

Lovely Lane *network*

United Methodist Church

October 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

“For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his stewards and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away....” Matthew 25: 14-15

October is Stewardship month at Lovely Lane. A “steward” is someone who has been entrusted to manage wealth that belongs to another. A steward manages wealth, but always on behalf of the true owner. “Steward” is the term that Jesus often used to describe our relationship to wealth and to God. God is the true owner of our wealth and we have **temporarily** been entrusted to manage it for him until he comes back. So “Stewardship” describes an attitude, a way of living with wealth from a very different perspective: God’s point of view.

One of my favorite places to be on a warm Sunday afternoon is in an old hammock hung between some giant oak trees in my back yard. Last week I looked up into those branches and said to myself, “I own these trees. They belong to me.” *A strange thought coming from a man who, until 8 years ago, had never owned property.* These majestic trees had been on this hillside a century before I was born and would still be here long after I am gone. How can I possibly believe that I own them? I’m just passing through! Yet that is the human illusion under which we labor—the human point of view.

This month we will explore together some of the parables of Jesus that help to make clear our true situation, our true and high calling as stewards of God’s creation. On Sunday, Oct. 25th, we’ll have a chance to bring forward our pledges for 2016 and lay them on the Altar of God. We are just passing through, but what a contribution we can make to God’s kingdom if we only remember who and whose we are!

*Grace and Peace,
Pastor Paul*

Calendar of Events — October 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Noon Green Team 5:30 pm SOS 6:45 pm Handbells	2 9 am ESL	3 9 am International Ladies Fellowship
4 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 9 am Chancel Choir 6 pm Sr. High Youth Group	5 9 am ESL 10 am PEO, Ch. II Lunch & Mtg. 6:30 pm CE mtg. 6:45 pm Boy Scouts	6 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:30 pm Campaign Team 6:45 pm Women's Study	7 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon Women's Study 4:50 pm Youth Bells 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm Middle School Youth Group 6 pm Disciple IV	8 7 am Leadership Breakfast (@ Panera's) 1 pm UMW meeting 5:30 pm SOS 6:45 pm Handbells	9 9 am ESL	10
11 <i>(Ladies' Day Out event in PM)</i> 9 am Chancel Choir 6 pm Sr. High Youth Group	12 9 am ESL 10 am Happy Endings 6:15 pm Boy Scouts	13 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 5:30 pm CWM Pre-school Open House 6:30 pm MHSG 6:45 pm Women's Study	14 12 noon Women's Study 4:50 pm Youth Bells 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm Middle School Youth Grp./Confirm. 6 pm Disciple IV 7:30 pm SPPRC	15 5:30 pm SOS 6:15 pm Handbells 6:45 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Committees 7:50 pm Ad Council	16 9 am ESL Noon Friendly Fellowship	17
18 9 am Chancel Choir 6 pm Sr. High Youth Group	19 9 am ESL 6:45 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm CWM Board Meeting	20 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 10 am—5 pm JFON Office Hours 5 pm JFON Clinic 6 pm Cooking prep. for Wed. nt. 6:45 pm Women's Study	21 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon Women's Study 4:50 pm Youth Bells 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm Middle School Youth Group 6 pm Disciple IV	22 5:30 pm SOS 6:45 pm Handbells	23 9 am ESL	24 2-6 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor
25 9 am Chancel Choir 6 pm Sr. High Youth Group	26 9 am ESL 9 am Prayer Shawl 6:45 pm Boy Scouts	27 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 5:30 pm Library Tm. 6:45 pm Women's Study	28 12 noon Women's Study 4:50 pm Youth Bells 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm Middle School Youth Grp./Confirm. 6 pm Disciple IV 6 pm Prayer Shawl	29 5:30 pm SOS 6:45 pm Handbells	30 9 am ESL	31 <i>Happy Halloween!</i> ESL = English as a Second Language CCM = Care Center Ministry MHSG = Mental Health Support Group

"Ladies' Day Out" sponsored by Health & Wholeness, is on Sunday, Oct. 11th, when we'll attend a play in the afternoon at the Old Creamery Theater in Amana. The play is *The Church Basement Ladies In: The Last (Potluck) Supper* (cost is \$26). We'll eat at an Amana restaurant after the play.

Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

Worship in October

Oct. 4th: **World Communion Sunday**— 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM services

Scripture: Judges 7:1-8

Sermon: "Dreaming a God-sized Dream"

Oct. 11th: **Parables of the Kingdom**— 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM services

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-33

Sermon: "Growing a People"

Oct. 18th: **Parables of the Kingdom**— 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM services

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: "Growing a Life"

Oct. 25th: **Parables of the Kingdom**— 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM services

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: "Growing a Generous Spirit"

Children's Sunday School: Our Lessons for October will be on Baby Moses.

A Fresh Start This Fall!

Adults, you can begin fresh this fall with a 9:15 Sunday morning class entitled *Genesis*, co-led by Jane Nesmith and Joel Goodman. This is a 10-week journey into the rich tapestry of the interaction between God and very human people; pride, family relationships, and conflict all showcase the best known stories of Creation, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Rebekah and Joseph. Participants will enjoy the DVD, printed materials, and energizing conversations.

ADULT EXPLO CLASS BEGINS WED., OCT. 7TH

Pastor Paul will lead Adult Explo from 6:00–7:15 PM on Wed. nights beginning Oct. 7th.

October's study will focus on Islam: its values, history, and relationship to Christian America. Sign up on the STUB in worship or contact Pastor Paul (paulw@lovelylane.org) if you're interested. Class will meet in Fireside.

Our Ministry Teams at Work

Health & Wholeness

- ◆ *Walk to End Alzheimer's*—Sept. 26
- ◆ *Especially for You Cancer Walk*—Oct. 4
- ◆ *Ladies' Day Out* (trip to Amana)—Oct. 11

Christian Education

- ◆ Health kits (InGathering) in Oct. during Sunday School
- ◆ Christmas Program is Dec. 13th
- ◆ Sunday School groups (9:15 SS Singers & 10:45 SS Singers) are singing Nov. 22

Missions

- ◆ Deciding on Advent Offering recipients
- ◆ *Change a Child's Story*

Hospitality

- ◆ Nothing planned for October

Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>9/6</u>	<u>9/13</u>	<u>9/20</u>	<u>9/27</u>
191	285	243	235

LOVELY LANE HAS A NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR!!!

We are happy to announce that K. Weiler officially comes on board in October as our new Choir Director! Currently a Teaching Artist and Instructor in the Music Department at Coe College, her teaching background and training is in choral music and music history.

Please be sure to meet and welcome Ms. Weiler at your earliest opportunity - we are very lucky to have her!!



Fall youth group is off to a great start! It's not too late to start coming!!

Middle School youth group meets on Wednesdays starting with supper at 5:30 pm followed by youth group from 6:00-7:15 pm. Upcoming events: BACK TO THE FUTURE party and outdoor games.

High School youth group meets on Sundays from 6:00-7:30 PM. Supper is served at 6:00 with youth families taking turns bringing the meal. Upcoming events: BACK TO THE FUTURE party and care packages for college students.

Wednesday Night Kid's Club is going well. We welcome children preschool thru 5th grade to join us. Family supper starts at 5:30 PM and Kid's Club begins at 6:00. On November 4, the children will make a fall visit to an assisted living home to spread some love and cheer.

For more information about youth group or Kid's Club, please contact Jenny Seylar at the church (393-6674 or jennys@lovelylane.org).

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CHILDREN & YOUTH 2015 FALL MISSION FOCUS

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. Their work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more. UMCOR is a ministry of [The United Methodist Church](#) through the [General Board of Global Ministries](#), and their goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need.

The annual Iowa InGathering occurs on the 1st Sat. of November in 6 sites across IA. On Nov. 7, UMCOR kits will be collected at the InGathering and mission ministries will be celebrated. All kits (school, health, sewing, & layette) are shipped to the headquarters for UMCOR relief supply operations in Baldwin, LA.

This year Lovely Lane will be making **Health Kits** for the Fall InGathering. A store will be set up to *purchase* supplies. Families and individuals can buy items for a complete kit (up to \$12) at the store or select individual items to help with a kit. If purchasing the complete kit, it may be assembled at the store.

