

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CONCERN:

\*Julie Meyer & Melissa Beaström's daughter, Allison – traveling in China

## JOYS:

\*Eight youth confirmed in the Christian faith this morning  
\*Lovely Lane has received two certificates of recognition:  
1) East Central District Asking (money requested from local churches to help support E. Central District ministries); and  
2) 100% support in 2017 of General Church Apportioned Funds, Conference Ministries and Conference Missions.

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**Confirmation 2018: TODAY** during 10:30 worship, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be confirmed in the Christian Faith as followers of Jesus, take vows of church membership, and join Lovely Lane UMC. They are as follows:

Taylor Ciabatti	Emily Kubik
Katie Conyers	Kyra LaGrange
Leyla Grawe	Jay Lauritsen
Justin Hingtgen	Rachel Wylie

The youth spent 8 months studying the Christian faith, learning about John Wesley, and helping with local missions. They've done a lock-in, walked a labyrinth, worshipped at a synagogue and with African Nationals, been part of LL's youth group, written personal statements of faith or creeds, and attended a personal faith interview. Please pray for them as they embark on a new season of faith development and serving Christ. After the 10:30 service, a reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

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## MAY 13TH SPECIAL OFFERING FOR OPERATION BACKPACK

Lovely Lane and Pierce School have been Community Partners with the Operation Backpack Program for 7 years. It's always so rewarding to see how excited the kids get when they see us drop off the bags, knowing that they will have some extra food over the weekend! At a recent school volunteer breakfast, two teachers sat with the LL backpack team and expressed how much the kids looked forward to picking up their bags.

The investment for each distributed food bag is about \$5, or \$200 for 1 student per year. Research shows that nutrition is vital to learning and Operation Backpack helps ensure that good nutrition continues through the weekend until children are back in school.

Operation Backpack has been successful due to strong working relationships with key school staff who identify children with the greatest need AND community partners who provide volunteer resources and necessary funding. HACAP's Operation Backpack began in 2008 with 8 schools participating. As of school year 2017-18, there are 77 participating schools each joined by a community partner, distributing more than 95,000 backpacks to students within a 7-county service area.

Help our neighbors with this vital ministry and help our children keep learning by giving generously next Sunday - May 13th!!

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**Faith Issues for the month of May:** Our topic thru May 20<sup>th</sup> is "Words of inspiration from books or other media" and class members are invited to bring snippets from books, videos, websites, etc. that brought them a moment of inspiration or insight. We will share several at each class session. Our last class before taking a summer break will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

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**BERTina Joins Us in Worship:** BERTina is the colorful cut out girl who joins us in worship today. She reminds us of Wesley's Quadrilateral that helps United Methodists know God – through the Bible, Experience, Reason, and Tradition. Each week the confirmands recorded on her how they met God – through Bible stories/ teachings, Experiencing God in prayer/service, Reasoning/thinking about God's ways, or practicing Christian Tradition (hymns, prayer, worship). Usually BERT is our class companion, but the young women in this year's class suggested we invite BERTina on our journey – and so we did!

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## Lovely Lane Summer Reading Program Coming Soon

**ADVENTURES IN GOD'S WORLD** runs June, July and August, and reading volunteer sign-up has started! Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex and pick your date(s). Use your favorite books or check out some from the church library.

*"The more that you read, the more things you'll know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." ~ Dr. Seuss*

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**A VBS COMMITTEE** is meeting on Wednesday evenings in May to plan for this summer's Vacation Bible School. We are reviewing curriculum, gathering craft and science needs, and planning scenery and decorations to make it fun and interesting for kids. If you'd like to join us, sign up on the STUB or contact Mrs. G at [christianedu@lovelylane.org](mailto:christianedu@lovelylane.org) or 393-6674.

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**Nursing Home Ministry:** Each month, Lovely Lane volunteers provide a simple worship service to the residents at Northbrook and Hiawatha Care Centers on the 1st and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. There are two 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays left in 2018 and four in 2019. Myrna Loehrlein, leader of the 5<sup>th</sup> Wed. services, would welcome a partner in ministry. If you're called to support and encourage older adults, sign up on the STUB!

