



# Lovely Lane

## United Methodist Church

April 2025

Monthly Newsletter

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### 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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### **The Final Week**

*"The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."* – Matthew 26:41b (NIV)

Each of our four Gospels tells the story of Jesus a little bit differently, however, there is a common understanding about the general events during the final week of Jesus's life. Following an emotional day that we will eventually know as "Palm Sunday," a tumultuous week took place. The mood will change from "Good News to Bad News."

As the crowds left Jesus on Palm Sunday, word began to spread that Jesus of Nazareth was in Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. A series of events will bring Jesus to the cross and Golgotha. The first event involved Jesus overturning tables in the Temple. He told those buying and selling goods to "stop making my father's house a place of business."



As the week moved along, at noon, on Thursday, Jesus turned to two of his disciples and told them to go into town and prepare the Passover feast, or Seder, in which he and the disciples will eat in private. At approximately 7:00 that evening then, Jesus and the other disciples joined Peter and John in the Upper Room for the meal. That night Jesus identified the betrayer, Judas, and spoke about his upcoming death.

Following the Upper Room meal, Jesus and the disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane. Here, Jesus prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. Jesus hoped to avoid trouble, but he knew it was coming. In rapid-fire fashion then, Judas will point out Jesus to the religious authorities and Jesus will get arrested. Bound hand and foot like a criminal, he went before the Sanhedrin, the Jewish Ruling Council, and he was labeled as "guilty" for his belief that he is the Son of God.

As the sun came up on the day we know as Good Friday, Jesus will go before Pontius Pilate. He will later carry a cross to Golgotha where he will speak his final words and have his last breath. This was a challenging week for Jesus, but of course, "Bad News" did not win that day. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. In a sense then, the mood shifted once more from "Bad News to Good News."

We look forward to sharing this story of "Good News, Bad News, Good News" with each of you. This story never gets old and it's life-changing. We hope you can join us for worship this month! Grace and peace, Pastor Scott

## Calendar of Events (subject to change) — April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 12:00 pm Women's Book Study (Fireside) 5:15 pm Family Meal 6:00 pm Kids Club 6:15 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30 – 1:00 UWF Spiritual Growth Day Apart (Cedar Falls) 7:00 pm Nourished Comedy Show (At Pastor Kristina's)	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Adult SS 10:30 am Worship In-person/livestream 10:45 am Children's Sunday School 12:00 pm Congolese 3:00 pm Living Last Supper (At Cottage Grove) 6:00 pm Living Last Supper (At Grand Living)	<b>7</b> 9:45 am Prayer Shawl (FS)  6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Zoom Book Study 12:00 pm Women's Book Study (Fireside) 5:15 pm Family Meal 6:00 pm Kids Club 6:00 pm Book Study (Library) 6:00 pm Little Learners 6:15 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>10</b> 1:00-3:00 pm UWF Elizabeth Circle (Fireside) 6:30 pm Living Last Supper (At Clinton Catholic Churches)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13 Palm Sunday</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Adult SS 10:30 am Worship In-person/livestream 10:45 am Children's Sunday School 12:00 pm Congolese 2:00 pm Youth Service Project 7:00 pm Living Last Supper (Sanctuary)	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Happy Endings Book Club (Fireside) 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 7:00 pm Nourished Centering (at Pastor Kristina's)	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Children's Weekday Ministries Board Meeting (FS)	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Zoom Book Study 12:00 pm Women's Book Study (Fireside) 5:15 pm Family Meal 6:00 pm Kids Club 6:00 pm Book Study (Library) 6:15 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>17</b> 7:45 Leadership Team (Offsite) 3:45 pm Green Square Meals 7:00 pm Living Last Supper (Sanctuary)	<b>18</b> 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship	<b>19</b> 10:00 - 11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt 7:00 pm Easter Vigil (At Pastor Kristina's)
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### WORSHIP IN APRIL

