



# Lovely Lane

United Methodist Church

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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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## **Reflecting on Pope Francis**

*"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40 (NIV)*

I was ten years old in 1978 when I heard news on the car radio that Pope Paul VI had died. Our family was on vacation. Not really knowing anything about the pope, my parents explained to me that a pope is the leader of the Roman Catholic Church. They also stated the presence of a pope goes back to Saint Peter as the Bishop of Rome. They further mentioned that as Protestants and United Methodists, we do not take direction from the pope, but we can be inspired by a pope's teachings and actions. Over the years I have definitely had a strong interest in the comings and goings of life in Vatican City.

I reflect on these early realizations of leadership within the Roman Catholic Church as we remember the life of another pope who has died, Pope Francis. Pope Francis oversaw the Catholic Church from March 2013 until his recent death this year on April 21 (the day after Easter). Francis took his papal name from Saint Francis of Assisi, the Thirteenth Century founder of the Franciscan Order. Both men were modest and humble, with a heart for the environment, the animal world, and the "least of these." Both leaders had a detachment from the material world and chose the simplicity of life.

Quite simply, Pope Francis was a man of action who radiated "joy." He believed that actions speak louder than words. He wanted priests to be icons of Christ and serve as shepherds who smell of sheep. It was often said that "people came to Rome to see John Paul II, to listen to Benedict XVI, but they came to Rome to touch Francis."

At the World Youth Day in Lisbon in 2023, Pope Francis shouted, "Todos, todos, todos!" to the millions of young people who came together. He was saying that all people are welcome. For many, it was as if he was offering a glimpse into his soul. He was the world's parish priest. As one follower recently told me, "On earth, we lost a friend. In heaven, an angel was added."

Now, the Roman Catholic Church will need to elect a new pope. The conclave will commence on May 7. The conclave will take place in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel. Like many of you, I will be anxious to see what comes next. Let us pray for the Roman Catholic Church as they choose their next leader. We are a global body of Christ! Peace and blessings, Pastor Scott

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00–11:00 am Sex & Human Trafficking Informational Event (Sanctuary) 9:00 am–12:00pm Nourished Bakery at Indian Creek Nature Center
<b>4</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	<b>5</b> 9:45 am Prayer Shawl (Fireside) 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 (Fellowship Hall)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30 Book Study (on Zoom) 12:00 pm Women's Book Study (Fireside) 6:00 Book Study (Library) 6:15 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>8</b> 7:45 am Leadership Team (offsite) 1:00-3:00 pm UWF Elizabeth Circle (Fireside) 6:00 pm Children's Weekday Ministries Family Night-Outside (inside if raining)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 4:00–6:30 pm Workshops on Religious Trauma @ Pastor Kristina's
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<b>25</b> 9:30 am Worship In-person/livestream 10:30 am Chancel & Bell Choirs Brunch 12:00 pm Congolese	<b>26</b> 5:00–7:30 pm Memorial Day Picnic & Folk Sing (At Pastor Kristina's) 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 12:00 pm Women's Book Study (Fireside)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



### WORSHIP IN MAY

- May 4**      ***Third Sunday of Easter - Communion Sunday***  
In-person worship at **8:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**  
Pastor Scott Meador will preach, "Breakfast on the Beach," John 21:1–19
- May 11**      ***Fourth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day***  
In-person worship at **8:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**  
Pastor Kristina Roth-Klinck will preach
- May 18**      ***Fifth Sunday of Easter - Graduation Sunday***  
In-person worship at **8:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**  
Pastor Scott Meador will preach, "As You Go," Revelation 21:1–6
- May 25**      ***Sixth Sunday of Easter***  
Summer hours begin.  
One service only, in-person & live-stream service at **9:30 am**  
Pastor Scott Meador will preach, "Spirit at Work," Acts 16:9–15

### FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP



Friendly Fellowship will not meet in May and does not meet over summer. We look forward to getting together again in the fall.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

On **May 17**, Chad Schumacher, Director of Operations for the Cedar Rapids Community School System, will share with us. Please join us at **8:30** in the fellowship hall at Lovely Lane. All are welcome!

