

# Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

August 2015

## Vision Statement

We are here to reflect God's glory in our congregation, in our world, and in our hearts. Forgiven by Christ, we forgive. Accepted by God, we accept. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we equip, enable and inspire God's household to servant leadership.



## A NOTE FROM HOME

*"...the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9b*



This year I rode a day of RAGBRAI (The Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa) for the first time in my life. Over the years, I have hosted, cooked for, worked at, and cheered the riders and the workers. What an experience being in the saddle was! Happily, *my* saddle is not too worse for wear!! What was most affected was my soul because, like you, God is always speaking to me, even when I'm on the back of a bike! While pedaling along on the tandem with Pastor Paul at the 'controls', I reveled in God's amazing creation and watched the sun rise and the fog lift. I discovered the concern of the biking 'family' as we looked out for each other with warning shouts of "car up" when a car approached or an "on your left" when a biker squeezed by.

I was thankful for the local police officers and community workers who provided safety and hospitality. When we left items at an ice cream stop, an honest soul found them and sent them on to the RAGBRAI lost & found where we collected them! We got to help out, too. A fellow biker who had just moved from New Zealand to Chicago the week before had been riding since the first day and asked if she could ride in our draft for a while because she was dead tired and wasn't sure if she could keep going! Bottom line and where the rubber meets the road: God spoke in the rising of the sun, the companionship on the bike, through the care and kindness of others, and the opportunity to extend love. Yep, RAGBRAI was a physical activity (77.5 miles to be exact!) but it was also a spiritual experience and not so unlike my daily Christian journey, and maybe yours, as we travel along the roadways of life!

*Happy Riding! Pastor Gayle*

## Calendar of Events — August 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> <i>Communion Sunday</i> 10:30 am Library Open House & Book Signing by guest children's author ("Stormin' Norman" books)	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm C.E. mtg. 6:45 pm Boy Scouts	<b>4</b> 6 am-9 pm Election Site	<b>5</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 6 pm Summer Games (youth)	<b>6</b> 10 am Book Huddle	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10 am Happy Endings (offsite)	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm MHSG	<b>12</b> 6 pm Summer Games (youth) 7:30 pm SPPRC	<b>13</b> 7 am Leadership Breakfast (@ Panera's) 7 pm Building Renewal Team mtg.	<b>14</b> 4-8 pm Pothole Farewell Party	<b>15</b> 8 am-Noon Pothole Farewell Party continued
<b>16</b> <i>OUTDOOR WORSHIP, INDOOR POTLUCK PICNIC, &amp; GAMES</i>	<b>17</b> 5:45 pm Boy Scouts	<b>18</b> 10 am-5 pm JFON Office Hours 5-8 pm JFON Clinic	<b>19</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite)	<b>20</b> 6:45 pm Missions 6:45 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Committees 7:50 pm Ad Council	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:45 pm Boy Scouts	<b>25</b> 5:30 pm Library Trn.	<b>26</b> 6 pm Disciple IV 6 pm Prayer Shawl	<b>27</b> 6:45 pm Handbells	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 2 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor	<b>31</b> 9 am Prayer Shawl 6:15 pm Boy Scouts		<b>ESL = English as a Second Language</b> <b>CCM = Care Center Ministry</b> <b>MHSG = Mental Health Support Group</b>			

# Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

## Worship in August

August 2nd: **Communion Sunday**— 9:30 am service (One, All-Together Service for summer)

**Special Guests: Children's Author Andy Allen & his dog, Norman**

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

Sermon: "Tsunamis of the Heart"

August 9th: **11th Sunday in Kingdomtide**—

9:30 am service

Scripture: Acts 5:14-16

Sermon: "Stretcher Bearers"

*Brunch following the service provided by the UMW, Missions, & Education Committee*

August 16th: **Outdoor Worship Sunday**—9:30

am service

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13-15

Sermon: "Putting Hope into Words"

August 23rd: **13th Sunday in Kingdomtide**—

9:30 am service

"Sounds of Inspirations" - Gospel Quartet from Newton

August 30th: **Final Summer Sunday Service**—

9:30 am service

Scripture: Micah 6:6-8

Sermon: "Love with Legs"

**Coffee Time every Sunday @ 8:45 AM**

## 9:30 OUTDOOR WORSHIP

### Aug. 16th @ Pierce Park

*Shall we gather beneath the trees yonder  
The grace and love of God to ponder  
In God's green cathedral to worship under?*

*There is no place of prayer I'm fonder  
Even with a chance of rain and thunder.*

*Across the parking lot let's wander  
And our true worship let us render.  
And afterwards a potluck sweet and tender.*

Bring a chair if you'd like, and bring a side dish or dessert to share. Potluck and games to follow!

