

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 23, 2025, updated

JOYS

- *Thanksgiving holiday
- *Mark & Diana Rettig celebrating daughter Stephanie visiting from California
- *Angel giving tree
- *December 9th Christmas with Bonhoeffer event
- *Celebrating Helena Turner's 92nd birthday and birth of great grandchild
- *Patty Logsdon celebrating 70th birthday

CONCERNS

- *Travel for the holidays and challenging family dynamics during the holidays
- *Phil Martin following successful surgery
- *Andy Vorwerk following brief hospitalization
- *Food insecurities, especially during the holidays
- *Airline challenges
- *Heather Hingtgen following death of her father
- *Nancy Patrick's brother in remission from cancer
- *Ron and Margaret Nelson's friends in Ukraine
- *Kim Moore's friend, Rose, with good health news
- *John O'Bryon's niece, Jeanie, with good health news

2026 Stewardship - "Estimate of Giving Cards" for the General Fund for 2026 were mailed to homes and are available in the church narthex. These will continue to be collected over the next couple of weeks. Completed cards can be returned or mailed to the church office. Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to give in the next year.

Advent Giving Tree – Gift tags have been hung on the giving tree in the church narthex and may be picked up at your convenience. We have received gift tags from Tanager, Four Oaks, and both Trinity Lane and Lovely Lane preschools. Unwrapped gifts are due back by the giving tree by **Sunday, November 30**.

Nourished – Friendsgiving - Please join us for a "Friendsgiving," on **Monday, November 24, 5:30 to 7:30 pm**. We will meet at Ryan and Kristina's house at 3000 Carroll Drive SE, Cedar Rapids. Please bring a dish to share and a chair.

5th Sunday Potluck – Though there are 5 Sundays in November, we will NOT have a Fifth Sunday Potluck as it falls on the Thanksgiving weekend.

Friendly Fellowship will not meet in November or December. We will resume our potluck lunches in January. Please contact Judy McDowell if you have any questions, (319) 560-2960.

Study groups with Pastor Scott continue to meet on Wednesdays. The morning group meets on Zoom at 9:30 am. The evening group meets in the library at 6:00 pm. Study groups will NOT meet on Wednesday, November 26. The Advent Study will start on **December 3**. The book, "Prepare the Way for the Lord," by Adam Hamilton, is available in the church office, \$10.

Soap Drive – Lovely Lane will be accepting donations of laundry soap, dish soap, body soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, toilet paper and deodorant in the month of November. These donations are for the Ecumenical Community Center and the Helping Hands Ministry. There is a collection bin at the narthex doors. Sponsored by the Health & Wholeness Committee. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas with Bonhoeffer – Please join us for reflections on Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his understandings of the Advent and Christmas with Dr. Craig Nesson, William D. Steng Professor for the Education and Renewal of the Church, Professor of Contextual Education and Ethics, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. This event will be held on **Tuesday, December 9, at 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary at Lovely Lane. All are welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Christmas Extravaganza – The Cedar Rapids Metro Circuit invite you to a joyful celebration of the season – our Christmas Extravaganza! **Saturday, December 13, 1:30-3:30 PM at St. Paul's UMC in Cedar Rapids**. Let's come together to celebrate the joy of Christmas with music, laughter, and community. We can't wait to see what each church will bring to this year's Extravaganza!

Kennedy Food Pantry List - Throughout the school year Lovely Lane supports the food pantry at Kennedy. Following is the wish list provided: apples, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, Ramen Noodles, fruit roll ups and fruit snacks, toothpaste, aluminum baking dishes, muffin and cake pans, cake mixes, popcorn, chips, Cheeze-its, snack crackers, tuna and canned pasta. Donations can be placed in the tubs at the left entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you!

Children's Weekday Ministries - Save money going out to eat, shopping, entertaining kids, shipping gifts for Christmas and more by using coupons! CWM is selling the *Savearound* coupon books with 50% of proceeds benefiting Lovely Lane Preschool and Daycare. If you are interested, please stop in church office or preschool office to purchase one in person or order online. <https://www.sapaynow.com/180493>

Our outreach preschool, Trinity Lane, is selling pasta kits from Marion based Pasta of the Prairie. You can order online at <https://www.pastaoftheprairie.com/shop> and select Trinity Lane Preschool as the fundraiser. Purchase pasta and donate it to a food bank and you've helped two missions at once! Thank you for supporting our Children's Weekday Ministries!

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – November 23 – *Reign of Christ Sunday*

Bake Sale in the Narthex sponsored by UWF

- 8:30 AM Worship in-person
- 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship in-person & livestream
- 10:45 AM Children's Sunday School
- 12:00 PM Congolese congregation

Monday – November 24

- 5:30 PM Nourished – Friendsgiving at Pastor Kristina's
- 6:30 PM Scouting America #766 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday – November 25

Wednesday – November 26 – No Wednesday Activities

Thursday – November 27 – Thanksgiving Day

Church Office Closed

Friday – November 28

Saturday – November 29

Sunday–November 30 – *First Sunday of Advent*

- 8:30 AM Worship in-person
- 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship in-person & livestream
- 10:45 AM Children's Sunday School
- 12:00 PM Congolese congregation

 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.



Assisting in Worship – November 23, 2025

Greeters

- 8:30 am – Evan Kerns
- 10:30 am – Andy Craig & Andy Craig

Lector

- 8:30 am – Kathy Millian
- 10:30 am – Pastor John O'Bryon

Ushers

- 8:30 am – Kathy Millian
- 10:30 am – Tom & Belinda Muller, Brooklyn Crandall

Acolyte

- 10:30 am – Emmett Mills

Preacher

Pastor Kristina Roth-Klinck

Lovely Lane UMC Staff

Administration & Worship

Lead Pastor	Dr. Scott Meador
Associate Pastor	Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck
Director of Media & Technology	Eric Wylie
Pianist	Marcie Stumpf
Chancel Choir Director	Nancy Patrick
Handbell Choir Director	Charlie Kucera
Chancel Choir Accompanist	Linda Bayliss
Director of Children's Choirs	Olivia Schneider

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 (Children's Weekday Ministries)	Dawn DuPont

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



Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday – Closed

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