

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### July 26, 2026, updated

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#### JOYS

- \*Successful and fun Vacation Bible School
- \*Appreciation to all the VBS helpers and volunteers
- \*Possible expansion of children's Sunday School this fall
- \*Thank you to Morgan Stumpf for playing the piano during worship services
- \*Lyn Lewis expressing joy about sharing passion for science with children
- \*Judi Leberman celebrating birth of her first great grandchild, Roland
- \*RAGBRAI bicycle riders finishing the week
- \*Appreciation for Miracle Sunday offerings and backpack/school supply offerings
- \*Cedar Rapids Community Orchestra playing in worship on August 2
- \*Sermon series for August focused on approaches to balance beliefs and behavior

#### CONCERNS

- \*Sympathy to Al Adams and family following the passing of wife, Mardell
- \*Dan Moore seeking healing after a fall
- \*Pride Fest in Berlin, Germany experiencing tragedy
- \*Pastor Alecia assisting daughter, Samantha, with a move from Alaska to Iowa
- \*Difficulties with wildfires in the USA and Canada
- \*National and international news

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**Church Shower** - Lovely Lane is hosting a church shower today, **Sunday, July 26**. Cupcakes and punch will be served in the narthex following worship. Instead of spending budget money on these items, we will utilize the donations in the months to come. You are invited to bring donated items to the church. A wish list of items is posted on our web page, [www.lovelylane.org](http://www.lovelylane.org).

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**Special Offerings** – Contributions can still be made to our July Special Offerings. School Supplies special offering for students in need at Kennedy High School and Pierce Elementary and the Miracle Sunday offering is to strengthen theological education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. Contributions can be made online at: [Give Online](#) or by check or cash, please note the specific special offering on your check or giving envelope.

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**National Night Out** – Please join us for a National Night Out on **August 4, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm**. This annual event encourages neighbors to spend the evening outside together and with local first responders. It aims to build police-community partnerships, promote crime prevention, and celebrate neighborhood spirit. On the church grounds, at Lovely Lane we will have ice cream, popsicles, games and a Noah's Ark Bouncy Castle. Hope to see you there!

**Save the Date – Church Work Day – August 22, 2026**  
**8:00 to 11:00 am** – More details coming soon.

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**Annual Lovely Lane Golf Outing – Sunday, August 23, 1:30 pm.** We will golf at Lake MacBride Golf Club. Please let Denny Fitz know if you would like to play. [dmf.rboyz@gmail.com](mailto:dmf.rboyz@gmail.com) All are welcome!

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**Everyone's Ample Table (EAT)** - Under the Missions Committee, a new group, Everyone's Ample Table (EAT), formed to help us better understand the needs of our neighbors and expand our table. In late July or early August, EAT would like to pilot a weekly pop-up pantry for 4 weeks. If you have produce to share, consider bringing it to the church. We will send invitations out to our partners. Suggestions for donations: tomatoes, onions, squash, carrots, potatoes, cucumbers, and fresh eggs. Please contact Jane Schildroth with questions, [janepeter4641@gmail.com](mailto:janepeter4641@gmail.com).

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**"Where Did the Summer Go?"** – Let's come together to celebrate our faith through the gift of music and fellowship. Join with members of our Methodist congregations for an evening of music that celebrates our shared faith, strengthens our church family, and offers a meaningful witness to our community. After the event, join us in the Fellowship Hall for cookies, coffee, and lemonade. **August 22 at 6:00 pm** at Salem United Methodist Church, 3715 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

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**Fifth Sunday Potluck August 31 after Worship.** Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. This is a great time for Fellowship as we think about Fall and upcoming events. Drinks will be provided.

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**Churches & Baseball** – The United Methodist Lay Ministry Board is planning a bus tour to visit churches and the Field of Dreams in Dyersville on **Thursday, September 24, 2026**. Make reservations by **July 24**. Contact Jeanne West with questions, (319) 560-4769 or [eaglmother3@netins.net](mailto:eaglmother3@netins.net).

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**Happy Endings Book Club** will not meet in August. We will be reading for **Monday, September 14**, *The Girl In The Blue Beret*, by Bobbie Ann Mason. This is a haunting and profoundly moving story of an American World War II pilot shot down in Occupied Europe, and his wrenching odyssey of discovery, decades later, as he uncovers the truth about those who helped him escape in 1944.

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## This Week at Lovely Lane

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### Ministry Opportunities

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#### Sunday – July 26 – *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Church Shower in the Narthex*

9:30 AM Worship in-person & livestream  
10:45 AM Summer Book Study (Library)  
12:00 PM Congolese congregation

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#### Monday – July 27

6:30 PM Scouting America (Fellowship Hall)

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#### Tuesday – July 28

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#### Wednesday – July 29

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#### Thursday – July 30

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#### Friday – July 31

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#### Saturday – August 1

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#### Sunday – August 2 – *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 AM Worship in-person and livestream  
10:45 AM Summer Book Study (Library)  
12:00 PM Congolese congregation

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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**Worship Servant Signup** – Over the last year we converted to a physical signup sheet in the narthex for signing up for worship servant opportunities on Sundays at worship service. This process has proved to work out very well. If you are interested in serving as a Lector, Greeter or Usher please stop at the desk near the church office and choose a date and time that works well for you. We appreciate all of our worship servants and volunteers! We can't do our ministries without your help! If you are not able to sign up in the church narthex, please call the church office at (319) 393-6674 for assistance.

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## Assisting in Worship – July 26, 2026

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### Greeters

Andy Vorwerk & Chris Johnson

### Lector

Travis Meiborg

### Ushers

Travis Meiborg & Kathy Meiborg

### Acolyte

Ava Maher

### Preacher

Pastor Alecia Hilmer

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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

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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               | Dawn DuPont    |

(Children's Weekday Ministries)

### Office & Facilities

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Office Administrator & Finance Sec. | Tammy Martin        |
| Office Assistant                    | Sara Alterbal       |
| Treasurer                           | Susan Kohl          |
| Event Coordinator & Membership Sec. | Becky Wood          |
| Website & Social Media              | Shelly Turner       |
| Facilities Manager                  | Curtis Thomas       |
| Custodians                          | Rex & Rhonda Heasty |

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### Church Office Hours

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

Office Phone (319) 393-6674