

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of April 9



SNAP – FUN – COOL...

JULY 16-20 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Vacation Bible School will be held @ LLUMC on July 16th–20th (Sunday-Thursday). VBS will run from **11:30 AM to 2 PM on Sun., July 16th** (meal followed by program), and on the remaining days from **5:30 to 8 PM** (meal followed by program).

This year's theme is "Hero Central – Discover Your Strength in God!"

Kids will be on awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes. They will discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God! We'll be using *epic* music, *spectacular* science, *crafty* crafts, *heroic* recreation, and *fantastic* Bible stories to help discover our strength in God! (Oh, yes, the snacks are a **WOW!**)

Sign up through LL's website (www.lovelylane.org), go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-vbs-hero-central-discover-your-strength-in-god-sun-july-16-thu-july-20-tickets-33384653397>, or look for registration forms in the Narthex.

Prayer Concerns:

- *Sharon Vavra (new member) – had carpal tunnel surgery
- *The chemical attack in Syria causing many deaths

Joys:

- *All of the decorative palms and palm-waving today!
- *Isabel Drew is home from the U of I Children's Hospital

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are available to be picked up from the small table in the Narthex.

REMEMBER to update changes in contact info. on the STUB!

LLUMC HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

Maundy Thursday, 4/13 - 7 pm Seder Meal in the Fellowship Hall (*all seats have been reserved*)

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!!

BLUE ZONE SAYS – Raise the root. Add 1 root vegetable to your shopping list – such as carrots, turnips, or beets; or, try something different like a parsnip, turnip or rutabaga. These vegetables are naturally sweet, supply you with vitamins and lots of fiber, and are available year round.



A HOSPICE OF MERCY MEMORIAL SERVICE is set for Tues., April 11th, at 7 PM, in the Hallagan Education Ctr., 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, open to all families and friends, will feature special music, prayer, and a brief message. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the service.

SPEAK OUT ON DRUG ABUSE – An Opportunity to be Part of the Conversation. Your Questions, Your Leaders, Your Community this Thursday, April 13th, 9:30–10:30 AM at the Cedar Rapids Public Library, Whipple Auditorium. This event will feature a panel comprised of some of the leading experts in substance abuse prevention in Iowa. You'll hear about the latest drug trends affecting our community, including the nationwide opioid epidemic. For more info. or to RSVP, contact Peter Komendowski (515-729-7334 or peter@drugfreeiowa.org).

A COMMUNITY HEALING DAY, offered by the Exhale Project in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, is Thursday, April 20th, with events held at the CR Public Library, 2nd Flr., Beems A & B. From 12 Noon to 1 PM there will be Sound Healing Meditation: guided meditation, singing bowls and other healing with Maria Dummermuth. (Limited mats are available; please bring a mat or blanket.) From 2 to 3 PM there will be a Trauma Informed Yoga Class: gentle yoga with Julie Jack, The Exhale Project. (Limited mats are available; please bring a mat or blanket.) There will also be a Mini Resource Fair & Expo from 1 to 2 PM. Breathing Room Yoga will be offering free community classes as well on that date at 6:30 AM and 9:30 AM at their location at 608 2nd Ave. SE.

“JOYFUL NOISES” – a Benefit Concert for Family Promise of Linn County is set for Friday, April 21st, at First Lutheran Church (1000 – 3rd Ave. SE, CR). A Silent Auction will be held at 6 PM followed by the concert at 7:00. There will be music by Mt. Mercy's Jazz Connection, Metro Mix Women's Barbershop Chorus, Jonny Lipford, and Faith Brooks – just to name a few. Join Emcee Justin Roberts for this annual event to help transform the lives of homeless families “because every child deserves a home.”

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

- 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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- MONDAY — April 10**
- 10:00 AM Happy Endings – Library
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
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- TUESDAY — April 11**
- 9:30 AM UMW Bible Study – Fireside
 6:30 PM Mental Health Support Group – Study
 6:45 PM Women's Study – Library
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- WEDNESDAY — April 12**
- 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. / Confirmation – Library
 6:00 PM Adult Explo – Fireside
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- THURSDAY — April 13** *Maundy Thursday*
- 7:00 AM Leadership Breakfast (@ Panera's)
 1:00 PM UMW Meeting – Fellowship Hall
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 7:00 PM Seder Meal – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
(all seats have been reserved)
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- FRIDAY — April 14** *Good Friday*
- 7:00 PM Good Friday Service - Sanctuary
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- SATURDAY — April 15**
- 10-11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt – Fellowship Hall et al.
 1-5 PM Boy Scouts (merit badge) – Fellowship Hall
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- SUNDAY — April 16** *EASTER SUNDAY*
- 8:00 AM **Traditional Worship*** – Sanctuary
 9-10:30 AM **Easter Brunch** – Fellowship Hall
 9:15 AM **Youth Drama*** – 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**
 - - - - **(NO** Senior High Youth Group)

April 9, 2017

Serving at Worship...

- Greeters**
- 8:00.....Brian & Denise Carnahan
 9:15.....Kaimee & Bree Akers
 10:30.....Jeff & Cindy Linder
- Ushers**
- 8:00.....Sharon Kouba & Myrna Loehrlein
 9:15.....Kaimee & Bree Akers
 10:30.....Craig & Carol Elliott, Evan & Julie Hupp
- Acolytes**
- 8:00.....Ryan Stumpf
 9:15.....Kyla Mulnik
 10:30.....Ushers
- Lectors**
- 8:00.....Marcie Stumpf
 9:15.....Stephanie French
 10:30.....Marge Morris
- Liturgists**
- 8:00.....Maggie Thomas
 9:15.....Cathy Weber
 10:30.....Frank Camp
- 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 – April 2nd:
 65 @ 8:00; 65 @ 9:15; 167 @ 10:30 = 297 Total