- April 6**      ***Fifth Sunday in Lent***  
In-person worship at **8:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**  
Pastor Scott Meador will preach, "On the Outside," The Way  
Scripture: John 4:3-10
- April 13**      ***Palm Sunday***  
In-person worship at **8:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**  
Pastor Kristina Roth-Klinck will preach, "Last Days," The Way  
Scripture: Mark 11:7-10
- April 13**      **Living Last Supper 7:00 pm**
- April 17**      **Living Last Supper 7:00 pm**
- April 18**      **Good Friday Worship 7:00 pm**
- April 20**      ***Easter Sunday***  
In-person worship at **8:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**  
Pastor Scott Meador will preach, "Our Hope"  
Scripture: John 20:1-20
- April 27**      ***Second Sunday of Easter***  
In-person worship at **8:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**  
Pastor Scott Meador will preach, "Peace Be With You"  
Scripture: John 20:19-31

### Youth Co-Op News

- Sunday, April 13, 2:00 to 4:00 pm** - Service Project Location TBD
- Saturday, April 26, All Day** - Camping Day - Location TBD
- Sunday, May 11,** Presentation and Activity on trauma informed ministry with Dr. Hannah Sutton-Adams
- Sunday, May 25,** End of the School Year Party

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next gatherings are **April 26 and May 17**. We will meet at **8:30 am** both dates in the fellowship hall. In April, Joe Lock, CEO of Eastern Iowa Health Center, will speak. In May, Chad Schumacher, Director of Operations for the Cedar Rapids Community School System, will share with us. All are welcome!

### FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP



Friendly Fellowship will meet on **April 24, 2025** at Lovely Lane at noon for a potluck lunch. The program will be announced later. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Hope to see you there and as always, please invite a friend. Please contact Judy McDowell with questions (319) 560-2960.

We are in the midst of our Lenten season as we enter into the season of Spring and the fast-approaching month of April. Throughout our Lenten series in the Nourished community, we have been reflecting on themes in "The Risk of Being Woke" by Curtiss Paul DeYoung. This past Centering, we looked at the idea of "being," and remaining centered in our spiritual practices.

Studies show that when we are in crisis, the first three things to go are eating well, exercising, and sleeping, all things that help us to thrive. As we reflected on "being," we looked to some thoughts about survival that my husband Ryan put together for a previous sermon at St. Paul's.

When we are in a place of crisis, one of the best things we can do is to begin with what is possible, especially when everything feels impossible! Ask yourself, "What is something that is simple or doable or possible that I CAN do in these circumstances?" Maybe this is prayer. Maybe it's taking a nap or eating some food. Maybe this is as simple as taking a deep breath at every stop light on your commute to work.

The second thing we can do is to care for our inner life and ground ourselves in something beyond us. For those of us in the Christian faith tradition, God is essential in grounding ourselves and remaining open to the possibilities. We need to take care of our inner life, our body, mind, and spirit, when we're in crisis. We might take the time to see a therapist, a spiritual director, an accountability group, or maybe even a prayer group.

The third thing that my husband lifted up is to practice because practice creates resiliency. And when we're talking about practice, it's to practice our spiritual disciplines. We practice spiritual disciplines because they help us navigate a crisis or conflict when they arise. Spiritual disciplines can be different for every person- meditation, yoga, movement, prayer, reading, journaling, etc.

Lately it's felt like everything is turning on its head and it can leave us feeling like nothing is possible. Use these three things to help ground you in something greater.

Peace to you, Pastor Kristina

## TAKE & BAKE

# Easter Scones

SIGN UP BY APRIL 14TH  
PICK UP APRIL 17TH  
4PM-6PM AT ST. PAUL'S UMC  
(EACH ORDER WILL COME WITH 8 FROZEN GF  
SCONES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAKING)



LEMON ROSEMARY GF SCONES



LEMON BLUEBERRY GF SCONES



## LITTLE LEARNERS

All Families with children ages 0-5 are invited to join Little Learners, our gathering designed for this age group!

