

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## January 18, 2026, updated

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### JOYS

- \*Happy anniversary to Steve and Mary Odegaard
- \*Meditation and More Event on January 24
- \*Celebrating the ministry of Dennis Ramsey on January 25
- \*School accomplishments for our students
- \*Remembering the life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### CONCERNS

- \*Ruth Schwiebert receiving hospice care
- \*Marc Wittles recovering from successful surgery
- \*Alex Niebuhr and family as they await arrival of his girlfriend from China
- \*Lynn Heidt's father is hospitalized, and a good friend is ill with the flu
- \*Sean and Rachel Thomas with challenges as they await the birth of a child
- \*Andrii and Misha, church friends facing challenges in Ukraine
- \*Clergy experiencing difficult situations and tough times
- \*Barb Vancura's friend, Annie, following the passing of her mother, Beth
- \*Dave and Mari Lu Smith with a family loss on Dave's side of the family
- \*Monks who are walking for peace
- \*City of Minneapolis with challenges involving protesters and ICE officers
- \*National and international concerns
- \*Winter travel challenges

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**2025 Year End Giving Statements** have been sent by email if you have an email address on file with us. Otherwise, your statement was mailed. If you would like to request a printed copy of your statement, please contact the church office. Please review your statement and contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your generous and faithful giving!

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**Friendly Fellowship** will meet on **January 29, 2026, at noon in the fellowship hall.** (This is the 5th Thursday instead of the 4th because of a scheduling conflict.) Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Our program is with our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Dr. Alecia Hilmer. We will enjoy fellowship with her as we get to know her, and she is anxious to meet you.

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**Save the Date** - Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 18** for our United Women in Faith Garage Sale, from **8:00 am to noon.**

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**Meditation and More** – Please join us to learn more about meditation on **Saturday, January 24, 9:00 to 11:00 am.** The presenters will be Margaret Nelson and Andy Barden. Appropriate for middle school age and up. Coffee and snacks at 8:30. Childcare available upon request. Must call ahead. Please call Deb Streff (319) 721-8864. All are welcome.

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**Souper Sunday** – The Lovely Lane Youth Group will again be having their annual fundraiser on **Super Bowl Sunday, February 8.** Ordering information will be available soon to include subs and soups to go. The funds raised will go towards their Summer 2026 Service-Learning Trip to Columbia, MO which will focus on Disability Inclusion and Advocacy. Please contact Kim Moore, (715) 432-1982 or [kimm@lovelylane.org](mailto:kimm@lovelylane.org).

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**Youth Service Project and Music Bingo – Sunday, January 25 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm** at St. Paul's UMC. Please join us for an afternoon of service and fun! We'll be putting together food outreach bags for Willis Dady Homeless Services and beginning work on a trivia presentation for an upcoming fundraiser. More details about the fundraiser will be shared soon—we're excited to get the planning started together! Please bring your willingness to help others and friends!

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**Youth - "Big Game" Party, Sunday, February 8, from 5:00 pm** until the end of the game. We will meet at St. Paul's UMC - 1340 3rd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids. Come for food and fun at our Big Game Party! We'll have the game on, play games, and enjoy food throughout the night. Students are welcome to come and go as schedules allow. We'll provide Raising Cane's. Please bring a side or snack to share and friends and family.

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**Men's Breakfast** –Upcoming meetings will take place on **February 21, and March 21.** In February, Charlie Kucera will speak about the board game that he created called "Captains and Companies." In March, Kurt Rogahn from NAMI will speak about mental health. All are welcome!

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**Worship Servant Signup** – Please consider signing up to serve as Greeters, Ushers or Lector for the 2 worship services at 8:30 and 10:30 am. The signup sheet is in the Narthex and both January and February opportunities are posted. We appreciate all of those who help us serve others in these roles. Please contact the church office with any questions, (319) 393-6674.

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**The Prayer Shawl Group** continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 9:45 am in the Fireside Room. They stitch prayer shawls for new babies, Lovely Lane graduates, those who are ill and those who are grieving. Blankets and shawls are knitted, crocheted or sewn. If you would like to stitch and enjoy some good fellowship, please contact Sharon Kouba at (319) 329-7228.

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**Help Wanted** – The Lovely Lane Nursery is looking for care givers to help during worship services on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know is interested, please have them contact the church office, (319) 393-6674.

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**Church Service Opportunity** – As we move into the New Year, we have an opportunity for a person or a couple to prepare for coffee fellowship one Sunday a month at 7:30 am. Please reach out to Judy McDowell if you can assist in this area. [Jmcdow51@aol.com](mailto:Jmcdow51@aol.com).

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## This Week at Lovely Lane

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### Ministry Opportunities

#### Sunday – January 18 – *Human Relations Sunday*

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

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#### Monday – January 19

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

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#### Tuesday – January 20

4:00 PM Hospitality Committee (Fireside Room)

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#### Wednesday – January 21

9:30 AM Book Study via Zoom  
5:15 PM Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 PM Kids Club  
6:00 PM Youth Group  
6:00 PM Confirmation (Fireside Room)  
6:00 PM Book Study (Library)  
7:15 PM Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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#### Thursday – January 22

6:30 PM Missions Committee (Library)

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#### Friday – January 23

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#### Saturday – January 24

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast  
8:30 AM Meditation and More (Fellowship Hall)

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#### Sunday – January 25 – *Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

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

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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.



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## Assisting in Worship – January 18, 2026

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### Greeters

8:30 am – Evan Kerns  
10:30 am – Marla Gonzalez, Brinley Bentley & Landen Bentley

### Lector

8:30 am – Travis Meiborg  
10:30 am – Lyn Lewis

### Ushers

8:30 am – Travis Meiborg, Kathy Meiborg  
10:30 am – Ron & Margaret Nelson, Chris Johnson

### Acolyte

Brinley Bentley

### Preacher

Pastor Scott Meador

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## Lovely Lane UMC Staff

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### Administration & Worship

Lead Pastor	Dr. Scott Meador
Associate Pastor	Dr. Alecia Hilmer
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	Kim Moore
Nursery Caregiver Lead	Brooke Johnson
Nursery Caregiver	Hailey Ryan
Nursery Caregiver	Carly Giddings
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

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### Church Office Hours

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

Friday – Closed

Office Phone (319) 393-6674