

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 1, 2026, updated

JOYS

- *Happy birthday to Jaired Lyons
- *France Roland with Simpson Youth Academy (SYA) weekend experience
- *Congratulations to Carly Arp for Rotary scholarship and foreign experience coming up
- *LuAnn Basemann and family with new grandson, Cedar
- *Chris Johnson completing a wonderful trip to Mexico
- *Pastor Alecia and husband, Todd, returning home after vacation time
- *Lenten offering for Matthew 25 Transform Week

CONCERNS

- *Military operations in Iran and surrounding areas
- *Family members stationed or living in areas with military action
- *Clergy and laity working together to support the immigrant population
- *Leslie Neugebauer's father following a medical procedure
- *Brandon Drew receiving cancer treatment
- *Sharon Kouba's brother-in-law, Bill, with medical concerns
- *City of Austin, Texas, following a mass shooting
- *LuAnn Basemann's brother-in-law is receiving hospice care
- *Joan Roscovius's children's father with stage 4 illness
- *Family members of John and Bobbie O'Bryon grieving after loss
- *Jayne Woodson giving up driving privileges and selling her car
- *Folks impacted by the fire at Green Square Meals
- *National and international news

Listening Campaign 2.0 - Last autumn, we started getting to know one another by sharing and listening to 40 different individual stories. We hope to keep this meaningful journey going for the church with Listening Campaign 2.0. Look around and determine if you would like to become better acquainted with someone in the congregation, on your committee or within your activity. Decide if you would like to share your own story with someone from LLUMC.

Let Pastor Alecia or Jane Schildroth know of your interest and the following will happen:

- Listeners will attend a 30-minute meeting to gather some tips.
- Determine what persons we might wish to interview.
- Discover ways to establish first contact
- Three simple questions that can help spark easy conversations
- Hear from people who participated last year
- Answer any questions you may have

This would entail three commitments:

- Attend the 30-minute meeting
- Plan on 45-60 minute conversation with the person being interviewed at a location of your choosing
- Participate in the summary meeting scheduled at the conclusion of the eight-week interview period
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**If you are being interviewed, you just need to be willing to meet and talk about your own story – how you came to LLUMC, how you spend your time now and anything else you feel comfortable sharing. That's it!

2026 LENTEN SPECIAL OFFERING RECIPIENTS

***Please note that any contributions to this first specific Lenten Offering will only be accepted in cash to be compliant and because of the delicate situation in Cuba at this time. A receipt for tax purposes will be provided for all cash contributions, if name is provided at the time of giving.**

Cuba Partnership: Last year our church established a sister arrangement with the Fraternity Baptist Church in Matanzas, Cuba. Pastor Alicita leads this small, active, mission-minded congregation that faces numerous challenges, including power outages. The church does amazing work reaching out to its neighbors. A smart part of this offering will also go to the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Havana that is seeking to make a purchase of safe housing for some its most vulnerable members. Lovely Lane stayed with Ebenezer last year.

Contributions to the following 3 Lenten Offerings can be made with check, cash or online.

Matthew 25: Is a local non-profit that exists to strengthen core urban neighborhoods in Cedar Rapids. Their focus is on fresh, healthy food; affordable, sustainable housing, and education. Projects include the state's first urban farm, school gardens, youth job training, a tool library, Groundswell "pay-it-forward" Café, and a variety of housing programs. Transform, the annual volunteer housing rehabilitation blitz, brings together more than three hundred volunteers in the final full week of June. Lovely Lane will again support and participate in the 11th annual Transform Week.

Hiawatha Food Pantry: The pantry located in the public library's entry vestibule, is open to all who are in need. The pantry is supported by partnerships with HACSAP, Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center, Feed Iowa First, and Linn County Master Gardeners, as well as food rescue partnerships with local grocery and convenience stores. Monetary donations to the Hiawatha Public Library help offset ongoing costs and maintenance needed for the long-term food pantry operation. Food insecurity continues to be a major ongoing issue in our area and beyond.

Neighbors in Need Fund: This is dedicated ministry resource through **Hamline UMC of St. Paul**, used to walk alongside individuals and families in seasons of crisis, embodying our call to love our neighbors in very practical ways. The fund (aka the Barnabus Fund) exists to respond quickly and compassionately when neighbors face unexpected financial hardship or systemic barriers, especially those related to poverty, displacement, and immigration. Currently, the fund is being most utilized to support immigrants and refugees within the congregation and the wider neighborhood who are experiencing acute vulnerability.

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – March 1 – *Second 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
- 2:30 PM Family Ministries at Potter's Obsession

Monday – March 2

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

Tuesday – March 3

Wednesday – March 4

- 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
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Confirmation (Fireside Room)
- 6:00 PM Book Study (Library)
- 7:15 PM Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday – March 5

Friday – March 6

Saturday – March 7

Sunday – March 8 – *Third Sunday in Lent*

Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 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
- 2:00 PM Youth at Super Skate

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 – March 1, 2026

Greeters

- 8:30 am – Evan Kerns
- 10:30 am – Joy Jackson

Lector

- 8:30 am – Evan Kerns
- 10:30 am – Stephanie French

Ushers

- 8:30 am – Scott & Terrie Seibert
- 10:30 am – Evan & Julie Hupp, Alex Hupp

Acolyte

- 10:30 am – Natalie Krumm

Communion Servers

- 8:30 am – Wilma Parsons & Bert Tribuno
- 10:30 am – Pastor John O'Bryon & Becky Wood

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

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	Dawn DuPont
(Children's Weekday Ministries)	

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
Event Coordinator	Becky Wood

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday – Closed

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