

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of May 24



CONGRATULATIONS TO LOVELY LANE'S CWM PRESCHOOL AND STAFF on achieving a 5 star rating in the Iowa Quality Rating System. This is the highest rating possible in the state of Iowa. Fewer than 30 Iowa preschools have achieved this rating. Special thanks to our director, Carolyn Barnes. Job well done!!

Prayer Concerns:

- *Pastor Paul & Gayle's nephew & wife – death of their 7-week old baby, Asher
- *Carol Fletcher – ongoing health problems
- *Michelle Wasta – recovering from two shoulder surgeries
- *Beth Crow's brother-in-law – recovering from surgery for a brain tumor
- *April Drew's father and cousin – dealing with health issues
- *Joan Phillips' daughter, Nissa Ray – is traveling in Mexico

Joys:

- *The senior high youth had a great time clearing tables and hosting at the Marion Pizza Ranch on 5/19; they raised \$198 in tips and hope to get about that for 10% of the evening receipts. It was great to have so many LL folks there!
- *Wonderful LYRA concert Friday night, preceded by a delicious potluck hosted by the Chancel Choir and Hospitality
- *The Rain Garden received a lot of needed attention on Friday morning – thank you to those who helped!
- *Birth of Michael Joseph Speer – grandson of Bev Speer

OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM for kids starts on Sunday, June 14th; the theme is "Journey for Justice & Joy." During our 9:30 AM summer church service, we will need volunteers to read to our children. Please sign up on the STUB with dates you will be available. This year we will also be writing (or drawing) and sending letters about the books we read to Pen Pals at the Henderson Settlement (our Senior High students will also donate a couple of the same books to the youth there on their Kentucky Mission Trip). Looking forward for opportunities to share experiences of God's love, justice, and joy!

BLUE ZONE SAYS – Take a nap today. Why? Studies show that people who take a midday nap at least 3 times a week were 37% less likely to die of heart disease. (*working men were 64% less likely!*)

OUR BLUE ZONE SUNDAY has been changed to be Sunday, June 14th! After the 9:30 AM service, we'll have an official Blue Zone ribbon cutting for Lovely Lane. We have fulfilled all of the criteria to be a Blue Zone institution and will celebrate with a short ceremony at 10:30 AM, with a healthy brunch to follow. Please plan to stay and mark this honor with all of your Lovely Lane family!

NEWS ON THE WHEELCHAIR RAMP BUILD: We had planned to build a wheelchair ramp for Brenda Borden, but Brenda's plans have changed so she will not be going to live with her daughter, Harmony; therefore, the ramp will not be needed. Many thanks to the more than 25 Lovely Laners who had agreed to help with the construction and to provide food for the workers.

OUR NEXT VBS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING has been set for Wed., June 3rd, at 6:30 PM. You're invited to join us as we make plans for this summer's Vacation Bible School ("Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power") on July 19-23. There are lots of different areas in which we'd welcome your input and expertise!



9:30 AM SUMMER WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

June 7: "Smoothie Sunday"***; Myrna Loehrlein preaching (pastors at Iowa Annual Conference); Sunday School kids will watch a movie; Fellowship will include donuts, coffee and **smoothies**, PLUS games

June 14: Communion / Blue Zone Sunday; Summer Reading begins; Fellowship; Blue Zone Ribbon Cutting & Brunch hosted by Hospitality and Health & Wholeness

June 21: Father's Day; Worship includes a baptism; Fellowship will include donuts and coffee PLUS a Guatemala Program & Sale

June 28: Worship; Fellowship will include donuts and coffee PLUS a Cedarwood Hills project – sack lunches & activities for the kids

[** If you have a blender and wish to help with "Smoothie Sunday", please sign up on the STUB and Susan Staed will contact you.]

A FOOD – FAITH – CLIMATE WORKSHOP entitled "Connecting the Dots" takes place at Prairiewoods on Sunday, May 31st, from 2:30 to 4:30 PM. The workshop, led by Iowa Interfaith Power & Light, will include resources, pocket guides, and a delicious climate-friendly snack provided by New Pioneer Food Co-Op, along with a tour of Prairiewoods' solar-powered hoop house and organic garden. You will have the opportunity to see climate-friendly food practices up close and get inspired to try these techniques yourself. The cost is \$25 per person; for more information, please contact Sarah Webb at programs@iowaipl.org. Prairiewoods is located at 120 E. Boyson Rd., Hiawatha.

A "FRESH START" MUSICAL FUNDRAISER is set for Sunday, June 7th, at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. The doors open at 4:30 PM, followed by a dinner @ 5:00 PM. The program, *Turning a Setback into a Comeback – Moving from Prison to Purpose*, begins at 6:00 PM. This is the 3rd annual musical fundraiser hosted by the Linn County Correctional Chaplaincy Ministry. Mt. Zion is located at 6621 C Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids.

"I was in prison and you visited me."
Matthew 25:36

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — May 24 *Pentecost Sunday*

- 8:00 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir (last practice before summer break) – Choir Room
- 9:15 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary

MONDAY — May 25 *Memorial Day* (church & office closed)

TUESDAY — May 26

- 5:30 PM Library Team mtg. – Library

WEDNESDAY — May 27

- 6:00 PM Adult Explo (last one) – Library

THURSDAY — May 28

- 7:00 PM Building Renewal Team mtg. – Fireside

FRIDAY — May 29

- 9:00 AM ESL Class – Library

SATURDAY — May 30

SUNDAY — May 31 *Trinity Sunday*

- 8–11:30 AM **Youth Car Wash** (fundraiser for summer mission trip)
- 8:00 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall
- 9:15 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary

*DON'T FORGET – SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH,
IS THE START OF OUR SUMMER SCHEDULING:
ONE ALL-TOGETHER SERVICE @ 9:30 AM!*

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April financial totals

Cash inflow, April 2015	\$ 43,614
Cash inflow, year-to-date	\$166,116
Budget need, April 2015	\$ 46,650
Cash outflow (paid bills), April 2015	\$ 39,610
Cash outflow, year-to-date	\$166,158
<i>Unpaid bills</i>	<i>\$ 15,468</i>

May 24, 2015

Serving at Worship...

Preacher

All services.....Pastor Paul Wilcox

Liturgist

All services.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

Greeters

8:00.....Bill & Arlene Allison
9:15.....Carrie & Brian Steffen
10:30.....Barb Mussman & Carol Wishnowski

Lectors

8:00.....Jayne Woodson
9:15.....Carrie Steffen
10:30.....Justin Gehrts

Ushers

8:00.....Joel & Marilyn Goodman
9:15.....Carrie & Brian Steffen
10:30.....Bruce Nesmith & friends

Acolytes

8:00.....(Ushers)
9:15.....Blake Barnhart
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 Geissingner
Director of Music.....Matthew Burrier
Organist.....Dennis Ramsey
Children's Choirs.....Carla Jesse
Director of Handbells.....Gayle Wilcox
Nursery.....Shelbie Wood, McKenna Woods,
& Tara Weber
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:

May 17 – 8:00 - 82; 9:15 - 46; 10:30 - 128; Total = 256