

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## January 4, 2026, updated

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### JOYS

- \*Welcoming Pastor Alecia Hilmer and husband, Todd, to Lovely Lane
- \*Resuming study groups this month
- \*Curtis and Maggie Thomas with family visiting in worship
- \*Travis Meiborg celebrating family time over the holidays
- \*Joan Roscovius lifting up friend, Pauline, in worship
- \*New persons added to committee rosters in the New Year

### CONCERNS

- \*Darla Reed-Tinderholt's brother-in-law following a heart attack
- \*Melissa Beaström with lung cancer surgery on Thursday
- \*Janice Jamison with family friend's 2-year-old child suffering a stroke
- \*Kim Moore's friend, Jackie, with procedure to determine potential cancer diagnosis
- \*Sympathy to Joan Roscovius after passing of her friend, Linda
- \*Craig Martinson with delayed surgical procedure
- \*Conflict between the United States and Venezuela
- \*Sister church in Matanzas, Cuba, navigating current events
- \*National and international concerns

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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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**Study groups with Pastor Scott** meet on Wednesdays. The morning group meets on Zoom at 9:30 am. The evening group meets in the library at **6:00 pm**. The next focus will be on World Religions. The book will be "God Is Not One," by Stephen Prothero and will start on **Wednesday, January 7**. Books are available in the church office, \$10.

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**Youth Bowling Outing** - Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun as we kick off 2026 together with bowling at Spare Time Entertainment. Please join us on **Wednesday, January 7, 6:00 - 8:00 pm** at 4601 1st Ave SE, Cedar Rapids. St. Paul's Family Ministry will cover the cost of bowling and shoes. Any food or beverages will be the responsibility of participants. We hope you'll join us for a great start to the new year!

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**Women's Book Study** – The book for the next study is "The Difficult Words of Jesus." This study will start on **Wednesday, January 14, at noon**, in the Fireside Room. Books are in and available in the church office. The cost of each book is \$10. Please contact Annie Walker with any questions, [anniew@lovelylane.org](mailto:anniew@lovelylane.org).

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**United Women in Faith Updates** - Our next United Women in Faith meeting will be on **Thursday, January 8, at 1:00 pm**. Please join us as we plan events for the year... including delivering Valentine's to our friends who can't get out and the annual church garage sale in April. We have a Meditation Event planned with Margaret Nelson on **Saturday, January 24, 9:00 to 11:00 am**. All are welcome. 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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**Choir Retreat** – For members of Lovely Lane Chancel, Bell Choir or anyone interested learning more about the choir groups. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, January 10 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. \$10 fee includes lunch catered by *The Table by Jenny*. Please RSVP to Nancy Patrick or the church office by **Wednesday, January 7**, [nancyhpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:nancyhpatrick@gmail.com).

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**Youth Sledding Outing** – **January 11, 3:00 - 4:30 pm** at the Wanatee Park Sledding Hill, 1600 Banner Dr, Marion. Join the Youth Co-Op for an afternoon of sledding! Bring warm winter gear, a sled—or whatever you love sliding down hills on and friends. If there is no snow on the ground, a backup activity will be announced the week of the event.

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**Happy Endings Book Club** will meet on **Monday, January 12 at 10:00 am** in the Fireside Room at Lovely Lane to discuss the book, *The Mysterious Mrs. Nixon*, by Heath Hardage Lee. This book is a new, revolutionary look into the brilliant life of Pat Nixon. In America's collective consciousness, Pat Nixon has long been perceived as enigmatic. She was voted "Most Admired Woman in the World" in 1972 and made Gallup Poll's top ten list of most admired women fourteen times. She survived the turmoil of the Watergate scandal with her popularity and dignity intact. And yet, the media often portrayed Mrs. Nixon as elusive and mysterious. Please contact Judy McDowell with questions, (319) 560-2960.

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**Green Square Meals** – Six volunteers are needed each month to help with Green Square Meals. The next date is **Thursday, January 15, 2026**. Please contact Dan Moore by phone at (715) 432-1983 or by email [banjobubbabadad@yahoo.com](mailto:banjobubbabadad@yahoo.com) if you can help serve. Thank you to those who have helped serve these meals!

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**Men's Breakfast** – The next Men's Breakfast gathering will be **Saturday, January 17, at 8:30 am**. Paul Sale will speak about a recent trip to Argentina. He and Cindy participated in a penguin research adventure with a group called Earthwatch. Future 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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**Friendly Fellowship** will meet on **Thursday, January 29, 2026, at noon**. This will be on the fifth Thursday, instead of the fourth because of a scheduling conflict. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. The program is pending. Please look for updates in future announcements.

## This Week at Lovely Lane

### Ministry Opportunities

#### Sunday – January 4 – *Epiphany of the Lord*

- 8:30 AM Worship in-person
- 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship in-person & livestream  
(No Children's Sunday School)
- 12:00 PM Congolese congregation

#### Monday – January 5

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

#### Tuesday – January 6

#### Wednesday – January 7

- 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)

#### Thursday – January 8

#### Friday – January 9

#### Saturday – January 10

- 9:00 AM Choir Retreat (Fellowship Hall)

#### Sunday – January 11 – *Baptism of the Lord 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

### General Budget Pledge for 2026

The total pledged to date for next financial year is:

**\$489,522**

This is nearly a 10% increase from 2025

Thank you for all your faithful giving to Lovely Lane!



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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.

## Assisting in Worship – January 4, 2026

### Greeters

- 8:30 am - Evan Kerns
- 10:30 am – Denny & Linda Fitz

### Lector

- 8:30 am - Maggie Thomas
- 10:30 am – Helen Anderson

### Ushers

- 8:30 am – Scott & Terrie Seibert
- 10:30 am – Phil Martin

### Acolyte

Emmett Mills

### Preacher

Pastor Scott Meador

## Lovely Lane UMC Staff

### 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

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| 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<br>(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

Office Phone (319) 393-6674