

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## March 8, 2026, updated

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### JOYS

- \*Curtis and Maggie Thomas's new grandson, Elliott, is home after hospital stay
- \*Bidding time music opportunities are available in worship
- \*Andy Craig and family celebrate March birthdays and events
- \*JR Streff with great skiing experience in Colorado
- \*Cathy Homard celebrates one week of retirement
- \*Happy birthday to Kim Moore
- \*Living Last Supper performances coming up

### CONCERNS

- \*Military conflict in Iran and the Middle East
- \*Sympathy to the family of the lowan soldiers who died in combat
- \*Uncertainty for our sister church and many persons living in Cuba
- \*Marla Gonzalez's sister-in-law, Wendy, in hospice care
- \*Stan Coleman with delicate health matters
- \*National and international concerns

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#### Living Last Supper Schedule for 2026

- Friday, March 20, 6:30 pm – Meth-Wick Community
- Sunday, March 22, 6:30 pm – Catholic Historical Center in Clinton
- Sunday, March 29, 7:00 pm – Lovely Lane UMC
- Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm – Lovely Lane UMC

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**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!

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**SAVE THE DATE – Lovely Lane Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 to 11:30 am**  
Candy contributions accepted in the narthex

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**Garage Sale – April 18, 2026, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm** – Do you have some things you would like to donate to the church garage sale? Items accepted include kitchenware, books, toys, children's clothing, home décor, furniture and sporting goods. No adult clothing please. Please drop off price marked donations at the church on Friday evening, April 17, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Sponsored by United Women in Faith. Please contact Deb Streff with questions (319) 721-8864.

### 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.

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## This Week at Lovely Lane

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### Ministry Opportunities

#### Sunday – March 8 – *Third 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
- 2:00 PM Youth at Super Skate

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#### Monday – March 9

- 10:00 AM Happy Endings Book Club (Fireside Room)
- 6:30 PM Scouting America #766 (Fellowship Hall)

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#### Tuesday – March 10

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#### Wednesday – March 11

- 7:30 AM Coffee with CWM Parents (Fellowship Hall)
- 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)

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#### Thursday – March 12

- 1:00 PM Rev. Greg Neal- Metro Circuit (Library)
- 1:00 PM United Women in Faith (Fireside Room)

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#### Friday – March 13

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#### Saturday – March 14

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#### Sunday – March 15 – *Fourth 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
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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.



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## Assisting in Worship – March 8, 2026

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### Greeters

- 8:30 am – Todd Hilmer
- 10:30 am – Dave & Nancy Wittenburg

### Lector

- 8:30 am – Mark Dillman, Kim Moore & Alecia Hilmer
- 10:30 am – Mark Dillman, Kim Moore & Alecia Hilmer

### Ushers

- 8:30 am – Phil & Shirley Martin
- 10:30 am – Ron & Margaret Nelson, Ryker Fisher, & Hayden Mulnik

### Acolyte

- 10:30 am – Rose Mills

### Preacher

- Pastor Scott Meador

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## Lovely Lane UMC Staff

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### 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

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### Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday – Closed

Office Phone (319) 393-6674