

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

August 2009



Our vision...

...is to be a diverse church where faithful disciples of Jesus Christ grow in spirit, nurture one another and respond to human need.

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A Note From Home...

"Then Jesus went up a hill and called to himself the men he wanted. They came to him, and he choose twelve whom he named apostles"

- Mark 3:13-14

Ever wonder why Jesus chose disciples? Why 12? Why not 14 or 60 or 3 or none at all? Why did Jesus spend so much time with this thick-headed bunch when he could have moved so much faster, covered more area, and preached his message to more people without them?

If you look through the pages of the Gospels, you'll find that Jesus actually spent as much time forming a community among these 12 men as he did in proclaiming the good news to others. Most of his Parables were spoken for them; he slept, ate, and traveled with them; he drew them apart and taught them alone; he even commissioned them and sent them out to preach and heal. "Upon this rock," he said of them, "I will found my Church."

Jesus spent a good deal of his short ministry molding these 12 disciples into his church. And what that tells me is that:

1. The Church is not an accident of history, but the product of Jesus' careful planning.
2. Even though the Church has hypocrites in it (just as the 12 disciples had their traitors), still Jesus thought the Church was worth living and dying for.
3. If Jesus thought it was necessary to live and carry on his ministry in the midst of a community of faith, how on earth do we think we can live without one?

We disciples were never intended to be "lone ranger" Christians. Is it time for someone you know to come home?

In His Service,
Pastor Paul

Lovely Lane United Methodist Church — August 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Communion 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship 10:00 am Roofing Meeting 10:00 Brunch	3	4 4:00 pm Spanish for Clergy 5:45 pm Jazzercise 6:00 pm Softball—Van Vechten	5 9:30 am Care Center Ministry 6:00 pm Youth Summer Games	6 5:30 pm Worship 5:45 pm Jazzercise	7 1:00 pm Movie shown in Sanctuary 6:00 pm Young Family Fellowship (offsite) 7:00 pm Bridge Club	8 3:30 pm—Wedding
9 10:30 AM - Outdoor Worship—Pierce Park Picnic Potluck following service	10 10:00 am Happy Endings Book Club - Day Care Closed -	11 4:00 pm Bilingual Worship Planning Mtg. - Day Care Closed -	12 9:00 am Morning Prayer Shawl Mtg. 6:00 pm Youth Summer Games - Day Care Closed -	13 5:30 pm Worship - Day Care Closed -	14 - Day Care Closed -	15 Noon—Youth for Understanding
16 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Brunch 10:30 am Worship	17	18 4:00 pm Spanish for Clergy 5:00 pm JFON Clinic 7:00 pm SPPR Meeting	19 9:30 am Care Center Ministry 6:00 pm Youth Summer Games	20 5:30 pm Worship Meeting Night 6:45 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Hosp., Health/ Wholeness, Finance, Missions 7:50 pm Ad Coun.	21 1:00 pm Movie shown in Sanctuary	22
23 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Lou & Gerry Stolba 65 Anniversary Party 2—4:00 pm Fellowship Hall	24 6:00 pm Troop 766 Leader/Adult Meeting 6:45 pm BSA Troop 766 Newsletter Deadline	25 4:00 pm Bilingual Worship Planning Mtg. 7:00 pm Library Task Force	26 6:00 pm Evening Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 pm Disciple	27 5:30 pm Worship 6:45 pm Handbells	28	29
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Summer Worship Schedule
 Thru **Sept. 6th**, our summer worship hours are **Thursdays** at **5:30 pm** and **Sundays** at **9:00 am (Traditional Worship)** and **10:30 am (Open Door Worship)**.

Our regular line-up of classes and meetings begins following Rally Day on September 13th.

