

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of March 29, 2020

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Mary Smith receiving hospice care due to a brain tumor
- *Sympathy to Brandon & Leslie Neugebauer whose niece died of meningitis
- *Patty Logsdon's cousin, Christy, had a heart attack
- *JR Grawe's father hospitalized in California
- *Jim Moss, Sue's husband, with a fractured rib & bruised lung due to a fall
- *Judy Chihak's brother-in-law, Kevin, hospitalized at St. Luke's
- *Craig Breem, friend of Don & Becky Esker, in ICU in IL
- *All persons impacted by COVID-19
- *Staff & residents at Heritage Specialty Care Center
- *Families impacted by storms in the Oelwein area

JOYS:

- *Folks assembling medical masks & shields
- *Eric Engelmann & teams assembling needed medical supplies
- *Heroic medical workers on the front lines
- *Carissa Serbousek engaged to Christopher Prevenas
- *Pastor Scott leading online Bible study (see below)

ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES AT LOVELY LANE HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AT LEAST THRU APRIL 10TH. STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER UPDATES.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: We've changed current office hours, temporarily, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Office hours are now: Mon.-Thurs., 9 AM – Noon (ONLY); closed on Fridays. Generally, Sue will be here Mon. & Weds. AM, and Marti will be here Tues. & Thurs. AM. We are also looking into ways for both office managers to possibly work some from home. Thanks for your patience and understanding!
Pastor Scott plans to be in his office most days.

LOVELY LANE WORSHIP SERVICE NOW BEING LIVE STREAMED: Due to the temporary cancellation of live worship services, we are live streaming a shortened service. The direct link is https://youtu.be/qRmbXy_kd5c for the 3/29 service. We have gone to live streaming only for the health and safety of all in these challenging times.

REMAINING LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES AT AREA CHURCHES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

FREE DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONS BOOKLETS are available in the narthex, during church office hours. Any donations will be sent to the Society of St. Andrew (*Gleaning America's Fields - Feeding America's Hungry*).

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Scott is leading an online Bible study on the Book of Ephesians. Sessions take place via Zoom teleconferencing on Wednesdays at 10 AM and at 7 PM. Please choose the time that works best for you, and let Pastor Scott know if you're interested (scottm@lovelylane.org).

Church activity bags are available to check out for younger elementary children. Mrs. G has put together 12 plastic bags with a 3-ring binder of coloring pages and other items that parents may sign out from the narthex during current church office hours.

- Musical CD (some from a VBS)
- Craft to put together & keep
- Magazines that may spark interest
- Items for any age to read the Bible

Please return the bag and all items, except the craft, **within a week** so others may check bags out. ***Materials are included to make "Hello" cards for our shut-ins. Lovely Lane's Shepherding group will distribute your cards; please bring them to the church office.***

Youth – To receive an email for a free daily devotion, you can open it on your smart phone and read or access it on Facebook. To see today's devotion, visit d365.org.

The Blood Drive, hosted by Health & Wholeness, is still on at Lovely Lane for Saturday, **April 18th**, as there is currently a greater need than usual for donated blood. There will be extra safety precautions in place to enable social distancing, etc. Stay tuned for further details!

2020 Lenten Offering Recipients:

Tanager Place LGBTQ Youth Center, Matthew 25, Mission Of Hope, & Africa University

FINANCIAL GIVING: Please continue to give faithfully to Lovely Lane; offerings can be mailed to the church. You can also go to the home page on our website (lovelylane.org) for online giving options. We appreciate your faithfulness!!

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY – “CRITICAL TIMES FOR VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS”: Many of our Linn County neighbors are in critical need, especially now. Rent and utility bills are adding up. Paychecks are shrinking or disappearing altogether. Schools and daycares have closed. All people receiving HHM help in March have been affected by COVID-19. Coming in for help opens people's capacity for thinking ahead. You Can Make Hope Real! Please consider financial gifts of any size, and mail to Ecumenical Community Foundation, ATTN: Helping Hands, 601 2nd Ave. SE, CR 52401 or give online on their website: www.ecc-cr.net.

JO-ANN CRAFT STORES GIVING AWAY FREE KITS TO MAKE FACE MASKS, GOWNS: You can pitch in with coronavirus relief by using free kits to sew face masks and gowns for hospitals and healthcare facilities. Personal protective equipment is in alarmingly short supply for medical professionals across the country during this COVID-19 pandemic. All 860 locations of the craft store are offering curbside pickup and home delivery of the free kits to make masks, gowns, and *other essential items* to be donated to American hospitals. All open stores are also offering store classrooms, sewing machines, and professional instruction to produce the personal protective equipment with the free supplies there. Social distancing guidelines will be followed during this effort.