

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of Dec. 13th

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### **Prayer Concerns:**

\*Erika Serbousek – needs continued prayers as she recently had a grand mal seizure and spent time in the hospital; pray for her peace of mind during finals tomorrow, as stress exacerbates her seizures. Her brain surgery is on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.  
\*Pray for persons who will celebrate Christmas for the first time following the death of a spouse or child

### **Joys:**

\*Sue Moss's niece Megan & husband in Nevada are expecting their first child  
\*Meaningful and well-attended UMW Advent Coffee on 12/5  
\*Enjoyable AccabeLLa prelude on 12/6 which involved ringing with no music as members processed thru the sanctuary

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CALLING 4 STOUT HANDS & STRONG BACKS:

After worship @ 10:30 TODAY, we need help putting up CWM's risers. Thank you in advance to any helpers!

BLUE ZONE SAYS: Reflect on the power of patience.

Spend a couple moments thinking about an experience that helped you learn to be patient. Learning to be patient will help us cope when things are beyond our control.

CARD SHOWER FOR ERIKA: Erika (and it's with a "k")

Serbousek, an ISU college student, has been awaiting brain surgery set for Dec. 17th. Let's *shower* her with cards and notes of encouragement from her LL family. Send your card to 2900 Adirondack Dr. NE, CR 52402.

A CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE & DINNER:

You can still sign up on the STUB for this UMW-sponsored event this Tues., Dec. 15th, @ 6 PM at Casa Las Glorias (2245 Blairs Ferry Rd. NE). Come enjoy good food and fun!

SUPPORT SERRV INDIVIDUALLY:

As you've no doubt surmised, Green Team is not sponsoring a Serrv sale before Christmas this year. However, you can still purchase fair-trade items on your own by going to www.serrv.org. Serrv is a 501©3 non-profit with 65 years of experience in fair trade and development. Their mission is to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide.

"CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY": READY TO READ?

THEN JOIN US! In response to the Iowa UMC's Poverty Initiative, Lovely Lane will read 2,500 hours and give away 2,500 books to children. We began the fun last summer and invite you to join us by reading 20-30 minute sessions (one or more) beginning the 4th week in January. We need readers for Johnson School, Pierce Elementary School,

Lovely Lane Preschool, and Lovely Lane's Before and After School program. We'll contact you, set the schedule, equip you with books, and *off you'll go!* Thanks for volunteering! (Commitments can be monthly or more frequent.) Please sign up on the STUB if you can help!

Christmas Eve Services @Lovely Lane UMC: "Behold! The Joy"



5:00 PM - Family Worship; special music provided by Lovely Lane youth
7:00 PM - Traditional Worship with Choir & Candlelight
9:00 PM - Blended Worship with Communion & Candlelight

UPPER ROOM Daily Devotionals for the months of January and February have arrived and are available on the table right outside of the church office. A donation of 50¢ is suggested per copy.

CHRISTMAS CHRISTIAN QUOTES

"As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by December's bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same." - Donald E. Westlake

"The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others' burdens, easing each other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas." - W.C. Jones

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world – stronger than hate, stronger than death – and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas."

- Henry Van Dyke

END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS: In order to be credited for tax purposes in 2015, contributions must be received at the church or post-marked on or before December 31st. Thank you for your support, now and throughout the year, of the missions and ministries of Lovely Lane UMC!

REMINDER FOR COMMITTEES: 2015 committees that normally meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month are **NOT** meeting in December (*MERRY CHRISTMAS!*). 2016 committees, however, **WILL** meet beginning in January (*HAPPY NEW YEAR!!*). Thanks to all who have served and/or will serve LL in this very important way!

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — Dec. 13 *Third Sunday in Advent /
Children's Christmas Program
@ 9:15 AM service*

8:00 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
9:00 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room
9:15 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
9:15 AM **Adult Sunday School***
9:15 AM **Children's Sunday School***
10:30 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
10:45 AM **Children's Sunday School** – F'ship Hall
6:00 PM Sr. High Youth – Meal in FH, then Caroling

MONDAY — Dec. 14

9:00 AM ESL (English as a Second Language) – Lib.
6:00 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — Dec. 15

3:30 PM Lego Robots – Youth Room
6:45 PM Women's Study – Library

WEDNESDAY — Dec. 16

9 AM–Noon CWM Preschool Christmas Program
(Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)
9:30 AM Care Center Ministry (offsite)
12:00 PM Women's Study – Library
5:30 PM MS Youth & Confirmation Youth Party
(offsite, at the Wilcoxes)
6:00 PM Disciple IV – Library
6:00 PM Adult Explo – Fireside

THURSDAY — Dec. 17

9 AM–Noon CWM Preschool Christmas Program
(Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)
5:30 PM S.O.S. – Library
6:45 PM Handbells – Sanctuary

FRIDAY — Dec. 18

9:00 AM ESL (English as a Second Language) – Lib.

SATURDAY — Dec. 19

SUNDAY — Dec. 20 *Fourth Sunday in Advent*

8:00 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
9:00 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room
9:15 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
9:15 AM **Adult Sunday School***
9:15 AM **Children's Sunday School***
10:30 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
10:45 AM **Children's Sunday School** – F'ship Hall

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Serving at Worship...

Preacher

All services.....Pastor Paul Wilcox

Liturgist

All services.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

Lectors

8:00.....Marcie Stumpf
9:15.....Marci Wittles
10:30.....Wanda Whitford

Greeters

8:00.....Bev & Gene Kadlec
9:15.....Andy & Mary Vorwerk
10:30.....Brandon & April Drew

Ushers

8:00.....Al Stiers & Jayne Woodson
9:15.....Andy & Mary Vorwerk
10:30....McKenna Maus & friend, Alisa & Ben Oliver

Acolytes

8:00.....(Ushers)
9:15.....(Ushers)
10:30.....Olivia Schneider

Staff

Lead Pastor.....Paul Wilcox
Associate Pastor.....Gayle Wilcox
Office Manager.....Sue Moss
Director Children's Weekday Min.....Carolyn Barnes
Youth Director/Kids' Club.....Jenny Seylar
Christian Educator.....Barb Geissinger
Choir Director.....K. Weiler
Organist.....Dennis Ramsey
Children's Choirs.....Carla Jesse
Director of Handbells.....Gayle Wilcox
Nursery Team.....Shelbie Wood, Tara Weber,
Holly Hasenbank, & McKenna Woods
Wedding Coordinator.....Becky Wood
Custodians.....Rex, Rhonda, & Jessica Heasty
Audio/Visual Coordinator.....Eric Wylie
Webmaster.....Shelly Turner
Treasurer.....Marcie Stumpf

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Presence at worship: Sunday, Dec. 6th

62 (8:00), 55 (9:15) & 138 (10:30), Total = 255