Lovely Lane Worship

Worship in August

A four-part sermon series on the Book of Revelation

Thursday, July 30—Communion

5:30 pm Traditional Service

Scripture: Rev. 1:1-3, 9-20

Sermon: "Understanding the Bible's Hardest Book"

Sunday, August 2—Communion

9:00 am Traditional Service

10:30 am Open Door Service

Scripture: Rev. 1:1-3, 9-20

Sermon: "Understanding the Bible's Hardest Book"

Thursday, August 6

5:30 pm Traditional Service

Scripture: Rev. 13

Sermon: "The Mark of the Beast"

Sunday, August 9—Outdoor Worship

Pierce Park; Picnic Potluck following worship

10:30 am Blended Service

Scripture: Rev. 13

Sermon: "The Mark of the Beast"

Thursday, August 13

5:30 pm Traditional Service

Scripture: Rev. 20

Sermon: "The End of Evil"

Sunday, August 16

9:00 am Traditional Service

10:30 am Open Door Service

Scripture: Rev. 20

Sermon: "The End of Evil"

Thursday, August 20

5:30 pm Traditional Service

Scripture: Rev. 21

Sermon: "The Final Vision"

Sunday, August 23

9:00 am Traditional Service

10:30 am Open Door Service

Scripture: Rev. 21

Sermon: "The Final Vision"

Thursday, August 27

5:30 pm Traditional Service

Scripture: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon: "Dirty Hands or Dirty Deeds?"

Sunday, August 30

9:00 am Traditional Service

10:30 am Open Door Service

Scripture: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon: "Dirty Hands or Dirty Deeds?"

5:00 pm Dos Lenguas, Un Fuego Worship

Outdoor Worship at 10:30 am

Please join us on **Sunday, Aug. 9th** for **Outdoor Worship in Pierce Park**. Enjoy the beauty of nature in harmony with worship at 10:30 am. (Weather permitting, of course!) There will be no 9:00 am service on this day.



Following services, please join us for a **picnic potluck and games** in Fellowship Hall. *Dress casual and bring a lawn chair (if you have one).*

Please bring a dish to share.

New Fall Worship Service

We will conclude our summer Thursday night worship services on Sept. 3rd. On Sept. 10th from 5:30—6:10 pm we will begin offering a **Taizé worship opportunity**.

Taizé worship at Lovely Lane will include candlelight, prayers, scripture readings, silence, soft music, songs with repetitive words, as well as special moments of anointing for healing, communion, and short meditation. This service is meditative and will offer a wonderful opportunity to center on the Lord.

Come as you are—and be blessed.

(If you are interested in helping with this service, please contact Pastor Gayle.)

Lovely Lane Youth Activities

Kid Connections

"Kid Connections" is a newsletter for the children and youth of Lovely Lane.



Each month's newsletter will include a variety of activities, information about upcoming events, articles about what children and youth are involved in, notes from the pastors, a prayer, and a variety of other tidbits like poems, quotes, and book reviews just to name a few.

Children and Youth are invited to **submit story ideas or create their own story, poem, book review, picture, cartoon...the sky's the limit.** A submission box along with the most current newsletter can be found in the church narthex.

Middle School Sunday School

Beginning in September, **middle school students are invited to attend Sunday School at 9:00 am** for an action-packed year of interpreting Bible Stories and growing in faith using a variety of mediums. The mediums will change each month and will include the following: Cooking, Ukrainian Egg Art, Photography, Art Gallery, Newspaper, Webpage, Movie, and Greeting Cards.

Children's Reading Program - Special Event

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be an author? Well - on Sunday, August 16th you will have a chance to find out!

Local children's author, Linda Skeers, will be our special guest during the Children's Reading Time on August 16th.

She will read her book, "The Impossible Patriotism Project" and then will share her experiences on being an author. Come and hear what it is like to take your idea and make it grow into a book.



Children of all ages are invited to come to this special presentation. The presentation will be held in the library starting after the children's sermon at the 9:00 am service.

Copies of Linda's book, "The Impossible Patriotism Project" will be available that day for purchase and for the author's signature.

Senior High Sunday School

Back by popular demand, **Pastor Paul will be leading a class for the Senior High Youth during the 9:00 Sunday School hour** which begins in September. The class will discuss stories in the book of Genesis and create creative interpretations for DVD presentations.

Lovely Lane Youth Activities

Gearing Up for Fall Sunday School

This year the Education Ministry Team is pleased to present the following fall line-up of Children's and Adult Sunday programs.



At 9:00 am, our **preschoolers** will learn about Joseph, Moses and Joshua. Julie Wall and Bonnie Pape will be their teachers. The **Kindergarten through 2nd graders** will have their own group this fall and meet in room 204 using the "Live Big" curriculum. *Teachers are needed for this age group.* The **3rd – 5th graders** will meet downstairs using hands-on Bible curriculum that is interactive and fun. Lyn Lewis will be the lead teacher for this group.