**April Dates:**  
**April 9th and**  
**April 23rd**  
**6pm**

**Schedule:**  
**6pm-6:15pm Music**  
**6:15pm-6:25pm Story**  
**6:25-6:45pm Playtime**



Little Learners is always the  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays of  
each month  
6pm-6:45pm  
Lovely Lane UMC  
4's Preschool Room



**Friday, April 4, 7:00 pm**  
Comedy Show at Pastor Kristina's


**Monday, April 14, 7:00 pm**  
Centering at Pastor Kristina's

**Saturday, April 19, 7:00 pm**  
Easter Vigil at Pastor Kristina's

**Monday, April 28, 7:00 pm**  
Centering at Pastor Kristina's

3000 Carroll Dr SE, Cedar Rapids, IA





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**LOVELY LANE  
 FAITH & SCIENCE  
 LECTURE SERIES**

*First Annual*

Dr. Adam Myers, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Mount Mercy University, will be the speaker.

Funding for the series comes from memorial money to remember Lovely Lane church member, Jack Murphy.

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**TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 7:00 PM**  
**LOVELY LANE UMC**  
**2424 42ND ST NE**  
**CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52402**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**


<i>Remembering with love:</i>	
Scott Ernst . . . . .	2018
Richard Rainville . . . . .	2019
Mary Smith . . . . .	2020
Al Stiers . . . . .	2023
Jack Sackett . . . . .	2021

**Happy Endings Book Club** will meet **April 14, 2025 at 10:00** in Fireside Room. The book we will discuss is *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner. Confined to a wheelchair, retired historian Lyman Ward sets out to write his grandparents' remarkable story, chronicling their days spent carving civilization in the surface of America's western frontier. But his research reveals even more about his own life than he's willing to admit. If you have questions, please contact Judy McDowell at (319) 560-2960.



**Lovely Lane UMC presents**  
**The Living Last Supper**

- \*Cottage Grove, April 6, 3:00 pm
- \*Grand Living, April 6, 6:00 pm
- \*Clinton Area Catholic Churches,  
 April 10, 6:30 pm
- \*Palm Sunday at Lovely Lane, April 13, 7:00 pm
- \*Maundy Thursday at Lovely Lane,  
 April 17, 7:00 pm



The production brings to life Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, "The Last Supper."  
 All are welcome for an evening of drama, storytelling, and music!





United  
Women  
in Faith

## April Events

### Elizabeth Circle Work Session

**April 10, 1:00-3:00 pm**

We will continue to work on buying and adding books to our United Women in Faith library at Lovely Lane. We will also work on completing a program book for 2025. If time allows, we will discuss the 153rd birthday for United Women in Faith and current goal areas.

**Rizpah Circle - April 24, 6:30 pm**

### UWF Spiritual Growth Day Apart - April 4

Please join us to meet at FUMC in Cedar Falls from **9:30 am to 1:00 pm**. Deb is driving and has room for a couple of others in her car. Would love to have another carload going. Please call Deb Streff to organize rides at (319) 721-8864 or [debstreff@gmail.com](mailto:debstreff@gmail.com).

### Upcoming Event in May -

**Sex Trafficking** is happening throughout the world. 'Chains Interrupted' is striving to rescue victims and prevent sex trafficking from happening here in the US. The event date will be available soon. Please call Deb Streff if you have questions or to get involved. All of our large educational events are open to men and women including students. Please bring a friend, neighbor, or a family member.

### Save the date:

**Mission U - July 12, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

### Notes from March Event

On Saturday, March 15, Lovely Lane UWF sponsored a workshop on Labor Trafficking. We discussed that many products coming from other countries are made with slave labor. Buying **Made in USA** or **Fair-trade** items guarantee that there is no slavery in the supply chain. The two products and the components that are imported which most often used slave labor are chocolate and coffee. Children are often used in the supply chain to pick cocoa beans and coffee beans. Slave labor is often involved with clothing that is made and diamonds that are mined.

