

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for the wk. of Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>

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### Concerns:

\*Karmen Shedenhelm - hospitalized at Mercy with a serious gallbladder infection, complicated by other health challenges

\*Jan Peterson – having eye surgery

\*Trinity Lane needs a new home! Trinity UMC, who has hosted our outpost preschool for 20 yrs., has joined with St. James UMC. The Trinity UMC building is being sold, so Trinity Lane needs to find a new home in time for Feb. '18 registration. We're currently exploring a partnership with Salem UMC. Please pray for Trinity Lane Preschool and Children's Weekday Ministries board as they work to find a home for this transformative ministry!

### Joy:

\**Kudos, Church Decorators!* A warm word of appreciation to Brad & Sherry Johnson and Joe Helle, and their Decorating Crew for doing a lovely job preparing our sanctuary and holy spaces for Advent and Christmas. Children, youth, and adults worked seamlessly to fashion an inspiring mood for our upcoming worship and celebrations! *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!*

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**CHILDREN'S ADVENT FUNDRAISER:** Lovely Lane Sunday School and Weds. Kids Club children invite you to help them raise funds by bringing your Christmas gifts in to be wrapped. They'll be in the Narthex before and after worship on Sundays, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, and on Weds., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5 PM. Just leave your gift with your name attached and it will be wrapped for you. Donations will be appreciated. Thanks!

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**FREE ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ARE IN!** Pick up an Advent Devotional, *Moving Toward the Manger*, by Frederick Buechner and Martin Marty; they're located on the table outside the front office. What a great way to begin your Advent journey!

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**SHOWER THE BAILEYS WITH LOVE!** Teresa and Mike Bailey are newer LLUMC members. Their daughter, Skylar Martino, who has severe autism, recently had a very extensive spinal fusion surgery at the U of I's Children's Hospital. The surgery went well and now the recovery begins! Let's send our greetings to Skylar and family (2508 Falcon Dr. NE CR 52402) to cheer and support them! Family includes older brother Dominic and younger brothers Tyler, Logan, and Michael. Thanks!

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**CHRISTMAS CARD SHOWER:** Let's pass on Christmas cheer and our thanks to our Children's Weekday Ministry Staff with a card shower! Our preschool teachers @ Lovely Lane, Trinity Lane, and our Before & After School program staff do a wonderful job of loving and caring for our children. Now it's our turn to show them some love! Send your cards to CWM, 2424 42<sup>nd</sup> St. NE, CR 52402 or drop them @ the church office.

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**UMW ORNAMENT EXCHANGE DINNER** is @ 6 PM on Tues., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, at Vito's on 42nd St. Call Nancy Miller at 393-6340 for a reservation OR sign up on the bulletin STUB thru Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.

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**HEARTFELT APPRECIATION TO ANNE HEEFNER & LINDA EGGLESTON!** As the year comes to a close, we extend our sincere thanks to these ladies for their labors of love serving as our re table coordinators. Over the past 3 years, they've inspired us with meaningful re table presentations that

have enhanced our worship experience and connection with God. Thank you, Anne and Linda, for prayerfully considering and crafting beautiful arrangements. Your ministry blessed us!

**Our New Re Table Coordinators beginning in January are Mary Vorwerk, Pam Morris, and Diana Rettig!** We're so thankful for your willingness to serve and look forward to your ministry that will grace our sanctuary and our hearts on Sunday mornings! May you be blessed as you bless us!

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### 2017 Advent Offering Recipients

**Mobility Worldwide:** Their mission is to provide mobility for all of God's children in need. A PET is a 3-wheeled durable mobility chair powered by a hand crank or pulled by another person. The project was born in 1995 when a missionary noticed the lack of sturdy mobility devices for amputees and persons with disabilities in developing countries.

**Water @ Work:** In the Dominican Republic, 1 million+ people struggle to obtain affordable, clean water. Due to frequent flooding and earthquakes, clean water is rarely found there naturally. Water @ Work's long term goal is to help transform the D.R. so all residents have clean water for drinking and hygiene.

**HACAP:** An important HACAP program we continue to support is Operation Backpack. In E. Central IA, 1 in 7 children are at risk for hunger or food insecurity. OBP addresses this concern by providing needy students with nutritious easy-to-prepare food when other food resources may not be available, specifically on weekends and during school vacations.

**Willis Dady Homeless Shelter:** For >30 yrs., DHS has been serving single men and families with the mission of providing shelter and prevention services to homeless and near homeless. Their goal is to empower clients to break the cycle of homelessness and become self-sufficient. Their current capital campaign is raising money to enlarge the facility.

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**BRING IN YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA** for the altar any time during Advent to honor or remember a loved one. Be sure to write your name and the name of the person to be commemorated on the poinsettia sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DEC. 24<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP:

**Sun. Morning Worship @ 9:30 AM:** One All-Together Service

**Christmas Eve Worship:**

5 PM Family-friendly Worship

7 PM Traditional Worship with Choir

9 PM Blended Worship with Communion

**Candlelight at all services!**

**New Year's Eve Sunday (12/31) Morning Worship:**

9:30 AM One All-Together Service

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### LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE?