### Attention Chancel and Bell Choir Members

**Sunday, May 25**, is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Choir Brunch at 10:30 am. All members of the Chancel and Bell Choirs are invited to attend. Charlie and Nancy want to give all the dedicated members of both choirs a big "Thank You" as we take a break over the summer. So, bring your appetites, significant others, and children and enjoy a little social time in Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please contact Nancy Patrick, [nancyp@lovelylane.org](mailto:nancyp@lovelylane.org)

### SUMMER TOUR - REIMAN GARDENS AND BOONE SCENIC TRAIN – Thursday, June 19, 2025

Sponsored by the United Methodist Lay Ministry Board. The motorcoach will leave LLUMC parking lot at 7:15 am and will return at approximately 5:45 pm. The fee for the trip is \$115 and includes motorcoach transportation, Reiman Gardens, Train Ride and gratuity for the driver. Lunch will be at Hickory Park BBQ, ordering off the menu and is not included in the fee. Make reservations by May 19 with Jeanne West, (319) 560-4769 or email [eaglmother3@netins.net](mailto:eaglmother3@netins.net). Payment will be accepted once the minimum amount required for registration has been met and the announcement has been made that the trip is going. Checks will be made payable to LaMB.

## Transitions

*Transitions and change are always hard. When I was a child, I used to get really emotional if I came home from school and my mom had rearranged the living room furniture. As time has gone on, my husband has learned to give me a heads up if he moves furniture around while I'm not at home. It's silly to get emotional about these things, but there's a sense of stability and comfort in things as simple as the way furniture is arranged. So, with that, this past Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, it was announced that my family and I are going to be in a slow transition in the coming year ahead. My husband Ryan and I are both being reappointed to Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly, IA starting January 1st where we will serve as co-pastors together. I'll be the lead pastor, and my husband will be the pastor of discipleship. This delayed start gives us the time and space we need to transition to a family of four, another major transition happening in our lives!*

*As a lifelong Methodist and a UMC Pastor's Kid, these pastoral transitions are never easy, both on the family and the church. Saying, "yes" to this opportunity was not an easy decision for us. We love our communities, and we have so many friends and support system here. However, we have juggled a lot these last 5 years in the work that we are doing, and we've sacrificed so much time with our family, precious time and moments that we're never going to get back. In reflecting on what our heart's desires were, we realized we want to move at a slower pace and spend more time parenting and raising our young growing family. In speaking these words out loud to trusted spiritual directors, we knew what transitions needed to happen, despite the tears rolling down our faces. This also gives my husband and I the chance to work in the same organization and both get paid for it, rather than stretched thin among 3-4 different organizations.*

*While this appointment has been announced, we still have 8 months of ministry together and get to celebrate the birth of baby Philip in a few short months. While we will miss each of you dearly, we are excited about this transition for our family and moving just a little bit slower.*

*With much love to all of you, Pastor Kristina and Ryan Roth-Klinck*



### Nourished Bakery @ the Indian Creek Nature Center Plant Sale

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

9AM-12PM

INDIAN CREEK NATURE CENTER  
5300 OTIS ROAD SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA



## Workshops on Religious Trauma



Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 4pm-6:30pm at  
Pastor Kristina's with a potluck

Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-5pm at  
St. Paul's UMC in the Youth Room

Dr. Hannah Sutton-Adams, a researcher and board-certified chaplain, will offer an introductory workshop about religious trauma and how we can begin to heal from these experiences. This workshop will focus on giving a basic introduction to the subject of religious trauma. It will include reflection activities, trauma exercises, and conversation space to help participants be an ally in someone's spiritual journey.



**Vacation Bible School**  
**Road Trip: On The Go With God**  
**July 20-24**  
 Register now!  
 Please use the QR code or link below



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<https://lovelyLane.breezechms.com/form/f34620>  
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**Children's Weekday Ministries** is planning for their 10 week summer camp. They are looking for individuals who may have an interest in sharing their culture,

special talent, hobby or job with 50 elementary kids. They are also looking for fifty 5-gallon buckets. If you know of someone who has connections for free or discounted buckets, or you would like to share your interest or talent, please contact Dawn DuPont [ddupont@lovelyLane.org](mailto:ddupont@lovelyLane.org).

