

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## for the week of Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>

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### Prayer Concern:

\*Please keep the Curries' dear friend, Judy, in your prayers as she deals with cancer throughout her body.

### Joys:

\*Erika Serbousek is home and recovering well from her brain surgery! She appreciates prayers for her continued recovery.

\*Pastor Paul's mother, BettyJo, is home from the hospital!

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**BLUE ZONE SAYS: Spend a few moments in a spot at home where you made a happy memory.** Even if you wish you had new furniture or a remodeled kitchen, recalling a happy memory can create a feeling of gratitude for the place you call home.

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**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.

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**COME HELP UN-DECORATE THE CHURCH!!** After worship on Sunday, Jan. 3, Joe & Becky Helle and Brad & Sherry Johnson invite you to join them in nestling our Christmas decorations back in their boxes for another year and freshening up the sanctuary as we greet 2016 - the New Year! No meal will be served but there's always pizza delivery!! Sign up on the STUB if you plan to help.

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**WOMEN'S GROUPS RESUME:** The Tues. evening and Wed. noon Women's Groups will resume on January 5 & 6. We will be looking at Chapter 7 - "Wisdom Perceives Time."

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**CONFIRMATION GEARS UP FOR 2016:** Confirmation will resume on Wed., Jan. 6, as we continue our study of Jesus - Teacher, Healer, Miracle Worker. Then on Sunday, Jan. 17, we'll take a field trip to Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and experience worship with that African American congregation. Anyone is welcome to join us! On Jan. 20 we'll continue our consideration of Jesus as Savior and prepare for our part in the Feb. 10 Ash Wed. Service.

Please keep our kids in your prayers as they grow in their faith and relationship with God in Christ.

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**ACABELLA & ZAMAR RESUME!** Both adult and youth handbell choirs will regroup at the tables and begin to ring in the New Year! Zamar meets on Jan. 6 @ 4:50 PM and Acabella on Jan. 7 @ 6:35!

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**TRIVIA: What are the Pastors up to in Jan. 2016?** Pastor Paul will once again be co-teaching Proclamation & Sharing the Faith at the School for Lay Ministry at Cornell College Jan. 9 & 10. Pastor Gayle will be experiencing a 6-Day Guided Silent Retreat Jan. 11-16 as a part of her

Spiritual Development Preparation Program certification through the Franciscan Spirituality Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

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**NEW YEAR, FRESH START! A PURPOSE WORKSHOP IS COMING!** On Tuesday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, Lovely Lane, in partnership with Blue Zones Project, will host a Purpose Workshop FREE and open to the public! A Purpose Workshop is a 2-hour event in which a facilitator guides you through various fun and interactive activities to begin and continue the journey to finding your individual purpose. Research shows that those who know their purpose live an average of 7 years longer! Plan now to attend and please register on the STUB!

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**SHEPHERDS & SHEPHERDESSES MEET JAN. 19:** Your Shepherd/Shepherdess friendly callers will meet together on Tues., Jan. 19, @ 4 PM in the library for check in and continuing education. If you have persons who could use a friendly visit, please contact Pastor Gayle @ 393-6674. If YOU would like to join our team of friendly visitors, we'd love to have you! (Contact Pastor Gayle.)

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**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** will be held on Sunday, Jan. 24, @ 9:15 & 11:30 AM. If you are interested in attending the new member classes at Lovely Lane and HAVE NOT signed up with Pastor Gayle, please do so soon! Child Care and lunch are provided in addition to the 2 required classes! Please contact Pastor Gayle @ [gaylew@lovelylane.org](mailto:gaylew@lovelylane.org)

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**2015 CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER:** Since the law renewing the "IRA Charitable Rollover" was just passed and signed, there isn't much time to make a 2015 gift. If you're an LLUMC member, gifts transferred directly from your IRA to this church at any point during 2015 will qualify as a rollover gift. These gifts (up to a limit of \$100,000) are tax-exempt and can be used to meet your required minimum distribution. (If you are 70½ or older, the IRA charitable rollover is now permanent retroactive to Dec. 31, 2014.) Call the Iowa UM Foundation with questions or if you need help (515-974-8927).

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**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 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your support of the many missions and ministries of Lovely Lane UMC!

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**REMINDER FOR COMMITTEES:** 2015 committees that normally meet monthly on the third Thursday of the month did **NOT** meet 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. 27** *First Sunday After Christmas*  
 8:00 AM **Worship (Hymn Sing)\*** – Sanctuary  
 9:00 AM **Fellowship\*** – Fellowship Hall  
 (NO Choir Practice)  
 9:15 AM **Worship (Hymn Sing)\*** – Sanctuary  
 9:15 AM **Adult Sunday School\*** (Myrna’s class  
 NOT meeting)  
 9:15 AM **Children’s Sunday School\*** – Drama  
 Room (downstairs)  
 10:30 AM **Worship (Hymn Sing)\*** – Sanctuary  
 10:45 AM **Children’s Sunday School** – Library  
 12 noon Nixon Family Christmas Gathering – F’ship  
 Hall & Kitchen  
 (NO Senior High Youth Group in evening)

**MONDAY — Dec. 28**

**TUESDAY — Dec. 29**  
 (NO Women’s Study)

**WEDNESDAY — Dec. 30**  
 9:30 AM Care Center Ministry (offsite)  
 (NO Women’s Study & NO Wed. evening  
 activities)

**THURSDAY — Dec. 31** *Have a Safe & Happy  
 New Year’s Eve!*

**FRIDAY — Jan. 1**

**SATURDAY — Jan. 2**  
 9 AM-1:30 (tentative) International Ladies Fellowship –  
 Fellowship Hall

**SUNDAY — Jan. 3** *Epiphany Sunday /  
 Holy Communion*  
 8:00 AM **Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
 9:00 AM **Fellowship\*** – Fellowship Hall  
 9:00 AM Choir Practice – Choir Room  
 9:15 AM **Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
 9:15 AM **Adult Sunday School\***  
 9:15 AM **Children’s Sunday School\***  
 10:30 AM **Worship (Hymn Sing)\*** – Sanctuary  
 10:45 AM **Children’s Sunday School**  
 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group – Fellowship Hall &  
 Youth Room

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**Serving at Worship...**

**Lectors**

8:00.....Nancy Miller  
 9:15.....Pam Nixon  
 10:30.....

**Greeters**

8:00.....Becky & Joe Helle  
 9:15.....Craig & Pam Nixon  
 10:30.....Tracy Christensen & Carol Wishnowski

**Ushers**

8:00.....Bev & Gene Kadlec  
 9:15.....Craig & Pam Nixon  
 10:30.....Mike & Becky Wood, Joy Jackson & friend

**Acolytes**

8:00.....(Ushers)  
 9:15.....(Ushers)  
 10:30.....Brooke & Morgan Johnson

**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. 20<sup>th</sup>

59 (8:00), 47 (9:15) & 156 (10:30), Total = 262