At 10:15 am, **preschoolers** will meet in room 208. They will study "Stepping Stones of Faith." *Teachers are needed for this age group.* Children in **Kindergarten through 2nd grade** are invited to participate in "Children's Worship". We will be using "Kids' Own Worship" as our curriculum guide this year. Karen Young will be leading worship for children. **Adult volunteers are needed to get this new and exciting worship experience going.**

Adults have a variety of options to consider during the 9:00 Sunday school hour!

Faith Issues will continue to meet this year. The Faith Issues Class offers a variety of interesting topics throughout the year, including theological issues, contemporary issues and spirituality. Watch for more information on specific topics.

A new offering this year are **short-term focus classes**. The classes will cover such topics as "Three Simple Rules", a study written by Bishop Job and led by Pastor Gayle; and "What I Wish I Had Learned in Confirmation", led by Karen Young and others. Specific information about the classes will be in next month's newsletter and on the announcement page.

Sunday classes for all ages begins at 9:00 am on Sunday, September 20th. The 10:15 am preschool Sunday school and Children's Worship will begin on September 13th. Information and registration for children's classes will be available at the Education booth in Fellowship Hall during the FIT (Focus, Invest, Tell) Fair Event on September 13th at 9:00.

Read to Noah—Our New Library Bear!

Noah lives in our Children's Library in Fellowship Hall. He wants to learn to read.

The children of Lovely Lane can help him learn to read by reading aloud to him!

In honor of Noah, here are two books which retell the story of his Old Testament hero:

"Noah's Ark" by Lucy Cousins

If you like the "Maisy" books by Lucy Cousins, you are sure to enjoy this retelling of the story of Noah's Ark. Cousins' joyful, whimsical animal illustrations will entertain any young reader. *(Given by Nicholas Wood)*

"Two by Two" by John Winch

Experience the great flood through the eyes of the animals in this beautifully illustrated picture book. The water almost destroys the animal kingdom until one day "light and warmth and freedom return to the earth". *(Given in memory of Anne Thompson by Kay Rath Family and Friends)*

For more information, please contact Kathy Gilbert at 389-6473 or thegilbertfamily1@mchsi.com.



Lovely Lane's United Methodist Women's Programs and Events for August 2009

Calling ALL women....*Save the Date!*



Friday evening, Oct. 30th -
Noon on Oct. 31st

***A real-life getaway just
for YOU!***

American Martyrs Retreat
House in Cedar Falls

(More information available soon!)

Sponsored by Health & Wholeness

East Central District UMW Annual Meeting

Join us on September 26, 2009 from 9—3:00 at the UMC in Dewitt, Iowa for the **East Central District UMW Annual Meeting**. The theme this year is, "Together at the Table"

Iowa Conference UMW School of Christian Mission

This year's School of Christian Mission is at the Iowa Valley Continuing Education Conference Center in Marshalltown. The **Fall Mission Event** will be held **October 16th—18th**.

Scholarships are available. For more information call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Beginning September 15th, we will resume meeting each Tuesday morning from 9:30 - 11:15 am.

We invite you to join us next fall!

Women's Wednesday Noon Study Group

"Companions in Christ: The Way of Blessedness" will be the focus of the women's noon study group beginning Wed., Sept. 9th from noon until 1:00 pm in the library. During our time together we will explore Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount or the Beatitudes. Come and discover Jesus' vision of the kingdom of God on earth and develop and live a personal "rule of life" that helps us reside in that kingdom.

This 12-week study involves weekly readings and daily exercises and will conclude Dec. 2nd.

If you would like to reserve a book (\$12.50), please contact Pastor Gayle at 393-6674 or gaylew@lovelylane.org.

Older Adult Ministries

We are **looking for volunteers who would be available to help with Lovely Lane's nursing home ministry**. We are in special need for a volunteer or volunteers who would be able to go out and lead our singing October 7th and 21st and November 18th.

The Older Adult Council oversees Lovely Lane's continuing ministry to the Northbrook Nursing Home and the Hiawatha Care Center. We present a "mini-church service" to the residents. This service is presented the first and third Wednesdays of each month and a third time if there is a fifth Wednesday in the month. If you would like to volunteer with this ministry, please call Cheryl Murphy at 377-6205 or Marge Morris 393-5519.

