

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of April 2

Prayer Concerns:

- *Susan Staed – stillborn granddaughter
- *Kevin Wittles – his mother passed away on 3/30
- *Tom Rimmer – ongoing cancer and COPD struggles
- *Steve Mooney – cancer treatments
- *New member Maryann Ellis – mother, Darlene Carlson, had hip surgery

Joys:

- *The floral arrangement this AM is from Julie Meyer's grandfather's funeral
 - *Thank you to Pastor Paul for making new wooden candle lighters for our acolytes to use! They are beautiful!
 - *Plans being made for LL youth's Colorado summer mission trip
 - *Welcome to new LL members joining today: Jenniffer Dickens, Dave & Maryann Ellis, Barbara Weber, Donna Plocher & Bri Wolfs
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REMEMBER to update changes in contact info. on the STUB!



EASTER EGG CANDY NEEDED! Bring your donations of small individually-wrapped candies (and/or treasures or coins) to LL by next Sunday, April 9th, (look for the lime green donations basket in the narthex) for our Sat., April 15th, Easter Egg Hunt!

LLUMC HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm/Passion Sunday, 4/9 - 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am worship services

Maundy Thursday, 4/13 - 7 pm Seder Meal in the Fellowship Hall (*please sign up on the STUB to reserve a seat or seats*)

Good Friday, 4/14 - 7 pm worship service

Saturday, 4/15 - Easter Egg Hunt, 10-11:30 AM; bring your kids over for this annual event (supply your own basket[s] if you can)

EASTER SUNDAY, 4/16 - 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 worship services: 8:00 and 10:30 am services will be traditional, with our Chancel Choir and adult bell choir providing joyous music. Our 9:15 service will feature a youth drama. ***All are invited to an Easter brunch from 9-10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.***



MORTGAGE MOMENTUM -- LET'S PAY IT OFF IN 2017! Recall that before starting to pay down the mortgage loan, we first raised \$120,000 to replace the roof. Since then, gifts to the **Blessed to be a Blessing** campaign have been put toward the mortgage. Starting mortgage balance, June '16: \$280,554.82; as of March '17: \$152,046.48. *That's a reduction of 46% -- nearly half -- in only 9 months!*

CHALLENGE: There are 9 mos. left to this year. Can we pay off the mortgage by Dec. 31, 2017? Let's do it, Lovely Lane! We're Blessed to be a Blessing!!

Lovely Lane Lenten Offering Recipients for 2017

Books Without Borders obtains and stores new and used books for packaging and shipping to war torn and emerging nations in the process of rebuilding. The current focus is on countries in Africa where English is the official language. The goal is to foster learning and knowledge, empowering the residents of these areas. Momodu Kamara is the Founder and President of Books Without Borders.

JFON (Justice For Our Neighbors) is a ministry of hospitality provided by the Iowa Annual Conference of the UMC. It provides legal services, advocates to bring change in immigration laws and public policy, and strives to educate immigrant communities to better understand their rights and the complex immigration process. *Lovely Lane hosts JFON the 3rd Tuesday of the month (generally), with an Iowa JFON immigration attorney and volunteers meeting with clients during the day and the evening.*

Four Oaks offers a variety of services to help troubled children and families be successful. Focus areas are Behavioral Health, Education, Child Welfare, and Juvenile Justice. Their philosophy is to empower children and families to achieve stability, self-sufficiency, and permanency.

Families Helping Families focuses on improving the lives of foster children in Iowa. On average, foster children and youth move 7 times before the age of 18, usually abruptly leaving their home with few personal belongings. Families Helping Families strives to make these transitions more bearable. Presently, there are nearly 1,000 children in foster care in CR alone.

Lenten Offering cards are located in the pew racks if you need one. Be sure to write your name on the card and indicate how you'd like your donation split between the four choices.



BLUE ZONE SAYS – Clean up your keyboard. Your keyboard has a messy job. It spends its days collecting dirt, dust and crumbs from the hands of everyone who uses it. So shake out the crumbs, etc. and give the keys a swipe with a disinfecting wipe. Giving it a good cleaning means you'll be ridding it of grime and germs. It prevents keys from sticking and is more pleasant to look at when you sit down to use it each day.



A HOSPICE OF MERCY MEMORIAL SERVICE is set for Tues., April 11th, at 7 PM, in the Hallagan Education Center, Mercy Medical Center. They will remember those who died between Sept. 1, 2016 and Feb. 28, 2017 (a service is held twice a year). This candlelight service is open to all families and friends and will feature special music, prayer, and a brief message. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the service.

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — April 2 *5th Sunday in Lent / Communion*

8:00 AM **Traditional Worship*** – Sanctuary
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 **Blended Worship*** – Sanctuary
10:45 AM **Children's Sunday School**
6:00 PM Senior High Youth Group – Kitchen,
Fellowship Hall & Youth Room

MONDAY — April 3

6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Christian Education meeting – Library

TUESDAY — April 4

9:30 AM UMW Bible Study – Fireside
5:30 PM CWM Preschool Family Night – Fellowship
Hall
6:45 PM Women's Study – Library
7:30 PM Youth Colorado Mission Trip informational
meeting – Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY — April 5

9:30 AM Care Center Ministry (offsite)
12 noon Women's Study – Library
4:50 PM Youth Bells – Sanctuary
5:30 PM Family Meal – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
6:00 PM Kid's Club – Fellowship Hall, et al.
6:00 PM Middle School Youth Group – Youth Rm.
6:00 PM Adult Explo – Fireside

THURSDAY — April 6

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6:45 PM Handbells – Sanctuary

FRIDAY — April 7

SATURDAY — April 8

SUNDAY — April 9 *Palm/Passion Sunday*

8:00 AM **Traditional Worship*** – Sanctuary
9:00 AM **Chancel Choir** – Choir Room
9:15 AM **Traditional 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 – Kitchen,
Fellowship Hall & Youth Room

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Serving at Worship...

Greeters

8:00.....Joe & Becky Helle
9:15.....Craig & Pam Nixon
10:30.....Marge Morris & Helen Anderson

Ushers

8:00.....Phil & Shirley Martin
9:15.....Craig & Pam Nixon
10:30.....Ben & Alisa Oliver, Dean Jackson,
& Christopher Hauser

Acolytes

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

Lectors

8:00.....Myrna Loehrlein
9:15.....Heather Hingtgen
10:30.....Helen Anderson

Communion

8:00.....Barb Waterhouse-Miller & Nancy Miller
9:15.....Marci Wittles & Carol Wishnowski
10:30.....Pam Cleveland, Judy McDowell,
Carol Wilson & friend

Liturgist

All services.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

Preacher

All services.....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
Kids' 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 Weber,
& Paige Gerjets
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 – Sun., March 26:
51 @ 8:00; 54 @ 9:15; 153 @ 10:30 = 258 Total