Would you be interested in getting together at church for a New Year's Eve Family Game Night Party from 6 to 8 PM on Dec. 31st? Sign up on the STUB if you'd attend and, if there's enough interest, we'll plan a party! *Health & Wholeness*

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**END-OF-YEAR GIVING:** Please prayerfully consider making an additional, tax-deductible gift(s) to our *Blessed to be a Blessing* campaign, now on Phase 2: Mortgage Elimination. Per Finance, the church budget is in good shape going into 2018, allowing additional year-end gifts to go to the campaign. In addition to cash gifts, consider donating appreciated stocks, which benefits both the church and the giver.

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# THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

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## **Ministry Opportunities**

Events in Bold Face = everyone \* = childcare

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### **SUNDAY — Dec. 3** *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent / Communion*

8:00 AM **Traditional Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
9:00 AM **Fellowship\*** – Fellowship Hall  
9:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room  
9:15 AM **Traditional Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
9:15 AM **Adult Sunday School**  
9:15 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:30 AM **Traditional Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
10:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
6:00 PM Senior High Youth Group – Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Youth Room

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### **MONDAY — Dec. 4**

10 AM-3 PM PEO Ch. II Luncheon Mtg. – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen  
- - *(Tai Chi is taking a break in Dec. & on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>)*  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall  
6:30 PM Christian Education mtg. – Library

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### **TUESDAY — Dec. 5**

6 AM-9 PM Election (run-off) site – Narthex  
6:45 PM Leadership Development – Fireside  
6:45 PM Women Of Faith (WOF) – Library

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### **WEDNESDAY — Dec. 6**

9:30 AM Care Center Ministry (offsite)  
12 Noon Wed. Women & the Word (WWW) – Library  
4:50 PM Zamar – Sanctuary  
5:30 PM Family Meal – Fellowship Hall/Kitchen  
6:00 PM Kids' Club – Fellowship Hall et al.  
6:00 PM Middle School Youth – Youth Room  
6:00 PM Adult Explo – Fireside

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### **THURSDAY — Dec. 7**

12:15 PM LL Staff Christmas Party (@ pastors')  
5:30 PM Yoga – Youth Room  
6:45 PM AcabeLLa – Sanctuary

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### **FRIDAY — Dec. 8**

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### **SATURDAY — Dec. 9**

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

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### **SUNDAY — Dec. 10** *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent*

8:00 AM **Traditional Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
9:00 AM **Fellowship\*** – Fellowship Hall  
9:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room  
9:15 AM **Guitar Service\*** – Sanctuary  
9:15 AM **Adult Sunday School**  
9:15 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:30 AM **Traditional Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
10:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
6:00 PM Senior High Youth Group – Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Youth Room

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## **Serving at Worship...**

### **Greeters**

8:00.....Brian & Denise Carnahan  
9:15.....Matt & Teri Myers  
10:30.....Cindy Rupe & Marge Morris

### **Ushers**

8:00.....Bev Kadlec & Kathy Gilbert  
9:15.....Matt & Teri Myers  
10:30.....Ben & Alisa Oliver, Bill & Gloria Jahnel

### **Acolytes**

8:00.....Jared Stumpf  
9:15.....Sam Myers  
10:30.....CeJay Mumby & Rosie Lauritsen

### **Lectors**

8:00.....Kathy Gilbert  
9:15.....Stephanie French  
10:30.....Judy McDowell

### **Communion Servers**

8:00.....Myrna Loehrlein & Nancy Miller  
9:15.....Marci Wittles & Carol Wishnowski  
10:30.....Susan Camp, Carol Wilson,  
Judy McDowell & friend

### **Liturgist**

All.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

### **Preacher**

All.....Pastor Paul Wilcox

### **Staff**

Lead Pastor.....Paul Wilcox  
Associate Pastor.....Gayle Wilcox  
Office Manager.....Sue Moss  
Director-Children's Weekday Min..Carolyn Barnes  
Youth Director.....Paul Wilcox  
Kid's Club Director.....Julie Meyer  
Christian Educator.....Barb Geissinger  
Choir Director.....K. Weiler  
Choir Assistant / Accompanist.....Reagan Linder  
Organist.....Dennis Ramsey  
Children's Choirs.....Carla Jesse  
Director of Handbells.....Gayle Wilcox  
Nursery Team.....Shelbie Wood, Tara Neveu,  
Paige Gerjets, & Claire Van Erde-Wyk  
Wedding Coordinator.....Becky Wood  
Custodians.....Rex, Rhonda, & Jessica Heasty  
Audio / Visual Coordinator.....Eric Wylie  
Webmaster.....Shelly Turner  
Treasurer.....Marcie Stumpf

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Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> Worship Attendance:

43 @ 8:00; 57 @ 9:15; 105 @ 10:30 = 205 Total