### GREEN SQUARE MEALS

Six volunteers are needed each month to help with Green Square Meals! The next date is **Thursday, May 15**, with a **3:55 pm** expected arrival time. Contact Dan Moore by phone at: (715) 432-1983 or by email at: [banjobubbabad@yahoo.com](mailto:banjobubbabad@yahoo.com) if you are able to help serve. Thank you to those who have helped serve these meals!



### 10th Annual Transform Week

This year, Matthew 25 will host its 10th Annual Transform Week, **June 23-27**. Thanks to an amazing number of volunteers, the total of which grows every year, we continue the commitment to quality affordable housing and strong neighborhood building. Our hope is to make this a very impactful week, helping many homeowners who are truly in need.

Lovely Lane will again have a team taking on one or more of the projects during the week. As a volunteer you can work what your schedule allows. You can sign up for half days, full days, multiple days or all week. It is a very rewarding feeling to see a project completed for someone truly deserving! Serving as a Transform Week volunteer also is a great way to become better acquainted with fellow members of Lovely Lane.

**There is a registration deadline of Friday, June 6**, this year, so early signup is strongly encouraged. The number of volunteers will be capped at 150 per day to keep ratios consistent between volunteers and projects.

To register go to **hub25.org**, click on **Volunteer** and then choose **Transform Week**. When registering please indicate you are a volunteer with the Lovely Lane group. When committing to a project it is very helpful for us to know how many volunteers we have and what skills they do possess. This is all covered during the sign-up process. For questions please contact Les Minor, [lminor@imonmail.com](mailto:lminor@imonmail.com) or (319) 310-1945.

**The Happy Endings Book Club** will meet on **May 12, 2025** in Fireside Room at 10:00 am. We will be discussing your favorite book or books you have read recently. Happy reading!





United  
Women  
in Faith

## United Women in Faith, May 2025

### Elizabeth Work Session - Thursday, May 8, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

We will discuss the future of United Women in Faith. Do we need to change meeting dates and times to accommodate more people? Do we need to do only one meeting a month instead of two? And what are the possibilities for actions this summer? Do you have ideas? Do you have a passion? What are our goals moving ahead? Let's look at our program book. Let's brainstorm!

### Rizpah - Thursday, May 22, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Is there a better day or time to meet? What topics are you interested in? I love the group and see it as a alternative to daytime meetings to reach working women. Topics? Speakers? Activities? Let's brainstorm.

### Sex Trafficking / Human Trafficking Informational Event - May 3, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Sex trafficking happens in the United States AND in Iowa! Please come and bring your youth along. The presentation is appropriate for men, women, and juniors and seniors in high school.

Program led by Chains Interrupted begins at 9:30 am, breakfast items at 9:00 am.

Childcare is available upon request for all of our events. Call Deb Streff at (319) 721-8864 to request childcare.

### Mark your calendars for Mission U - July 12 in Ames.

This year's theme is *Practicing Hope Together*.

# Mother's Day

Sign up by May 7th  
Pick up on May 8th  
4pm-6pm at St. Paul's UMC

Each order will include 2 GF  
Lemon Cupcakes and 2 GF Vanilla  
Cupcakes with Pink Frosting and  
Edible Pearls for \$10



Scan to sign up!





