ANNOUNCEMENTS
August 9, 2026, updated

JOYS

*Summer travel and family time
*Pastor Alecia returning to Iowa from Alaska
*Marti Sparrow celebrates family members in worship
*Appreciation to Mike Sparrow for serving as a Navy Chaplain in Bahrain
*Travis Meiborg celebrates the news he will become a grandparent
*Fall worship will begin on September 13 with services at 8:30 and 10:30

CONCERNS

*Memorial service for Mardell Adams at the church on September 11
*Sarah Westergren lifting up uncertainty at work
*Communities and homeowners impacted by storms last week
*Ongoing tension in the Middle East and desires for peace
*National and international concerns

August Worship Series – Pastor Scott will preach a sermon series in August titled, "Beliefs and Behavior." The series will run for four weeks and look at the ways persons from history have lifted up the need to balance beliefs and behavior.

Lovely Lane Youth Outing - Play Lab Action Park – The youth co-op is planning an outing at the Trampoline Park on **Wednesday, August 12, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. If we get 25 to attend admission will be free. Please bring a friend. Jump socks are $4 or bring your own. Please RSVP to Kim Moore at kimm@lovelylane.org.

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

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 All are welcome!

"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 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

Everyone's Ample Table (EAT) Update - August is a big month at Lovely Lane regarding our newly forming **Pop-Up Pantries**! We are piloting a project with the **Lovely Lane Preschool** here on-site and **Trinity Lane Preschool** at that location. We will continue to take food to the **Hiawatha Library Food Pantry** as we have all summer. We will offer produce at each of the sites, until it is gone. We are looking at taking produce to **the Green Square meal site**. This is where you come into the picture! If you have produce to share, please bring it over the following Sundays in August: 2, 9, 16 and 23. There will be baskets in the narthex. What can you do? Bring extra produce from your garden:

· Bring fresh eggs
· Donate toward the purchase of supplemental food. There will be a donation jar by the baskets.
· Pray for the households receiving the food.
· We need 2-4 folks to help bag up produce at after church on the 4 Sundays.
· The Kennedy donation box needs staples such as peanut butter and jelly. There is a full list in the narthex. The need for food is increasing. 1 in 10 adults in Linn County has food insecurity, not county children and youth. We feed people. Please donate generously! This is an outreach of the Missions Committee. Please contact Jane Schildroth if you have any questions. Janepeter4641@gmail.com.

Fifth Sunday Potluck August 30 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.

Happy Endings Book Club will not meet in August. We will be reading T*he Girl In The Blue Beret,* by Bobbie Ann Mason, for **Monday, September 14**. 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.

Summer/Fall Worship Schedule – We will return to our regular worship schedule on **Sunday, September 13** with two services at 8:30 and 10:30 am. We will continue with the summer worship schedule with one service at 9:30 am through Sunday, September 6. Sunday School will resume on Sunday September 13 and Wednesday evening Kid's Club and Adult Book Study will start up again on September 16.

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – August 9 – *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*
9:30 AM Worship in-person & livestream
12:00 PM Congolese congregation

Monday – August 10
6:30 PM Scouting America (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday – August 11

Wednesday – August 12
6:00 pm Youth Co-Op at Play Lab Action Park

Thursday – August 13
4:00 PM Green Square Meals

Friday – August 14

Saturday – August 15

Sunday – August 16 – *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*
9:30 AM Worship in-person and livestream
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.

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.

Assisting in Worship – August 9, 2026

Greeters
Jim & Trish Palmer

Lector
Brooke Arp

Usher
Tom & Belinda Muller, Brooklyn Crandall

Acolyte
Emmett Mills

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
Event Coordinator & Membership Sec.	Becky Wood
Website & Social Media	Shelly Turner
Facilities Manager	Curtis Thomas
Custodians	Rex & Rhonda Heasty

Church Office Hours

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

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