

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Jan. 10, 2021

JOYS:

*Schools are back in session & we pray for a good restart which will continue to the end of the school year & the eventual end of the pandemic.

*The renovations on our church building continue; the outside looks fabulous & inside work on the sanctuary is getting started.

*Mild winter weather so far, & praying that travel conditions continue to be okay.

*Dave & Maryann Ellis are recovering well from COVID.

*Pastor Kristina's & Ryan's joy of picking up a puppy this PM: an 8-wk.-old Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, who they named after Saint Macrina.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

*Sympathy to Sharon Kouba & family on the passing of Sharon's sister.

*Barb Olive has surgery coming up Jan. 19; prayers for a successful surgery and a good recovery.

*Prayers for Liz Briggman's brother with health concerns.

*Prayers for Marti Bowman's good friend, Chris, & her husband, Greg; Greg is in hospice care.

*Sarah Westergren's co-worker, Lisa, had her thyroid removed due to thyroid cancer but is undergoing tests this week because of a possibility that the cancer has spread.

*Continued prayers for our country after this difficult & unsettling week; we pray for the injured & the families of those killed. As the inauguration of the incoming President nears, we pray for a peaceful transfer of power & for reconciliation within our country.

*Those impacted by the plane crash in Indonesia.

*Even as we're hope-filled with more people being vaccinated, we continue to pray for our world & for those who have lost or will lose beloved family and friends due to COVID-19.

LOVELY LANE WORSHIP CONTINUES TO BE LIVE-STREAMED for the health and safety of all in these challenging times. Join us every Sunday at 10:30 AM (or at a later time; service can be accessed thru a link on our website).

FAITH ISSUES CLASS meets every Sunday on Zoom at 9 AM. Just contact the church office or check out Faith Issues on the church's website to have the link sent your way.

In January, we're starting the year with a discussion around questions like "*Whom do you feel grateful to in your life?*" and "*What problem did you have last year, that you may not have in 2021?*". Specific upcoming subjects are:

January 10 – A 19th century liberal theologian, class led by Jim Loehrlein

January 17, 24 & 31 – a discussion of the book White Fragility, class led by Rose Blank & Jo Hoover (see announcement below)

We invite everyone to join the group forever or for just one week. We'd love to see you!

FAITH ISSUES DISCUSSION OF *WHITE FRAGILITY*:

On January 17, 24 and 31st, beginning at 9 AM, the Faith

Issues Class will be discussing the book *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*. This book, written by Robin DiAngelo, addresses an important issue of our day. DiAngelo is an author and lecturer who has also been a consultant and trainer on issues of racism and social justice for over 20 years. One of the church goals set by the Administrative Council for 2021 is to "Address important social issues that need attention." The church needs to create settings in which matters like racism, white supremacy, LGBTQ acceptance, and the welcoming of refugees and immigrants can be talked about and learning and action can take place."

The first week, Jo Hoover will facilitate a conversation centering around our experiences with people of color. The next 2 weeks, Rose Blank will lead a discussion based on DiAngelo's book. Along with sharing background information on racism, DiAngelo probes some difficult areas and triggers for us as we deal with these issues surrounding race and white privilege. She also provides "Where do we go from here?" as a way to continue the conversations that move us to deeper work on the issues.

Join us during these weeks for conversation and learning that may be challenging and engaging as we move to deeper understanding and practice.

To receive the Zoom link to join us, please contact the church office or go to the Faith Issues section of the web site to sign up for the class.

NEW WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: Pastor Kristina is leading a new study, via Zoom, that began on Jan. 4, at 7 PM. The book is Kate Bowler's *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved*. Books have already been ordered, but contact Pastor Kristina at kristina@lovelylane.org ASAP if you'd still like to join the group. The cost of the book is \$12.00.

ZOOM STUDY GROUP W/PASTOR SCOTT: The book for the new study is "Philippians" by Cynthia Campbell. The new study began on Weds., Jan. 6 (9:30 AM & 7 PM). Several books are still available in the church office at no cost. All are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Our finance secretary, Vicki Cangemi, needs volunteers to count money Monday afternoons beginning at 1:00 PM. Please leave a message at the church for her or send an E-mail to vickic@lovelylane.org.

CWM PRESCHOOL NEEDS TEACHER ASSISTANT SUBS: No experience is necessary, but you must love children. The pay rate is \$12/hr., and hours are usually 8:30am-12:30pm. Masks are required to work in the classroom. Please contact Dawn DuPont, Director of Children's Weekday Ministries (ddupont@lovelylane.org).

FOOD SORTING/PACKING VOLUNTEERS WANTED: HACAP Food Reservoir needs help sorting food donations and packing food boxes/bags for the hungry in our community. Timeslots are: Weds., Jan. 13 (12:30-2 PM); Mon., Jan. 18 (10 AM-12 PM); Weds., Jan. 20 (10 AM-12 PM); Mon., Jan. 25 (10 AM-12 PM); & Weds., Jan. 27 (10 AM-12 PM). Go to HACAP's website for further info. and/or if interested.