## LLUMC

## LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, Aug. 2nd**

*Featuring the author of  
"Stormin' Norman"  
children's books*

**Andy Allen & his dog, Norman,  
will join us in worship,  
during children's reading time,  
and at a BOOK SIGNING  
after worship. Come and enjoy  
cookies, cupcakes, and a mini tour  
of our church library.**

**"Stormin' Norman" books  
can be purchased as well.**

*Sponsored by Lovely Lane's  
Library Team*

## AUGUST FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

**(Every Sunday @ 8:45 is coffee time!)**

**Aug. 2:** Fellowship after service with special treats for **The Library Open House & Stormin' Norman** Book Signing

**Aug. 9:** Worship; Brunch after service

**Aug. 16:** 9:30 OUTDOOR WORSHIP @ PIERCE PARK followed by an Indoor Potluck Picnic (main dish and beverages provided) and Games

**Aug. 23:** 9:30 Worship; Fellowship after service with donuts PLUS a Mission project: making lunch for the Willis Dady Shelter

**Aug. 30:** 9:30 Worship; Fellowship after service with donuts PLUS a presentation by the Building Renewal Team

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL, et al.**

RALLY SUNDAY is just around the corner; our theme this year is *Sharing God's Love, Sharing Faith!*

Sunday School will begin on Sept. 13th for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are in the narthex to sign your child up – prior to the 13<sup>th</sup>. please! Also on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, third graders will receive a Hands On Bible from the church. (If you have a child who will be in 3rd grade this fall, E-mail Mrs. G @ [christianedu@lovelylane.org](mailto:christianedu@lovelylane.org) to make sure a Bible is reserved for them.)

Volunteers are invited to work with the children on Sunday mornings in our 9:15 and 10:30 services. We will be using the Sparkhouse Rotation curriculum again this year. If you like to work with science, art, cooking, story, games, or drama, there is a Sunday for you!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our VBS, *Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!* We had a great time at base camp and an inspiring climb to learning how God's power provides for us. CD's are still available and would make a great birthday or Christmas gift for a child (cost is \$8).

## **YOUTH** et al. activities

### **SUMMER GAMES**

Summer Games continue on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 PM, featuring an hour of games, snacks, and devotions for middle school and senior high youth (grades 6-12) at Lovely Lane. Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join in and get to know the older youth!

Each Wednesday night we'll play such Games as Ultimate Frisbee, 4 Square, Capture the Flag, and Zombie Tag. Our hope is to keep in touch this summer with an hour of weekly fun and fellowship! No registration required, just show up and bring a friend!

**If you would like more information about our Middle School and/or Senior High Youth Groups,** please contact Jenny Seylar, Youth Director ([jennys@lovelylane.org](mailto:jennys@lovelylane.org)).

### **Pothole Farewell Party Aug. 14 & 15**

Holy is good for a sanctuary, but not for a parking lot!! Join us as we prepare our parking lot for a facelift: a nice, shiny, black oiling with new lines painted! We need to fill potholes, seal cracks and prepare the surface for sealing. Be sure to wear gloves and safety glasses. We'll be "partying" at 4-8 PM on Friday and 8:00 AM - Noon on Saturday. We need a few good men *or women* with a couple shovels, picks, wheel barrows, push brooms, and a pickup truck to haul refuse. Please sign up on the STUB during Sunday worship or contact Sue in the church office (393-6674 or [suem@lovelylane.org](mailto:suem@lovelylane.org)) and help Lovely Lane decrease its holeyness!!

# CWM-

Lovely Lane Preschool  
Trinity Lane Preschool



BASE - Before and After School Daycare

Our summer program hosted approximately 55 students each week. We had an experienced staff and went so many places - golfing, swimming, skating, and bowling. We also went to the Devonian Gorge, the astronomy building, Wikki Up, Czech Museum, Linn County Fair, Farrell's Gym, fishing, and to the movies. We had lots of visitors, too - clowns, zumba instructors, art teachers, storytellers, cake decorators, and the HyVee Dietician who helped us make smoothies. What a great summer!

