-6674 to be added to the schedule.

If you would like to sign up online, please use the following link, <https://signup.com/go/JbYeHcd> to sign up for services at 8:30 and 10:30 starting September 15. You can also sign up thru Lovely Lane's website: [www.lovelylane.org](http://www.lovelylane.org) to be a greeter, usher, lector, and/or communion server on one or more Sundays. Under the "Worship" tab choose "Worship Servants," then click on the blue box with the service time indicated. Feel free to contact the church office should you need assistance to sign up online.

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**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – will begin **Wednesday, September 11**, meeting from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room. The book we will out with this Fall is *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith* by Adam Hamilton. Please contact Annie Walker with questions at: [anniew@lovelylane.org](mailto:anniew@lovelylane.org).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING** – The first fall gathering will be Saturday, September 28, 8:30 am. More information to come.

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## Assisting in Worship – September 1

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### Greeters

Jane Schildroth, Ava Maher, & Tammy Martin

### Lector

Marcie Stumpf

### Ushers

Phil & Shirley Martin

### Communion Servers

Maggie Thomas & Heather Meador

### Preacher

Scott Meador

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## Lovely Lane UMC Staff

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### 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
	Dawn DuPont

Director of CWM  
(Children's Weekday Ministries)

### Office & Facilities

Office Administrator & Finance Sec.	Tammy Martin
Office Assistant	Marti Bowman
Treasurer	Susan Kohl
Membership Secretary	Susan Camp
Website & Social Media	Shelly Turner
Facilities Manager	Curtis Thomas
Custodians	Rex & Rhonda Heasty
Wedding Coordinator	Becky Wood

### Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday - Closed

**PASTOR SCOTT'S STUDY GROUPS** - The Wednesday study groups will gather on **September 18**. The morning group will meet via Zoom at **9:30 am**. The evening group will gather at **6:00 pm** in the library. The focus is the book, "Revival," by Adam Hamilton. Groups will look at the life and teachings of John Wesley and early Methodism. All are welcome!