## 2025 Lenten Offering Recipients

**Matthew 25** - Is a local non-profit that exists to strengthen core urban neighborhoods in Cedar Rapids. They build strong neighborhoods by focusing on fresh, healthy food; affordable, sustainable housing, and education. Projects include the state's first urban farm, school gardens, youth job training, a tool library, Groundswell "pay-it-forward" Café, and a variety of housing programs. Transform, the annual volunteer housing rehabilitation blitz, brings more than three hundred volunteers together the final full week of June.

**Trinity Lane PreSchool Scholarships** - Trinity Lane is a state-licensed, non-profit preschool. In 2022, Trinity Lane's new home was opened in Asbury United Methodist Church. The preschool includes classrooms for 2-, 3-, and 4-year-olds. The 4-year-old program is FREE in partnership with Cedar Rapids and the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program. The 2- and 3-year-old programs are tuition based. Sliding Scale Scholarships are available to those who qualify. Your generous contributions will allow more lower income families to participate in this much-needed early education opportunity.

**Self Help International** - Is an independent, non-governmental 501(c)(3), established in 1959. It is dedicated to preventing hunger in rural communities in Ghana, West Africa, Nicaragua, and Central America. It operates on the principle that people everywhere have talents and resources they can use, with help, to improve their lives. This approach was created with input from United Methodists and has been supported generously by United Methodists over many years. Self-Help offers helps through agricultural extension, nutritional education, micro-credit, empowerment of women, development of small business, storage of farm products, and other related programs.

**Be the Light - Iowa** - Their mission is to bring together individuals and communities affected by mental health and suicide through a glow walk event. By shining a light on hope and healing, they strive to create a safe and supportive environment where participants can connect, support each other, and find strength in solidarity. Together, the aim to make a positive impact on our communities and help those in need.

## JOYS

- \*Happy 23rd birthday to Jaired Lyons
- \*Curtis Thomas recovering well from back surgery
- \*Maggie Thomas's great nephew doing well after procedure
- \*Ron Malick and Belinda Muller recovering well from knee surgeries
- \*Pastor Kristina's brother-in-law, Sheldon, becoming a U.S. citizen
- \*Appreciation for help moving Nourished member, Damian, to his home state
- \*Nancy Patrick celebrates birth of new great niece
- \*Ash Wednesday worship this week at 7:00 pm
- \*Organist, Dennis Ramsey, with a greeting via video!
- \*Celebrating our music ministry leaders, Dennis, Nancy, Charlie, Carla, Linda
- \*Clint Twedt-Ball celebrating work of Matthew 25
- \*Ron and Rita Stewart celebrate a new grandchild, Warren Donald
- \*Happy birthday to Kim Moore
- \*Chris Johnson's father is doing better after heart surgery
- \*Marcie Stumpf's uncle, Roger, is doing well after a procedure
- \*Happy 14<sup>th</sup> birthday to Molly Schultz (and new driver's permit)
- \*Katherine Plendl's uncle, Jerry, is doing better
- \*Andy Craig celebrating family birthdays in March
- \*Pastor Kristina and family with time in Chicago
- \*Phil and Shirley Martin's sons are doing well after some health challenges
- \*Natalie Krumm's birthday
- \*Marla Gonzalez with new grandbaby
- \*Mitch Turner with new grandbabies and granddaughter visiting for spring break
- \*Nancy Patrick's birthday
- \*Children singing in worship
- \*Happy 99<sup>th</sup> birthday to Corrine Davey
- \*Sharilyn Forcht expresses thanks for family prayers
- \*Pastor Kristina preaching at West Branch UMC to promote Nourished
- \*Jayne Woodson praising God for daughter, Lisa, after successful medical procedure
- \*Sharon Vavra's cousin's daughter with encouraging health news

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*May the miracle of Easter  
bring you joy, peace, and a  
renewed sense of hope.*

