

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### August 31, 2025 updated

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#### JOYS

- \*Welcoming Olivia Schneider to the staff as our Director of Children's Choirs
- \*Fall schedule coming up at church
- \*Fifth Sunday of the month brunch
- \*Labor Day travel and family gatherings
- \*Bell Choir and Chancel Choir looking for new members as their seasons begin
- \*Half marathon in Cedar Rapids
- \*Curtis and Maggie Thomas celebrate news of new grandchild to come
- \*Annie Walker awaiting news of baby's arrival

#### CONCERNS

- \*Nancy Miller at Cottage Grove Place
- \*Sympathy to Chris Johnson after passing of his grandfather, Lou
- \*Families impacted by the school shootings in Minneapolis
- \*Scott and Heather Meador's daughters with international travel
- \*Jan Peterson moving to Emory Place
- \*Pam Moore's brother-in-law, Lenny, with difficult cancer diagnosis
- \*Immigrant communities facing numerous challenges
- \*Humanitarian crisis in Gaza
- \*Yearning for peace between Ukraine and Russia

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**Worship Servant Signup** for greeters, lectors and ushers will continue to be done through the signup sheet in the narthex or by contacting the church office. **September and October dates and times are now available for signup.** If you are interested in assisting as a communion server, please contact Pastor Scott Meador.

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**Kids Club** will start on **Wednesday, September 3**. Family meal will start at 5:15 pm and programming is from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Kids club includes the ages of Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

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**The Bell Choir of Lovely Lane, known as AcabeLLa**, is seeking new members. We have an opening for a ringer this coming ringing season. Our first rehearsal will be **on September 10, at 7:15 pm** in the sanctuary of Lovely Lane. The Bell Choir rehearses every Wednesday night from 7:15 to 8:30 pm and performs the last Sunday of each month. If you are interested in ringing with AcabeLLa please contact the director, Charlie Kucera at (319) 389-0877 or email at [djchkucera@aol.com](mailto:djchkucera@aol.com).

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**Return to regular worship schedule** – We will plan to start our fall worship schedule on **Sunday, September 14**, with services at 8:30 and 10:30. (8:30 in-person and 10:30 both in-person and live-streamed.) Children's Sunday School resumes on the 14<sup>th</sup> as well.

**Chancel Choir** will begin their 2025-2026 season with rehearsal on **Sunday, September 14 at 9:00 am** in the Choir Room. We will sing for the first time the following Sunday, September 21. If you have ever considered "Singing to the Lord", the time is now. Rehearsal is at 9:00 am as previously mentioned and we sing at the 10:30 service every Sunday except the last Sunday of the month. Come join us! We are a wonderful family of music makers. You say you can't read music? You don't have to. You think the robes are too hot? At times, yes, they are. All are welcome. Give us a try!

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**Wednesday Night Study Group** led by Pastor Scott will begin meeting again on **Wednesday, September 10**. Morning group meets via Zoom at 9:30 and evening group meets at 6:00 pm in the library. The first book for the study will be "Jesus and the Powers," by N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird. Books are available in the church office, \$10.

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**Women's Book Study** will begin meeting on **Wednesday, September 17, at 12:00 pm** in the Fireside Room. Sherrie Ilg will be leading this study in the Fall. More information to come soon.

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#### Children's Weekday Ministries Hiring for this fall

- Pierce before school daycare staff  
6:30 am - 9:00 am, Monday & Wednesday
- Pierce before school cook  
7:00 am - 9:00 am, Monday-Thursday
- Office Admin Assistant  
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Monday-Friday

Contact Dawn DuPont (319) 393-8189

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**Hy-Vee Receipts for Children's Weekday Ministries** – For every \$200 in eligible Hy-Vee receipts collected, CWM will receive \$1. The receipts can be from various Hy-Vee locations and departments, including groceries, catering, pharmacies, fuel, and more. Hy-Vee receipts can be submitted for date of purchase from April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026. Please bring your receipts to the donation box on the table just inside the left entrance to the sanctuary. These funds benefit the Children's Weekday Ministries. Thank you for your support!

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**Youth Co-Op** - The youth co-op will continue to gather this fall. The group connects youth from local UM churches. Sunday afternoon events will take place at St. Paul's UMC. Wednesday night gatherings will take place at Lovely Lane UMC at 6:00 pm. Updates will come from the youth leaders, Kim Moore and Codey Powell. Please contact Kim at [kimmooreart@yahoo.com](mailto:kimmooreart@yahoo.com) for more information. Looking forward to a great season to come!

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**Youth and Faith in Action** – Come hang out with Eric Rucker, Director of Simpson Youth Academy, for a fun and meaningful time of learning, real talk, and hands-on activities. We will explore how our faith connects to issues of justice in the world—and what it looks like to actually do *something* about it. **Sunday, September 14, 3:00-4:00 pm** at St. Paul's UMC.

## This Week at Lovely Lane

### Ministry Opportunities

#### Sunday – August 31 – *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 AM In-person & livestream worship  
10:45 AM 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck/Brunch (Fellowship Hall)  
12:00 PM Congolese congregation

#### Monday – September 1

6:30 PM Scouting America #766 (Fellowship Hall)

#### Tuesday – September 2

#### Wednesday – September 3

5:15 PM Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 PM Kids Club

#### Thursday – September 4

#### Friday – September 5

#### Saturday – September 6

#### Sunday – September 7 – *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 AM In-person & livestream worship  
12:00 PM Congolese congregation

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If you have not already checked in and printed a name tag, please let us know you are here today and use this QR code to register your attendance.

To use a QR code, scan it with your phone's camera and then follow the instructions that appear on your screen:

- Open your phone's Camera app
- Point the camera at the QR code so it's in focus
- Wait for your phone to recognize the code
- Tap the notification or icon that appears on your screen
- Follow the instructions to open the link associated with the QR code, fill out the form and submit.



### Climate Justice

When shopping, please ask yourself: (continued)

- Does the company donate their products or time or energy? "The Bomba" company donates socks to many different people in need. "Who Gives a Crap" builds loos where needed throughout the world. Charmin plants trees to replace those that are cut down.
- Is the product reusable? How long will it last? How long will I use it?
- Can I use reusable products instead of plastic bags, plastic wrap, foil, etc.?

Everything we can do makes a difference!

**-United Women in Faith**

## Assisting in Worship – August 31, 2025

### Greeters

Andy Craig & Anne Craig

### Lector

John Roland

### Ushers

Tom & Belinda Muller, Brooklyn Crandall

### Acolyte

Ava Maher

### Preacher

Pastor Scott Meador

## 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
Chancel Choir Accompanist	Linda Bayliss

### Children & Youth

Director of Family Ministries	Annie Walker
Director of Youth Ministries	Ryan Roth-Klinck
Nursery Caregiver Lead	Tara Neveu
Nursery Caregiver	Paige Gerjets
Nursery Caregiver	Hailey Ryan
Nursery Caregiver	Brooke Johnson
Director of CWM	Dawn DuPont
(Children's Weekday Ministries)	

### Office & Facilities

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

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### Church Office Hours

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

Friday – Closed

Office Phone (319) 393-6674