

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 14, 2025, updated

JOYS

- *Appreciation for poinsettias in the sanctuary
- *Christmas Music Extravaganza at St. Paul's UMC
- *Bonhoeffer at Christmas presentation last week
- *Happy 1st anniversary to David and Debbie Beckner
- *Happy 47th anniversary to Tom and Belinda Muller
- *Happy 49th anniversary to Larry and Susan Wear
- *Reopening of 42nd street in town
- *Appreciation for snow removal efforts

CONCERNS

- *Sympathy to Tom and Belinda Muller after the passing of Tom's sister
- *Todd Hilmer's mother, Sharon, following a heart attack
- *Sympathy to Helen Anderson after the passing of her sister-in-law, Chris
- *Sympathy to Marci Wittles following the passing of her mother
- *Nancy Miller recovering from a stroke at Terrace Glen Village
- *Co-workers of Lyn Lewis impacted by job cuts
- *Mary Odegard receiving medical care following a lung cancer diagnosis
- *Sympathy to Jim and Barb Vancura following the passing of family member, Rod
- *Carl Jesse's cousin, Max, with health complications
- *Faculty members at Perkins School of Theology impacted by health matters and grief following the loss of loved ones
- *Persons and families impacted by addiction and mental illness
- *Iowa National Guard members who were injured or died in Syria
- *Mass shooting at Brown University in Rhode Island
- *Mass shooting during Hanukkah celebration in Australia
- *Difficult vehicle pileup on I-80 on Saturday
- *National and international concerns

December Men's Breakfast – will be held on **Saturday, December 20 at 8:30** in the fellowship hall. The speaker will be John Payan, Head Men's Basketball Coach, Coe College. A light breakfast will be served. All are welcome!

Goodbye to Kristina and Ryan and family – We will have a celebration to honor the Roth-Klinck family on **Sunday, December 21**. They will be recognized at both the 8:30 and 10:30 worship services and at 9:30 we will have a reception for them in the Narthex. Thank you, Kristina and Ryan, for all you have done for Lovely Lane and the Nourished ministry in our community. They will begin their service as pastors at Waverly Trinity United Methodist Church starting in January.

Christmas Poinsettias in the Sanctuary – If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one to share in the Lovely Lane sanctuary this holiday season, please bring it to the church and note on the signup sheet who the poinsettia is from and who it is in honor of. Those being remembered and honored will be listed in an insert in the bulletin on Christmas Eve.

CHRISTMAS AT LOVELY LANE

Lovely Lane Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 21 at 10:30

Christmas Eve Worship Services
Tuesday, December 24 at 3:30, 5:30, and 7:30
December 28, One worship service at 9:30
No Sunday School



2025 Advent Offering Recipients

The 2025 Advent Giving recipients are listed below. Advent Giving cards were mailed to homes, are available on the table in front of the office in the narthex and can be mailed upon request. Please prayerfully consider how you might assist those who need a boost.



Waypoint: Waypoint's Domestic Violence Victim Services Program (DV Program) offers free, confidential services to domestic violence victims and survivors, as well as their families. Waypoint is Cedar Rapids' largest provider of shelter for women and families with children. It also offers daily childcare and education for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years of age.

National Alliance on Mental Illness: National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI provides advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives. Most of NAMI's funding comes from individual contributions.

Women at the Well: Is a United Methodist congregation located within the walls of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, in Mitchellville, Iowa. It offers ministries designed to encourage the spiritual growth of its members, assist them when they transition back into the world outside the walls and to better understand the hurts and hopes of those who reside within the Iowa Correctional Institute for Women. Lovely Lane is committed to being an ongoing supporting partner of this ministry.

Fire and Fragrance: This mission is part of the "Youth with a Mission" family. Currently, Ellen Stines, a former member of Lovely Lane is serving in her fourth year as a full-time missionary with them in South Africa. Ministries include evangelism, discipleship of women in a rehab center, worship and prayer, and promoting events helping to spread the body of Christ across South Africa. All financial support comes from churches, friends, and family.

Youth Christmas Movie and Craft Day – December 21, 3:00 - 5:30 pm at St. Paul's UMC - 1340 3rd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids. Come in your PJs or your comfiest, coziest clothes for a Youth Co-Op Movie Day to kick off winter break! We'll take a vote on which movie to watch, and crafts will be available for anyone who wants to make something. Hot cocoa and snacks will be provided. Hope to see you there

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – December 14 – *Third 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

Monday – December 15

- 9:45 AM Prayer Shawl (Fireside Room)
- 6:30 PM Scouting America #766 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday – December 16

- 6:30 PM SPPRC (Library)

Wednesday – December 17

- 9:30 AM Book Study via Zoom
- 12:00 PM Women's Book Study (Fireside)
- 5:15 PM Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM Kids Club – Winter Wonderland
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Confirmation (Fireside Room)
- 6:00 PM Book Study (Library)
- 7:15 PM Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday – December 18

Friday – December 19

Saturday – December 20

- 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday–December 21 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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

General Budget Pledge for 2026

The total pledged to date for next financial year is:

\$476,322

This is nearly a 10% increase from 2025

Thank you for all your faithful giving to Lovely Lane!



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 – December 14, 2025

Greeters

- 8:30 am – Travis Meiborg & Kathy Meiborg
- 10:30 am – Dave & Nancy Wittenburg

Lector

- 8:30 am – Marcie Stumpf
- 10:30 am – Emmett Mills

Ushers

- 8:30 am – Scott & Terrie Seibert
- 10:30 am – Josh & Beth Mills, Henry, Emmett, & Rose

Acolyte

- 10:30 am – Hayden Mulnik

Preacher

- Pastor Scott Meador

Lovely Lane UMC Staff

Administration & Worship

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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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