CWM is welcoming a new lead teacher at Trinity Lane. She will teach our 2's classroom. Her name is Megan Kmetz and she is a mother of 4. She has been a busy stay at home mom but will be a great addition to our TL team. We are now searching for a new associate for the Trinity Lane team.

Both our preschools will begin their home visits in mid-August. We will have our Meet & Greet on August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> and will begin our classes on August 31<sup>st</sup>. All classes at Trinity Lane and Lovely Lane are full.

Before and after school daycare has 6 returning staff and 2 new staff. You will recognize them at work with their bright pink, neon green, and bright orange t-shirts. We still have openings in our BASE program.

## **MATTHEW BURRIER CONCLUDES HIS MUSIC MINISTRY @ LOVELY LANE UMC**

On Sunday, July 26th, we honored Matthew as he concluded his music ministry with us. He has taken a full time position as Director of Music at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Hiawatha. Over the past 16 years at Lovely Lane, Matthew has served as our choir director, worship service musician, director of the Open Door Band, and assisted with special music, youth music, handbells, and concerts/special performances. He will be greatly missed by the Lovely Lane family, but we wish him well as he continues to listen to God's call on his heart.

## **LOVELY LANE SEEKS NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR**

LLUMC is looking for a choir director for a 10 hours per week position with the potential to expand the position with additional duties. A music degree is preferred or a background of equivalent experience. Applicants should have an active faith in Christ and a strong moral character. If you are interested, please E-mail your resume to [suem@lovelylane.org](mailto:suem@lovelylane.org).

## **IOWA UNITED METHODISTS' POVERTY INITIATIVE BEGINS**

The Iowa UMC has a new initiative as followers of Jesus Christ - to *Change a Child's Story* by giving books and giving time. Together the United Methodist churches in Iowa are planning to read 1 million books to 1 million children and to give away as many books as we can to as many children as we can. Visit [iaumc.org/povertytoopportunity](http://iaumc.org/povertytoopportunity) to learn more. So far LL is participating through our Summer Reading program on Sunday mornings and hosting Book Huddles for Children's Weekday Ministries' summer program! Lots more ideas and plans are in the works so stay tuned and learn how YOU can help!!!

## **Looking *Forward to Fall* @ Lovely Lane UMC...**

- \* Women's Studies—Tues. evenings & Wed. noons (*see below*)
  - \* Chancel Choir *with a new director*
- \* Adult Handbells directed by Pastor Gayle (*begins Thur., 8/27, @ 6:45 PM*)  
(*Youth Bell Choir on Wednesdays, Sept. start date TBD, @ 5-5:30 PM*)
  - \* Sunday School for All Ages
- \* Wednesday Night Kids' Club (*with a Family Meal*)
  - \* Kids' choirs directed by Carla Jesse
- \* Senior High Youth Group—Sun. nights
  - \* Middle School Youth Group—Wed. nights
- \* Confirmation (*for 8th graders*)
  - \* UMW (*United Methodist Women*) Bible Study
- \* UMW Meetings, Potlucks, & Programs
  - \* Pastor's Bible Study/Studies
- \* Friendly Fellowship Potlucks & Programs
- \* **PLUS** Prayer Shawl Ministry Groups, Care Center Ministry, ESL (*English as a Second Language*) classes, JFON (*Justice for Our Neighbors*) Clinics & Office Hours, and MORE!!!!

### **Women's Tues. Eve and Wed. Noon Study Groups**

Sacred Journeys – A Woman's Book of Daily Prayer by Jan Richardson is the book that the women's groups will be using this fall. All women seeking to grow their spiritual lives are invited to join this welcoming and nurturing gathering! Each week we will focus on a prayer, short biblical text, a story linking a contemporary woman with a woman across the ages, engage reflection questions, and enjoy a meditation and a blessing. Our author will lead us from fall into Advent to Lent and into spring. Starting dates are Tues., Sept. 1, @ 6:45 PM and Wed., Sept. 2, @ Noon. Please contact Pastor Gayle to reserve a place at the table: 393-6674 or [gaylew@lovelylane.org](mailto:gaylew@lovelylane.org) or stop by in person! *You can order your own book at Amazon; if you need help, contact Pastor Gayle. (I ordered a few to have on hand if needed.)*