We hope to make 25+ kits in October. If you wish to make your own kit and bring it in, follow the detailed list below **precisely** to see that all items may be shipped overseas. You must return kits to the church **by Oct. 25!!**

Health Kit materials & important notes:

- 1 hand towel—new & unwashed (15" x 25" to 17" x 27"; kitchen/cleaning/microfiber towels not acceptable)
- 1 washcloth—new & unwashed
- 1 comb (needs to be sturdy and more than 6 inches long; no pocket combs or picks; rattail combs & combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth)
- 1 metal nail file or nail clippers (no emery boards, please)
- 1 bath-size soap (3 oz. & larger sizes only; no Ivory or Jergens soap; don't remove from original packaging)
- 1 toothbrush (adult size only; do not remove from original packaging)
- 6 adhesive bandages (¾ inch to 1 inch-size; common household Band-Aids)
- 1 plastic one-gallon size sealable bag only
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste and \$2.00 for shipping = \$3
- Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional materials in the kits; these things must be painstakingly removed and will delay shipment
- Be sure items do not have political or religious slogans, emblems or sayings!

For more info., go to www.umcmission.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Health.

CWM - Lovely Lane Preschool
Trinity Lane Preschool
BASE (Before & After School Daycare)

We have some new faces among our staff: Trinity Lane's two year old teacher, Megan Kmetz, and former two year old teacher, Shelley Bumpus, who is now Trinity's lead three year old teacher with a new associate, Linda Ferry. Everyone's working well together and both centers are off to a great start! BASE staff also has some new faces: Heather Walters, Peter Dennis and Morgan English were hired to replace BASE staff going off to college. Tammy Prohaska has returned as our supervisor, and we again feel very blessed to find such enthusiastic and dedicated people for all of our positions.

*EVERYONE is invited to the Lovely Lane Preschool **Open House** on Tuesday, Oct. 13th, 6 PM- 7 PM. You're also invited to attend Trinity Lane's **Open House** on Thursday, Oct. 22nd. All the classrooms will be available to tour; come see the learning and activities happening!*

We are excited about the great amount of HyVee receipts collected this summer! Keep saving those receipts, and thanks for supporting this CWM fundraiser! As we have in the 2 previous years, we are again selling *Enjoy the City* coupon books. Stop by Mrs. Barnes' office or see Sue in the church office. They're \$20 each (of which CWM gets to keep \$10) and make great gifts! Both fundraisers help us get new classroom items!!



*Lego League's under way! We have **Jack Murphy, Dick Chelikowsky, and Michael Wilhelm** (who volunteer twice a week) to thank for this opportunity. We're one of the only daycares to offer this chance to promote math, science and team work. Competition is in December.*

ECERS (Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale) and Kids Sight visited both sites. ECERS evaluates our classrooms and provides funds for improvements and Kids Sight provides free screening for our children's eyes.

We expanded our Four Year Old Program (CR Community Schools Partnership) at Lovely Lane this year to include an afternoon, so that we're able to serve about 16 more students. Ms. Sheri, our lead teacher, is now full-time. This was a great opportunity for our program!

**LOVELY LANE'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S
PROGRAMS & EVENTS—OCTOBER 2015**

We'll meet **Thur., Oct. 8th, at 1 PM** in Fellowship Hall, with hostess Nancy Snyder. CR is now a **Blue Zone City** and LL a **Blue Zone Institution**, but do we know how Blue Zone's basic principles can help us personally? Nancy Miller and Jayne Woodson will share how the BZ concept came about, some personal things to do for healthier lives, and what a BZ institution's responsibility is.

LOVELY LANE'S UMW BIBLE STUDY

We are meeting again Tue. mornings, 9:30-11:15 in Fireside. If you're available Tue. AM's, please join us for fellowship and as we study the book of Zechariah. **REMEMBER TO LUG YOUR MUG!** Contact Cheryl Murphy (377-6205) for more information.

IOWA CONFERENCE UMW ANNUAL MEETING

Sat., Oct. 10, 9 - 2:30, Broadway UMC, Council Bluffs, IA

Colleen McRoberts will speak on Domestic Violence and April Palma on Justice For Our Neighbors. Children's books will be collected to donate to JFON Clinics. Contact Cheryl for more info.

