

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 1, 2026

JOYS

- *Thanks and congratulations to Joe Helle on his retirement!
- *Becky Wood taking on extra duties as our new Event Coordinator at church
- *Children learning about helping others and showing kindness during these trying times
- *Persons helping citizens in Minneapolis/St. Paul
- *Happy 57th anniversary to Jim and Myrna Loehrlein
- *Legal Observer Training in Cedar Rapids

CONCERNS

- *Sympathy to the family of ReGina Culbertson after her passing
- *Sympathy to the family of Ruth Schwiebert after her passing
- *Les and Sherry Minor's neighbor, Steve, after an accident in his garage
- *Karon Niebuhr's niece, Amber, struggling with personal problems
- *Safety for those protesting in the streets during the winter season
- *Dillman family facing some difficult times
- *Jayne Woodson needing car keys that were inside a lost coat
- *Communities of Minneapolis/St. Paul during difficult times
- *Immigrants and refugees living in fear
- *Country of Cuba facing significant economic struggles
- *National and international concerns

Prayer Vigil for Current Times – You are warmly invited to join us for a Prayer Vigil – a sacred time to gather in unity, lift our hearts to God, and intercede for our community, our nation, and the world. **Tuesday, February 3, 6:30 to 7:30 pm** in the sanctuary at Lovely Lane. This will be an evening of worship, scripture reading, and heartfelt prayer. Let us come together in faith, believing that our prayers can bring light into the darkest places. “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” – Matthew 18:20. You will want to bring your Bible, along with a pen. We look forward to praying alongside you.

Souper Sunday – The Lovely Lane Youth Group will again be having their annual fundraiser on **Super Bowl Sunday, February 8**. Following is the online order form to order your sub and soup combos:

<https://lovelylane.breezechms.com/form/6c74e1>

Order forms can also be picked up in the narthex and will be included with your bulletins this coming Sunday. The deadline for ordering is **Wednesday, February 4**. The funds raised will go towards the youth trip this summer. They will be traveling to Columbia, MO, for a Service-Learning Trip which will focus on Disability-Inclusion and Advocacy. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for donating a pot of chicken noodle soup or chili. Please contact Kim Moore, (715) 432-1982 or kimm@lovelylane.org.

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.

United Women in Faith – Valentines Day Boxes – Please join us on **Thursday, February 12 at 1:00** to box up cookies, candies, snacks and cards and then deliver to our friends who cannot make it to church regularly. Please bring 1-2 dozen Valentine's cookies, candies, or snacks to share. We welcome anyone to donate cookies and candies. We will need 5-7 drivers to deliver and visit with each of our friends. You can make it a family affair if you would like, you are welcome to bring your husband and/or your kids. Looking forward to seeing you on the 12th! Please call or text Deb Streff, with questions. (319) 721-8864.

Family event at Airfx in Hiawatha – Sunday, February 15, 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Lovely Lane will cover the cost of admission to the trampoline park. If you have jumping socks, please bring those.

Men's Breakfast – The next gathering will be on **Saturday, February 21, at 8:30 am** in the fellowship hall. Charlie Kucera will share about the board game he created, “Captains and Companies.” We will enjoy coffee and few breakfast items. All are welcome!

Church Wide Garage Sale – Start cleaning out your closets, basements, garages and box up your things to bring to the church on **Friday evening, April 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm**. United Women in Faith will be hosting a garage sale the following morning, **Saturday, April 18, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Proceeds will go towards missions and the summer youth trip. What to donate for the sale: kitchen items, home décor, books, toys, furniture, children's clothing and sporting goods. What NOT to donate for the sale: adult clothing, tube TV's, large appliances and mattresses. Many volunteers (men, women, youth) will be needed to set up, to help at the sale and for takedown and delivery of unsold items to charity. Please contact Deb Streff (319) 721-8864 or debstreff@gmail.com.

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.

Vacation Bible School Save the Date – July 19- 23

Dinner will be served from 5:15 – 6:00 pm and programming will begin at 6:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm. This year's theme will be “Snowball Mountain Challenge.” Please contact Annie Walker with questions at anniew@lovelylane.org.

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – February 1 – *Fourth Sunday after 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
 3:00 PM Youth Service Project (St. Paul's UMC)

Monday – February 2

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

Tuesday – February 3

6:30-7:30PM Prayer Vigil (Sanctuary Lovely Lane)

Wednesday – February 4

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 – February 5

Friday – February 6

Saturday – February 7

10:30 AM Souper Sunday Food Prep (Kitchen)

Sunday – February 8 – *Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

Sports Clothing Sunday – Souper 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
 5:00 PM Youth Big Game Party (St. Paul's UMC)

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 – February 1, 2026

Greeters

8:30 am – Evan Kerns
 10:30 am – Kent & Joy Jackson

Lector

8:30 am – Kathy Millian
 10:30 am – Stephanie French

Ushers

8:30 am – Phil Martin
 10:30 am – Evan & Julie Hupp, Alex Hupp

Communion Servers

8:30 am – Todd Hilmer & Wilma Parsons
 10:30 am – Chris Johnson & Heather Meador

Acolyte

Ben Davis

Preacher

Pastor Scott Meador

Lovely Lane UMC Staff

Administration & Worship

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| 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 (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