**A New Disciple IV  
Bible Study  
("Under the Tree of Life")  
begins Wed., Aug. 26th,  
6:00-8 PM**

- \* A 32-week study of Old Testament books (Psalms, Proverbs, etc.), the Gospel of John and Revelation
- \* Final study in the four-phase Disciple Bible Study
- \* Addresses community and the individual life
- \* Taps into the power of the Psalms with a psalm of the week
- \* Shows the distinctive character of the Gospel of John
- \* Each weekly meeting consists of small & large group discussion, a video, and sharing prayer concerns

Participating in Disciple Bible Study is a big commitment but pays big dividends. Many Disciple graduates describe it as "life-changing." Materials cost approximately \$40.00.

***For more information, contact Steve Mooney  
@ 396-1377 or [ssmooney39@gmail.com](mailto:ssmooney39@gmail.com).***

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## ***Building Renewal Team***

Did you know that Lovely Lane has a Building Renewal Team? We do! YOU do! This team has been meeting since May as we prayerfully consider the needs of our building (beyond paying down our mortgage) based on the survey you completed last year. This **team** is working in conjunction with Shive-Hattery Architecture Engineering Consultant Firm and includes: **Greg Blum, Eric Wylie, Nancy Snyder, Amy Engelmann, Debbie Craig, Donna Hobson, Matt Mulnik, Carla Jesse, Kevin Ciabatti, Pastors Paul & Gayle Wilcox, and Gale Francione (Liturgical Consultant)**.

On Sunday, July 12th, we celebrated and took a visual journey through the history of worship. Gale Francione, our liturgical consultant, was our guide as we enjoyed an interactive look at: The Places of People, of Baptism, of Word, of Meal, and of Music, plus learning about our Retable.

Following worship, we enjoyed brunch together and shared dreams or hopes we had for the future physical shape of worship here at Lovely Lane. A report is coming on Sunday, Aug. 30th.

## **WORDS FROM OUR NEW EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT**

*I am very very excited*, Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko said about learning that he will become the new East Central District Conference Superintendent. *We are going to meet people, to meet people where they are.* Being a Conference Superintendent will be a new experience for Rev. Kiboko. He has served local churches for nearly 17 years, the last 7 as the pastor of the Norwalk UMC. The notion of being a Superintendent is very new for him, and yet something he's confident he'll grow into. He likened it to becoming a father for the first time. *I didn't know what it meant to be a father. I pretended to be a good father... and I became a good father.* He also acknowledged that he's going to *take it one step at a time.* Rev. Kiboko has made an early commitment to the people of the EC District. *The one thing that I promised folks is that I will love them. I will be very happy to walk with them, to laugh with them and to cry with them, and to serve God's people.*

## Small Group News, et al.



### HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet Monday, Aug. 10th at 10 AM at Barnes & Noble. We'll have a Barnes & Noble bookseller speak to us about new books we might be interested in reading; after that, we'll go to the Olive Garden for lunch.

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Miller at 393-6340.

## Our Ministry Teams at Work

### Trustees

- ♦ Work planned for driveway on Fri., Aug. 14—Sat., Aug. 15
- ♦ Seal coat—Aug. 18-19-20
- ♦ Roof patching

### Ad Council

- ♦ Approved James Co. to conduct a feasibility study
- ♦ Pending study, may engage a company to assist with a capital campaign

### Friendly Fellowship

FF is exploring a bus trip to Moline where we would board the Celebration Belle Boat. The entertainment will be a husband and wife singing oldies from the 50's and 60's. The date is Wed., Oct. 28th. The cost would be \$99/person. If you think you'd be interested, contact Sharon Kouba at 319- 393-0156 or [sdkouba@gmail.com](mailto:sdkouba@gmail.com) or Nancy Miller at 393-6340 or [vmnpmiller@aol.com](mailto:vmnpmiller@aol.com). There is a minimum of 25 and a limit of 50 people.