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**Health & Wholeness** wants Seniors 60+ to know about *Encore Café* starting May 9 at Noon at Lowe Park in Marion on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Hosted by The Heritage Agency, this is a gathering place for nutrition (a choice menu & full salad bar), health education, AIC testing, and socialization with friends! If you're interested in volunteering, call Tim Getty @ 398-7682.

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**Youth on a Mission!** We need adults to journey with our youth on this summer's mission trips. Our Middle School mission trip is June 12-14 at St. Ludmila's Catholic Church in CR. We'll prepare school rooms to host our Trinity Lane Preschool this Fall and paint, clean, and build a playground. Our Senior High travels to Houston with incoming Associate Pastor Jenny Seylar July 21-29. We need a man to go with this group - no driving required. Sign the STUB!

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**Save the Date!** Please join us on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am for a farewell worship and communion service honoring our pastors, Paul and Gayle Wilcox. A catered brunch will follow from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A formal invite with specific details will be sent in the coming week.

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**Hello! My Name Is....** In preparation for welcoming our new pastors, we want to make sure all members have name tags. If you need a name tag, let us know on today's STUB.

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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 — May 6<sup>th</sup>** *Confirmation Sunday & Communion*

- 8:00 AM **Traditional Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
9:00 AM **Chancel Choir\*** – Choir Room  
9:00 AM **Fellowship\*** – Fellowship Hall  
9:15 AM **Traditional Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
9:15 AM Children's & Adult Sunday School  
10:30 AM **Confirmation\* / Traditional Worship\***  
– Sanctuary  
10:45 AM Children's Sunday School

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### **MONDAY — May 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Group – Fireside  
10 AM-3 PM PEO meeting & lunch – Fellowship Hall  
5:30 PM Tai Chi – Narthex  
6:30 PM CE meeting – Library  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

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### **TUESDAY — May 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 AM UMW Bible Study – Fireside  
6:30 PM Mental Health Support Group – Study  
6:45 PM W.O.F. (Women Of Faith) – Library

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### **WEDNESDAY — May 9<sup>th</sup>**

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### **THURSDAY — May 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 AM Leadership Breakfast (offsite)  
1:00 PM UMW Meeting – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen  
5:30 PM Yoga – Youth Room  
6:30 PM Missions – Library

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### **FRIDAY — May 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal – Sanctuary

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### **SATURDAY — May 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:00 PM Abben / Reid Wedding – Sanctuary, Fireside,  
Narthex, Choir Room, F'ship Hall & Youth Rm.

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### **SUNDAY — May 13<sup>th</sup>** *Mother's Day / Teacher Appreciation*

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9:00 AM **Chancel Choir\*** – Choir Room  
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# May 6, 2018

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## *Serving at Worship*

### **Greeters**

- 8:00.....Joe & Becky Helle  
9:15.....Curt, Lisa & Reid Pakkebieer  
10:30.....Confirmands

### **Ushers**

- 8:00.....Phil & Shirley Martin  
9:15.....Curt, Lisa & Reid Pakkebieer  
10:30.....Confirmands

### **Acolytes**

- 8:00.....Jared Stumpf  
9:15.....Cade Pakkebieer  
10:30.....Confirmand

### **Lectors**

- 8:00.....Lyn Lewis  
9:15.....Stephanie French  
10:30.....Confirmand

### **Communion Servers**

- 8:00.....Maggie Thomas & Jayne Woodson  
9:15.....Darla Carter & Marci Wittles  
10:30.....Confirmands

### **Liturgists**

- All.....Paul & Gayle Wilcox

### **Preachers**

- All.....Paul & Gayle Wilcox

### **Staff**

- Lead Pastor.....Paul Wilcox  
Associate Pastor.....Gayle Wilcox  
Office Manager.....Sue Moss  
Children's Weekday Min. Director..Carolyn Barnes  
Youth Director.....  
Kid's Club Director.....Julie Meyer  
Christian Educator.....Barb Geissing  
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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April 29, 2018 Worship Attendance

8:00 AM 47  
9:15 AM 63  
10:30 AM 107  
**Total 217**