ANNOUNCEMENTS
September 13, 2026, updated

JOYS

*Brandon and Leslie Neugebauer expecting this week!
*Special offering of food assistance for Matanzas Church
*Ongoing special offering for the Eagle Scout project
*Sunday School starting for all ages on Sunday, Sept. 20
*Youth Co-Op with nomination for Bishop's Inspire Awards
*Youth Co-Op with fall season starting up
*Joni Roscovius with wonderful family celebrations
*Pastor Alecia returning from vacation
*Fun times following favorite football teams

CONCERNS

*Remembering 9/11 on the 25th anniversary
*Sympathy to the Adams family following memorial service for Mardell Adams
*Josh Mills' uncle, Gary, following a vehicle accident
*Carol Strong and family after the passing of husband, Steve
*National and international concerns

Pastor Scott's Study Groups – will not meet on Wednesday, **September 16 and 23**. Book study will resume on **September 30**. The study book we will look at is *Jesus is Lord: Living in the Lordship of Christ*. The author is Bishop Tom Berlin. Books are available in the church office, $10. This study meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 on Zoom and at 6:00 in the library. All are welcome.

Faith Issues, an adult forum class will meet on the evening of **September 13 at 5:30 pm**, in the Deer Ridge building at Methwick, 1224 13th St NW, for our annual potluck and planning. Please join us and bring your ideas for interesting topics for this year.

Fall Kick-off – The youth Co-Op is a safe, welcoming, and collaborative youth ministry for students in grades 6 – 12th. Our current partner churches are Lovely Lane, St. Paul's, and Trinity St. James UMC. Please join us for a Fall Kick-off on **Sunday, September 13, at 3:00 pm** at Ellis Park. We will meet at the Pool Pavilion from 3:00–4:30 pm for an afternoon of snacks, fun, games, and time together

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Sunday School Helpers – If you would be interested in helping with Pre-K Sunday School we would love to have you**! Sunday Mornings at 9:30 and 10:45.** Please contact Annie Walker at anniew@lovelylane.org.

Companions in Christ Small Group – Associate Pastor Alecia Hilmer and her husband, Todd will offer a 5-week spiritual formation group, Companions in Christ. This group provides a small group resource for spiritual formation. It's designed to create a setting where participants can respond to God's call to an ever-deepening following of Christ – as an individual, as a member of a group of this church. Todd and I have led it before. Each time we have found it meaningful, and renewing. If you want to deepen your walk, come join us. If you want to see if this is for you, check out our first session on **Tuesday, September 15, from 6:00-7:30 PM**. The cost of the 5-week study is $15. See you there!

Happy Endings Book Club – We will be reading *The Girl In The Blue Beret,* by Bobbie Ann Mason, for 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.

Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation - The Academy offers five days to rest into God, listen deeply, and recover holy rhythms with companions on the journey. The time together runs from October 18-23 at Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center in Indianola. Participants will gather for a monastic-patterned retreat of worship, teaching, silence, and community practices. More information is on the conference website, www.iaumc.org. The Rev. Rose Blank is one of the leaders too. You can also reach her for further information, rose.blank3@gmail.com.

Youth Outing to Bass Farms – Wednesday, October 14, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please join us for fun-filled evening at the pumpkin patch**.** Bass Farms, 840 Bass Lane, Mt. Vernon, IA.
Enjoy mini golf, a jumping pad, farm frenzy slide, a corn maze, and more. To help keep everyone safe and having fun, we ask that kids 12 and under bring a parent/guardian to stay and enjoy the evening. This event is free; however, RSVP is requested. Please contact Kim Moore at kimm@lovelylane.org.

United Women in Faith – are planning a Church Auction Fundraiser this fall and we need you to make it a success! Do you have something you could donate? Maybe a homemade pie, a special talent, a gift basket, a weekend getaway, a dinner for friends, lawn care, handyman help, or another fun service or experience? The possibilities are endless! We are also looking for volunteers to help with planning, organizing, and making the auction a fun event for everyone. Let's have some fun and raise money for our local food banks!

Save the date – Health & Wholeness Fall Retreat
November 7, 2026, 8:30 – 1:00 pm – Join us as we hear from local leaders regarding "The Worries That Keep Us Up At Night." Breakfast and lunch will be provided. If you require childcare, please register by October 31, 2026. Register on line: https://lovelylane.breezechms.com/form/3e7b0a

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – September 13 – *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:30 AM	Worship in-person
9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM	Worship in-person & livestream
10:45 AM	Sunday School Pre-K to 5th Grade
12:00 PM	Congolese congregation

Monday – September 14

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

Tuesday – September 15

6:00 PM	Companions in Christ (Fireside)

Wednesday – September 16

9:30 AM	Book Study on Zoom
12:00 PM	Women's Book Study (Fireside Room)
5:15 PM	Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM	Kids Club
6:00 PM	Youth Group
7:15 PM	Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday – September 17

4:00 PM	Green Square Meals (downtown)
6:00 PM	Health & Wholeness (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM	Finance (Fireside)
7:00 PM	Admin Council (Library)

Friday – September 18

Saturday – September 19

Sunday – September 20 – *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:30 AM	Worship in-person
9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM	Sunday School Pre-K to 8th Grade & Adult
10:30 AM	Worship in-person & livestream
10:45 AM	Children's Sunday School Pre-K to 5th Grade
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.

Assisting in Worship – September 6, 2026

Greeters
8:30 - Evan Kerns
10:30 - Andy Craig & Anne Craig

Lector
8:30 - Marcie Stumpf
10:30 – Teri Krumm

Ushers
8:30 – Travis Meiborg & Kathy Meiborg
10:30 – Tom & Belinda Muller, Brooklyn Crandall

Acolyte
10:30 - Teddy Davis

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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