### June financial totals

Cash inflow, June 2015	\$ 44,656
Cash inflow, year-to-date	\$252,296
Budget need, June 2015	\$ 46,650
Cash outflow (pd. bills), June '15	\$ 43,596
Cash outflow, year-to-date	\$251,137
Unpaid bills	\$ 15,468

*Remember to Save the Date...*  
 for the **Women's Afternoon Out** on Sunday, Oct. 11th. We'll attend the matinee at the Old Creamery Theatre in Amana to see *The Church Basement Ladies: The Last (Potluck) Supper*. The cost will be \$26.00 for the play after which we plan to eat at an Amana restaurant. Health & Wholeness Committee members will be taking reservations in September for those women planning to go.

**FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP** will not meet in August. Their next potluck and program will be on Friday, Sept. 18th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Stay tuned for further details!

*Remembering with love*  
 Jim Wolfe.....2009  
 Ed Anderson.....2010  
 Ron Gauper.....2014

### Presence: Worship Attendance

7/5	7/12	7/19	7/26
140	211	210	224

## Concerns & Celebrations

*Thank you for your prayers, presence, gifts & service!*

### Prayer concerns:

- \*Chris Burr – awaiting diagnosis
- \*Jan Culbertson – broken arm
- \*Patty Logsdon's aunt entered Hospice Care
- \*Barb Vancura's mother, Jo, is in hospice @ St. Luke's & the family is gathering
- \*Heather Hingtgen's dad – heart valve replacement
- \*Bob Barnes (Carolyn's husband) – knee scope
- \*Search for a new choir director
- \*Pray for peace in Syria, Iraq & Yemen
- \*Nepal – as they continue to recover from the devastating earthquakes
- \*Victims of theater shooting in Louisiana

### Joys:

- \*A group from LL participated in the peaceful walk and vigil on 7/12 "To Recognize the Problem of Gun Violence in Our Community" and to "Promote Peace in Our Neighborhoods"
- \*Had a successful Vacation Bible School week with 40+ children registered for the 5-evening event
- \*Had a good Vacation Bible School presentation in worship on Sunday, 7/26
- \*The LL congregation honored Matthew Burrier in worship and during fellowship on 7/26 as he leaves LL after 16 years of music ministry to take on a full time position at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Hiawatha
- \*Dale and Nancy Snyder's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- \*Lloyd & Jan Peterson's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- \*Al & Twila Stier's 60th wedding anniversary

The Health & Wholeness Committee is again forming a team of people to join the LL team for the **Especially For You Mercy Hospital Cancer Walk** on Oct. 4th. We need registrations completed by Sept. 1st. The Walk registration forms are available in the narthex. Please pick up a brochure, fill it out, and return to a member of the Health & Wholeness Committee or to the church office with money included. The fee is \$30 for adults and \$20 for youth (15 years & younger). Contact Nancy Miller at 393-6340 with any questions.

### **Thank You Notes**

**Our heartfelt thanks** to our Lovely Lane church family for all the condolences, prayers, and acts of kindness given to us before and after the passing of Alan's mother. We did so appreciate your caring and sympathy to help us get through this time. *May God Bless, Alan and Mardell Adams*

**Thank You** for the visit and the prayer shawl before I went to VA to see my mom. She was in a real low spot after her surgery and the shawl really lifted her spirits. She had many admirers of the shawl and the message on it was beautiful. I am pleased to tell you she is now at home, cancer free and on the road to recovery. I am truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family. *In peace, Caren Wasta*

**Thank You** to all of the adults who volunteered to do summer reading after the children's sermon during worship! We hope that adults and children alike are enjoying the books specially selected to go with our theme of "Journey for Justice and Joy."

### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

The East Central District Office has moved to a new location. Their new address is 1193 Grand Ave., Marion, IA 52302; they are located in the Living Water Center.

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There are 3 ways to get help from the Iowa Help Line: call 1-855-800-1239 (talk 24 hours/day); go to IowaHelpLine.org (online chat); or text 855-800-1239.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Summer Worship Schedule: 9:30 AM**  
**- One Service Only!**  
Summer Reading for kids during worship  
Early Coffee Time before 9:30 service  
Fellowship and Activities after 9:30 service

EMBODYING ...  
DISCERNING ...  
DISCOVERING ...  
THE WILL OF GOD



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## **Lovely Lane Staff**

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Christian Educator..... Barb Geissinger  
Choir Director.....  
Organist.....Dennis Ramsey  
Children’s Choirs.....Carla Jesse  
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