## CONCERNS

- \*Phil and Shirley Martin's sons with various challenges
- \*Sympathy to Justin and Melissa Davis after passing of Melissa's cousin's daughter, Kelli
- \*John Roland's uncle, Tommy, with health concerns and surgeries coming up
- \*Darwin and Pam Moore's daughter-in-law, Lee Ann, with kidney cancer
- \*Darwin and Pam Moore's cousin, Lori, with reoccurring breast cancer
- \*Sharon Vavra's cousin's family with daughter facing cancer challenges
- \*Dan and Kim Moore's neighbor, Larry, receiving hospice care
- \*Dave Keefe recovering at home after hospitalization
- \*Misha Gorkusha, friend of Ron and Margaret Nelson, facing challenges in Ukraine
- \*Maryann Stewart with health concerns
- \*Denise Lawton's daughter with a biopsy procedure
- \*Kim Moore's friend, Gerri, with surgery coming up
- \*Sharilyn Forcht's friend, Barb, with COPD
- \*Sympathy to Jim and Barb Vancura following the passing of Barb's brother-in-law, Dan
- \*Sympathy to Rex and Rhonda Heasty following the passing of Rhonda's mother, Pat
- \*Lynn Heidt with ongoing health concerns
- \*David and Linda Keefe's daughter, Deanna, with health concerns
- \*Carol Wisnowski's son, Steve, with health concerns
- \*Donna Mooney's great grandson with health concerns
- \*Dennis Ramsey continuing to recover after stroke
- \*Karon Niebuhr's brother Brian Goodhall, health concerns
- \*Curtis and Maggie Thomas' son Sean and Match Day
- \*Chuck Sitter's friend Linda with health challenges
- \*Joan Roscovius' sister died and partner's sister died
- \*Patty Logsdon's friend's Gladys and Richard with health challenges
- \*Sympathy to Tom and Belinda Muller after the passing of Belinda's brother, Dick
- \*John O'Bryon's friend experiencing the loss of grandfather
- \*Jeff Swartzendruber's brother, Scott, with health concerns
- \*Doug and Maya Richards as they care for their son at a difficult time
- \*Barb Mussman's father with health concerns
- \*Heidi Smith and family following the loss of family friend, Marvin
- \*Katherine Plendl's sister, Michelle, experiencing migraine headaches
- \*Marla Gonzalez's grandson, Landen, as he seeks extra guidance
- \*Katrina Mahoney's co-worker, Nate, with health concerns for newborn child



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## Lovely Lane Monthly Financial Information

Cash inflow - month of 1/31/25	\$81,647
Cash inflow - YTD	\$81,647
Budget need/month	\$56,735
Cash outflow - month of 1/31/25	\$47,919
Cash outflow - YTD	\$47,919
Unpaid apportionments	\$0

### LOVELY LANE UMC STAFF

#### Administration & Worship

Lead Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Director of Media & Technology  
Organist  
Chancel Choir Director  
Handbell Choir Director  
Director of Children's Choirs  
Chancel Choir Accompanist

Dr. Scott Meador  
Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck  
Eric Wylie  
Dennis Ramsey  
Nancy Patrick  
Charlie Kucera  
Carla Jesse  
Linda Bayliss

#### Children & Youth

Director of Family Ministries  
Director of Youth Ministries  
Nursery Caregiver Lead  
Nursery Caregiver  
Nursery Caregiver  
Nursery Caregiver  
Director Children's Weekday Ministries (CWM)

Annie Walker  
Ryan Roth-Klinck  
Tara Neveu  
Paige Gerjets  
Hailey Ryan  
Brooke Johnson  
Dawn DuPont

#### Office & Facilities

Office Administrator & Finance Secretary  
Office Assistant  
Treasurer  
Membership Secretary  
Facilities Manager  
Custodians  
Website & Social Media  
Wedding Coordinator

Tammy Martin  
Marti Bowman  
Susan Kohl  
Susan Camp  
Curtis Thomas  
Rex & Rhonda Heasty  
Shelly Turner  
Becky Wood