

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Jan. 3, 2021

JOYS:

- *Happy New Year to everyone! New beginnings!
- *Appreciation to outgoing committee chairs, Scott Hauser & Jeff Swartzendruber
- *Thanks to all those serving on church committees
- *Apportionments are paid in full to the Iowa Annual Conference for 2020

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Dave & Maryann Ellis recovering from COVID
- *Pastor Kristina's cousin, Merriellen, who is pregnant, with health concerns
- *Ben & Alisa Oliver's friend, Pam, hospitalized with serious health concerns
- *States hit hard with the coronavirus
- *Local school systems returning to school activity

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS VIDEO: Some of our Lovely Lane children virtually shared the Christmas Story. Unable to do a Christmas pageant, they shared in their own words the story of Jesus' birth. You can access the video via Facebook.

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'll start 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 be facilitating a conversation centering around our experiences with people of color. The next two 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 will lead a new study, via Zoom, beginning Monday, 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 begins on Weds., 1/6, at 9:30 AM and 7 PM. Books are now 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).

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR HELPING HANDS MINISTRY: 1) Taking messages from phone; 2) Returning calls to screen requests; & 3) Entering requests into a simple spreadsheet. Please call Robin at 319-362-4284 if you're interested.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE FAITHFULLY to Lovely Lane. Offerings can be mailed to the church or made online by going to lovelylane.org for giving options. We appreciate your faithfulness in supporting LLUMC's missions and ministries!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING OR MAIL IN YOUR STEWARDSHIP/PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2021! Thank you for your faithful commitment to Lovely Lane into the future!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS, due to the coronavirus pandemic: Mon.-Thurs., 9 AM–Noon (**ONLY**); **closed** on **Fridays**. Generally, Sue is here Mon. & Weds. AM, and Marti is here Tues. & Thurs. AM. Please call first if you need to stop in during an afternoon.

LOVELY LANE STAFF

Lead Pastor – Dr. Scott Meador

Associate Pastor – Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck

Senior Office Manager – Sue Moss

Office Manager – Marti Bowman

Building Project Manager – Amber Mulnik

Children's Weekday Ministries Director – Dawn DuPont

Kid's Club Director – Julie Meyer

Christian Educator – Barb Geissinger

High School Youth Director – Ryan Roth-Klinck

Choir Director – K. Weiler

Handbell Director – Charlie Kucera

Organist – Dennis Ramsey

Children's Choirs – Carla Jesse

Nursery Team – Shelbie Wood, Tara Neveu & Paige Gerjets

Wedding Coordinator – Becky Wood

Custodians – Rex, Rhonda & Jessica Heasty

Audio / Visual Coordinator – Eric Wylie

Webmaster – Shelly Turner

Treasurer – Marcie Stumpf

Finance Secretary – Vicki Cangemi

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