

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 4, 2026, updated

JOYS

- *World Communion Sunday services
- *Rev. Ron Carlson, Iowa Conference Treasurer, preaching in worship
- *Bishop's Inspire Awards in Des Moines
- *Hayden Mulnik and Scouting team with good progress on church project
- *Children's Sunday School reaching new children
- *Especially for You Race Against Breast Cancer
- *Rose Blank's children celebrating their grandmother's 100th birthday
- *John and Bobbie O'Bryon celebrating 38 years since they met
- *Dan Moore is home after brief hospitalization
- *Mike Nesslage is recovering well after shoulder procedure
- *Kathy Stepleton with successful medical procedure
- *Al Adams expressing appreciation for prayers following Mardell's passing

CONCERNS

- *Pastor Alison Dix following the passing of her mother
- *Liz Roland with medical procedure coming up
- *Phil Martin's brother, Jim, with several medical issues
- *Family of Steve Strong following his memorial service
- *Sympathy to Dave and Linda Keefe after the passing of Dave's cousin
- *National and international concerns

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

Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation will be held from **October 18-23** at Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center in Indianola. More information is on the conference website, www.iaumc.org.

Youth Outing to Bass Farms – Please join us at Bass Farms on **Wednesday, October 14, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.** This event will be free, please RSVP. This will be a fun-filled event at the pumpkin patch. 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 or guardian to stay and enjoy the evening. Please contact Kim Moore with questions at kimm@lovelylane.org

New Member Class - New member classes will take place this fall. This is a time to learn more about the church and join Lovely Lane UMC, if you wish. Please let Pastor Scott know if you are interested in participating, scottm@lovelylane.org.

Companions on the Journey - Our stewardship focus for this fall is "Companions on the Journey." We will lift this theme during services on **October 18 and 25.** "Estimate of Giving Cards" for 2027, will be mailed to church homes and will also be available in the narthex. These cards will be collected on October 25th. Thank you for your generous and faithful giving!

Men's Breakfast – Please join us on **Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 8:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall at Lovely Lane. Chris Lindell is the speaker and will share about a recent trip to Japan. Coffee and light breakfast will be served. All are welcome!

United Women in Faith - are planning a Church Auction fundraiser/potluck on **Sunday, November 15.** Do you have something you could donate or services you could offer? Basket building workshops: **Thursday, October 8, at 1:00 pm** and **Wednesday, October 14, at 6:00 pm** Bring the items for your basket to a workshop to learn how to put it together including making a bow. All proceeds will be donated to HACAP to support families in of food assistance through the holidays. Baskets need to be turned in to the church by Sunday, November 1. Contact Deb Streff with questions, (319) 721-8864.

Friendly Fellowship – The next time we will get together is **Thursday, October 22 at noon** in the fellowship hall at Lovely Lane. If you have any questions, please contact Judy McDowell at (319) 560-2960.

Youth Co-op Halloween Party – October 25, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, at St. Paul's UMC. Get ready for an evening of Halloween fun with the Youth Co-Op. Come dressed in your favorite costume and join us for games, food, and plenty of treats. We will play some games, enjoy some food and candy, and make homemade caramel apples. We may even head outside for s'mores and toasted marshmallows.

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 online: <https://lovelylane.breezechms.com/form/3e7b0a>

Trunk or Treat at Lovely Lane - Saturday, October 31 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Trunk or Treat is an annual event here at Lovely Lane where folks decorate their trunks in a specific theme and hand out candy or treats to trunk or treaters who walk from trunk to trunk to trick or treat. Candy & treat donations will also be accepted. Donation ideas include stickers, pretzels, small toys, fruit snacks, glow sticks and of course, candy. If you have any questions, please contact Annie Walker at anniew@lovelylane.org.

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – October 4 – *World Communion Sunday*

- 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 Sunday School Pre-K to 5th Grade
- 12:00 PM Congolese congregation
- 2:00 PM Charge Conference at St. Mark's

Monday – October 5

- 6:30 PM Scouting America (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday – October 6

- 6:00 PM Companions in Christ (Fireside)

Wednesday – October 7

- 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
- 6:00 PM Book Study (Library)
- 7:15 PM Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday – October 8

Friday – October 9

Saturday – October 10

- 8:00 AM Eagle Scout Project

Sunday – October 11 – *Twentieth 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 – October 4, 2026

Greeters

- 8:30 – Travis Meiborg & Kathy Meiborg
- 10:30 – Jim & Trish Palmer

Lector

- 8:30 – Chris Johnson
- 10:30 – Helen Anderson

Ushers

- 8:30 – Evan Kerns
- 10:30 – Steve & Deb Streff, JR Streff & Chris Johnson

Acolyte

- 10:30 – Emmett Mills

Communion Servers

- 8:30 – Marci Wittles
- 10:30 – Becky Wood

Preacher

- Rev. Ron Carlson

Lovely Lane UMC Staff

Administration & Worship

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| 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's Choir Accompanist | Adam Sines |

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 |

Church Office Hours

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

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