

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### February 15, 2026, updated

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#### JOYS

- \*Heart Healthy Brunch from the Health and Wholeness Committee
- \*Central Furniture Rescue event at Cedar Rapids Titans football game
- \*Volunteer structure in place to assist persons in Minneapolis/St. Paul
- \*Mark Dillman expressing appreciation for prayers for his family
- \*Ash Wednesday worship coming up at church
- \**Lent in a Bag* distributed in worship

#### CONCERNS

- \*Iowa Lakes Community College after the passing of a student/athlete
- \*John and Bobbie O'Bryon traveling to niece's funeral in Michigan
- \*Marla Gonzalez's sister-in-law with health concerns
- \*Immigrants facing difficult conditions in detention facilities
- \*Helen Anderson shares story of person needing to carry passport at all times
- \*Linda Bayliss lifting up our military as situation in Iran escalates
- \*Minneapolis/St. Paul area working through trying times
- \*National and international concerns

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**Lent in a Bag** – Beginning today, **Sunday, February 15**, each household may pick up a *Lent in a Bag* kit at the church. Lent is the 40 days before Easter where we seek to journey with Jesus. *Lent in a Bag* provides us with symbols, scripture and reflective questions for a weekly devotional in our homes. We are inviting all our households to join in this Lenten journey. *Lent in a Bag* will also be available in the office this next week. Thank you to United Women in Faith for sponsoring this Lenten activity.

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**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.

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**Ash Wednesday Brinner (Breakfast/Dinner)** - The Youth will be doing another fund raiser! They will be making pancakes for the Breakfast/Dinner on **Wednesday, February 18** before the Ash Wednesday Service. If you have never seen them in action, you must see them. They are a fun bunch. They will start serving at **6:00 pm**. All Funds will go to the Youth Group to support their Mission Trip, *Be the Neighbor*, in Columbia MO.

**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!

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**Women's Book Study** continues to meet at noon on Wednesdays in the Fireside Room. The book for Lenten Study will be *An Unlikely Lent*, by Rachel Billups. "The resurrection of Jesus was not witnessed in isolation; it unfolded before a crowd. In this book, we look at what has been overlooked, not just in the grand moments but in the in-between: the silence, the side characters, and the questions. Walk through this season with eyes wide open, ready to see where God is moving, even in the margins. Since the cross is not the end of the story, embrace every unlikely moment along the way." Books are available in the office for \$10.

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**Lenten Book Study** – The Study groups with Pastor Scott will focus on the book, *Life Together*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, during the Lenten season. The Wednesday classes will take place at 9:30 am (on Zoom) and 6:00 pm in the library and will start on February 25. Books will be available soon in the church office, for \$10.

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**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 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](mailto:debstreff@gmail.com).

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**Thank you for submitting your Hy-Vee Receipts for Lovely Lane Preschool and Daycare!** They are happy to report we have reached the \$147,000 point of a \$150,000 goal for the year. For every \$200 in eligible Hy-Vee receipts collected, will receive \$1. The receipts can be from various Hy-Vee locations and departments, including groceries, catering, pharmacies, fuel, and more. Hy-Vee receipts can be submitted for date of purchase from April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026. Please bring your receipts to the donation box on the table just outside the left entrance to the sanctuary.

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#### **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](mailto:anniew@lovelylane.org).

## This Week at Lovely Lane

### Ministry Opportunities

#### Sunday – February 15 – *Transfiguration Sunday*

*Pick up your "Lent in a Bag"*

- 8:30 AM Heart Healthy Brunch until 10:30 (Fellowship Hall)
- 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 – February 16

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

#### Tuesday – February 17

#### Wednesday – February 18

- 12:00 PM Women's Book Study (Fireside)
- 6:00 PM Pancake Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

#### Thursday – February 19

- 4:00 PM Green Square Meals (Downtown Cedar Rapids)

#### Friday – February 20

#### Saturday – February 21 –

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

#### Sunday – February 22 – *First Sunday in Lent*

- 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)
- 1:30 PM Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

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 15, 2026

### Greeters

- 8:30 am – Kathy Meiborg & Travis Meiborg
- 10:30 am – Josh & Beth Mills, Henry, Emmett & Rose

### Lector

- 8:30 am – Todd Hilmer
- 10:30 am – Judy McDowell

### Ushers

- 8:30 am – Phil & Shirley Martin
- 10:30 am – Chris Johnson, Andy Craig & Anne Craig

### Acolyte

- 10:30 – Ava Maher

### Preacher

Associate Pastor Alecia Hilmer

## 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 |
| Event 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