JOIN US FOR A

# Memorial Day Picnic & Folk Song Sing

Bring a dish to share!  
May 26 | 5-7:30 PM Kristina and Ryan's  
3000 Carroll Drive SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA



### NOURISHED CENTERING

**Saturday, May 3, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Nourished will be selling at Nature Center Plant Sale at Indian Creek Nature Center

**Saturday, May 10, 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

Religious Trauma Workshop and potluck at Pastor Kristina's

**Sunday, May 11, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Religious Trauma Workshop at St. Paul's UMC

**Monday, May 12, No Centering**

**Monday, May 26, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

Memorial Day Picnic and Folk Song Sing at Pastor Kristina's



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## JOYS

- \*Dennis Ramsey and Craig Strait joining us in worship
- \*Pastor Kristina preaching at Mt. Vernon UMC to promote Nourished
- \*Beth Mills mother, Diane, retiring after long career at Iowa State University
- \*Greg and Susan Blum preparing for wedding of son, Chris, to Sydney
- \*Pastor Kristina and family having a boy and naming him after Philip Hamilton
- \*Brandon Neugebauer's father retiring after active service
- \*Margaret Nelson back in worship after surgery!
- \*Nourished Centering on Monday will be visited by our district superintendent
- \*Moore family celebrating son Kevin's baptism and granddaughter's 2nd birthday
- \*Sue Moss with positive news on house
- \*John and Bobbie O'Bryon lifting up King of Kings movie
- \*Living Last Supper performances (with \$600+ offering for Women at the Well)
- \*Joe and Becky Helle celebrate their sons and family in worship
- \*Tammy Martin celebrates new grandchild, Mazie Mae Lynch
- \*Nourished Ministry making a difference in the community
- \*Linda Henecke celebrates wedding of daughter, Courtney, to Zaid
- \*Teri Krumm preparing for a Disney family vacation
- \*Pastor Kristina with new appointment to Trinity UMC, Waverly, IA (starting 1/1/26). Congrats and blessings!
- \*Happy 9<sup>th</sup> birthday to Landen Bentley
- \*Baptism of Kollins Kay Arnold, daughter of Brad and Jenna Arnold
- \*Faith and Science Lecture on Tuesday night, Dr. Adam Myers speaking
- \*United Women in Faith event with "Chains Interrupted" presentation
- \*Nourished speaker coming up on religious trauma, Mother's Day weekend
- \*Celebrating Tammy Martin and Marti Bowman during Administrative Professionals Day
- \*Black Panther event at Gallagher Bluedorn Center in Cedar Falls
- \*EcoFest in the New Bo District

## CONCERNS

- \*Sympathy to Doug and Maya Richards after passing of son, Bihari
- \*Sympathy to Debbie Beckner and Linda Henecke after passing of mother, Sheila
- \*Jerry and Virginia Weiland moving to Cedar Falls
- \*Dave Keefe's friend from the military, Luke, following a stroke
- \*John Roland assisting with refugee children through soccer program
- \*John and Bobbie O'Bryon participating in protest events in Cedar Rapids
- \*Jan Loftus's son, Greg, retiring following medical concerns
- \*Dennis Ramsey with ongoing health and recovery
- \*Gabriel Guardado following the death of his brother
- \*Barb Mussman following the death of her father
- \*Darla Reed's brother-in-law David with back surgery
- \*Karon Niebuhr's brother with news of cancer returning
- \*Sympathy to the family of Wanda Whitford
- \*Simpson College community following the passing of President Jay Byers
- \*Sympathy to Marti Bowman following the passing of her sister, Anna
- \*Erv and Barb Mussman after the passing of Barb's father
- \*Jerry and Virginia Weiland moving to Cedar Falls after 55 years at LLUMC
- \*Don and Marti Sparrow remembering the life of cousin after passing, 106 years of age
- \*Remembering the life of Pope Francis
- \*Lynn Heidt and Maryann Stewart with health challenges
- \*Kim Moore's cousin, Craig, with hospitalization
- \*Tom Muller recovering after a fall

### *Remembering with love:*

*Helen Hansen. . . . . 2019*  
*Charles Atkinson . . . . . 2020*  
*Norma Fitz . . . . . 2022*  
*Berta Mullin . . . . . 2022*



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### Lovely Lane Monthly Financial Information

Cash inflow - month of 3/31/25	\$53,840
Cash inflow - YTD	\$167,073
Budget need/month	\$56,735
Cash outflow - month of 3/31/25	\$49,417
Cash outflow - YTD	\$145,540
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