

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 15, 2026, Updated

JOYS

- *Revs. Paul & Gayle Wilcox sharing in worship about ministry in Minneapolis/Saint Paul
- *Special offering for the Neighbors in Need Fund at Hamline UMC in Saint Paul
- *Fair Trade and Eco-Friendly Sale in the narthex
- *Hy-Vee receipts collected through the end of the month (this assists CWM)
- *Brandon & Leslie Neugebauer expecting their first child this fall
- *Marci Wittles expressing thanks for prayers for her and her family
- *Frances Roland and other youth excelling at State Speech competition
- *Happy birthday to Judy McDowell
- *Jayne Woodson selling her car to church member
- *Living Last Supper performances coming up
- *Special Charge Conference at church on March 19

CONCERNS

- *Winter storm challenges and need to stay safe
- *Stan Coleman with delicate health matters
- *Mardell Adams not feeling well
- *Sympathy to Marla Gonzalez after the passing of her sister-in-law
- *Darla Reed-Tinderholt's brother following a medical procedure
- *City of Austin, Texas, following a fire with multiple deaths
- *Andy & Mary Vorwerk with family members working in settings close to war action
- *Chaplain Mike Sparrow serving military members in Bahrain
- *Former student of Linda Bayliss, Josh, injured in Kuwait
- *Linda Bayliss's son, David, and others serving at Air Force base in the U.S.
- *Dillman family facing changes and difficult times
- *Kim Moore's friend, Jackie, with chemotherapy treatments
- *National and international news

Living Last Supper Schedule for 2026

Friday, March 20, 6:30 pm – Meth-Wick Community

(Please note time change to the following:)

Sunday, March 22, **5:00 pm** – Catholic Historical Center in Clinton

Sunday, March 29, 7:00 pm – Lovely Lane UMC

Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm – Lovely Lane UMC

Special Charge Conference to make an adjustment to Pastor Alecia Hilmer's salary will take place at the start of the Administrative Council meeting on **March 19, 7:00 pm**. The Council is the leadership body of Lovely Lane.

March Men's Breakfast – Please join us on **Saturday, March 21 at 8:30 am** to hear from Kurt Rogahn from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) who will speak about mental health. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy a few breakfast items and coffee. All are welcome!

Lovely Lane Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 to 11:30 am – Crafts and games as egg hunters wait their turn. Candy contributions accepted in the narthex.



2026 LENTEN SPECIAL OFFERING RECIPIENTS

***Please note that any contributions to this first specific Lenten Offering will only be accepted in cash/currency 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 15 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Fair Trade Sale in the 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 – March 16

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

Tuesday – March 17 – Happy St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday – March 18

(No family meal or children/youth activities due to spring break)

- 9:30 AM Book Study via Zoom
- 12:00 PM Women's Book Study (Fireside)
- 6:00 PM Book Study (Library)
- 7:15 PM Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday – March 19

- 1:00 PM United Women in Faith (Fireside Room)
- 4:00 PM Green Square Meals
- 5:45 PM Trustees (Library)
- 6:00 PM Health & Wholeness (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM Finance Council (Fireside Room)
- 7:00 PM Special Charge Conference (Library)
- 7:00 PM Admin Council (Library)

Friday – March 20

- 6:30 PM Living Last Supper at Methwick

Saturday – March 21

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

Sunday – March 22 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

(No childrens Sunday School due to spring break week)

- 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
 - 12:00 PM Congolese congregation
 - 5:00 PM Living Last Supper in Clinton
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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 – March 15, 2026

Greeters

- 8:30 am – Travis Meiborg, Kathy Meiborg
- 10:30 am – Jeff & Pat Swartzendruber

Lector

- 8:30 am – Marcie Stumpf and Pastors Scott & Alecia
- 10:30 am – Chris Johnson and Pastors Scott & Alecia

Ushers

- 8:30 am – Scott & Terrie Seibert
- 10:30 am – Mike & Becky Wood

Acolyte

- 10:30 am – Brooklyn Crandall

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 (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
Event Coordinator	Becky Wood

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday – Closed

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