IOWA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSION U

If you missed summer's Mission U, you missed learning about: the rich culture, music, art, dance, literature, food and faith of the Latin American people; how churches can be more accessible and inviting for the disabled; and how to live the life of happiness God intends by exploring what real happiness is. Mission U's fall session is **Oct. 16-18 @ Iowa Valley Community College, Marshalltown.** *Seeking Justice and Joy--For All* is the theme, John 15:10-11 is the scripture, and the hymn is *For Everyone Born--A Place at the Table* by Brian Mann. Topics are: *Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God* (Spiritual Growth); *The Church and People with Disabilities* (Social Issue); and *Latin America: People and Faith* (Geographic Study). Spanish, Korean, youth and children's classes are offered, and scholarships available. Call Cheryl for more information.

FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM

(text of letter going out with Oct. 5 quarterly statements)

As Lovely Lane United Methodist Church faithfully follows God's call toward life-changing mission and ministry, God continues to open new doors for us. And with your help, our church family will walk in faith through those doors.

During the month of October, our church will hear about God's generosity and our response as we begin building our faithful plan for growing in 2016. For your consideration, we will be distributing a commitment chart showing income levels and a range of percentage giving for you to think about and discuss, including the 10% tithe and beyond; and a pledge card on which after prayerful consideration, you can write and turn in your pledge on Sunday, October 25th.

We move forward in faith, knowing that God will work in and through us, regardless of circumstances, as we serve our community and make disciples locally and throughout the world.

On mission with you, Matt Mulnik

Concerns & Celebrations

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

Prayer concerns:

- *Velma Rainville – esophageal health issues
- *Erika Serbousek – having surgery in December for a benign brain tumor; pray for freedom from anxiety while waiting
- *Tom DeVriese – hip surgery on 9/22
- *Hannah Herold – hip surgery @ the Mayo Clinic on 9/24
- *Daniel Wasta – broken hand
- *Lloyd & Jan Peterson's son-in-law Mark – diagnosed with leukemia
- *April Drew's sister, Britnie – serious leg injury requiring multiple surgeries & rehab
- *Marci Wittles' grandson, JT – concussion
- *Death of Kathy Towe (formerly worked here in the office as communications secretary)
- *Syrian refugees

Joys:

- *Successful Summer All-Together worship service
- *All of the activities starting up this fall @ LL!
- *Great Rally Sunday on 9/13
- *The Iowa Startup Accelerator, with managing director Eric Engelmann, received a national award for creating an environment that fosters the growth of tech entrepreneurship
- *LL's new choir director, Kristana Weiler, starts in October!

Remembering with love

Lola Thomas.....2009

Karen Tetrick.....2009

Stu Sparling.....2014

August financial totals

Cash inflow, Aug. 2015	\$ 50,198
Budget need, Aug. 2015	\$ 46,650
Cash outflow (pd. bills), Aug. '15	\$ 49,648
Unpaid bills	\$ 15,468

Thank You Note

Thank you for contributing 197 lbs. of food to the Linn Community Food Bank during the 2nd quarter of 2015. We could not operate our food bank without the generous support of organizations such as you. Providing emergency food to those in need has been LCFB's mission for 40+ years. For 5 days each week, the food bank provides clients with a free, balanced 3-day supply of canned and packaged food. Clients may receive food from us up to 12 times per year. **Thanks again for your support!!**

Small Group News

HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion club, will meet on Monday, Oct. 12th, at 10 AM in the church library. The book we'll be discussing is *These Is My Words* by Nancy E. Turner. The book to read for Nov. 9th is *The Oregon Trail* by Rinker Buck. We will not read a book for December but will plan to go out to lunch on Dec. 14th.

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP

Friendly Fellowship will meet on Fri., Oct. 16th, at Noon for a luncheon potluck. The Host/Co-hostess will be Keith and Fonda Carris, and the program will be information about Bonsai trees presented by Keith Carris. Please come join us for a great potluck, good fellowship, and educational information on Bonsai cultivation. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Miller at 393-6340.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Worship Schedule:

8:00 AM Traditional
9:15 AM Traditional
10:30 AM Traditional with Choir (blended*
on 2nd & 4th Sundays)

*Blended = a mix of traditional & contemporary

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