Announcements



Handbell Choir gets a Facelift!

The Handbell ringers here at Lovely Lane are excited about the fruits of their labors (fund raisers)

and your generous memorials and gifts toward their new equipment.

Rehearsals begin Thurs., August 27th at 6:45 pm. During September worship services you will be able to **rejoice with them as they ring on much needed new tables, foam, and table skirts!** *Get ready for some great music!*

New Event—Help Needed

Lovely Lane is having a **ministry fair and “Back to Sunday School Day”** on Sunday, Sept. 13th. We will hold planning sessions in Fellowship Hall on Sunday Aug. 2nd, 16th, and 30th between services. If you have a team that would like to have a booth that would invite and inform people about your ministry, please let us know. We will need lots of healthy food, F.I.T. personal trainers, and creative booth displays. Join this exciting planning team by signing up on the STUB, stopping in at a planning meeting or call Cathy Weber at 377-6183.

Let's Get Lovely Lane F.I.T.!!!

Disciple Bible Study Group

Disciple Bible Study is an approach to Bible study that emphasizes disciplined reading and listening to Scripture. It meets for 34 weeks and covers 70% of the Bible. The study is for beginners as well as those who have participated in other Bible studies. In addition to becoming better acquainted with the Bible, the relationships formed with other participants are deep and significant.



This year **Disciple will be offered on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00 pm.** Andrew Hess and Karen Young will be co-leading the group. The first class is an orientation class and meets on August 26th from 6:00-7:00 pm.

The cost of the Disciple study manual is \$35. Child care will be provided for young children. For more information or to sign up contact Karen Young at 393-6674.

Happy Endings Book Discussion Group



Happy Endings Book Discussion group will meet on **August 10th at 10 am.** **Judy Ryan, from Barnes and Noble bookseller** will be our guest speaker. Please join us for the latest information on new books. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Miller at 393-6340.

Cards of Thanks

Dear Members of Lovely Lane Methodist Church: Our sincere **thanks for your recent donations of food to the Linn Community Food Bank**. Your continued support helps us to provide basic life-giving service to the hungry men, women and children in the Linn County area. Through May of 2009, we have served over 3,000 individuals; 1,435 of them being children. Once again, thank you for your generous donation. - *Julia Mroch, Corresponding Secretary*

A special **THANK YOU** to the wonderful volunteers who help us prepare this newsletter for mailing each month. Your help is truly appreciated!
- *Kathy Towe, Communications Secretary*

We would like to thank all those who sent cards, notes and remembrances for our 50th anniversary. We are pleased to call Lovely Lane "our church family". - *Harry and Betty Widmer*

My sincere thanks to everyone who prayed, sent cards, made calls and held me in their thoughts during my recent hip surgery and recovery. I really appreciate the caring and concern of the Lovely Lane Family. You are the best! - *Nancy Miller*



Stolba's 65th Anniversary Open House

*Lou and Gerry Stolba
invite their
Lovely Lane Family
to help them
celebrate their*

*65th Wedding Anniversary
on Sunday, August 23rd
2:00—4:00 PM
in Fellowship Hall*

Announcements

Ministry Teams Update

Trustees:

- ◆ Roofing bids
- ◆ Maintenance schedule; monthly log update
- ◆ Lower level shower possibility

Finance:

- ◆ Revising contribution counting/ logging procedures
- ◆ Monitor General Budget/Projected Ending Balance

Health/Wholeness:

- ◆ Brunch on August 2nd
- ◆ Rally Day booth
- ◆ Women's Retreat—Oct. 30-31 at American Martyrs in Cedar Falls

Hospitality & Outreach:

- ◆ Fit Fair
- ◆ Lovely Lane Ambassadors
- ◆ Middle Agers get together in Fall

Education:

- ◆ Preparation for author visit
- ◆ Preparing rooms for fall classes
- ◆ Scheduling fall classes

Matthew 25—Book Buddies

Book Buddies is a program sponsored through Matthew 25. **The goal of the program is to help first graders that are falling behind in their reading skills to catch up with the reading skills of the other first graders.** In addition, it provides an adult presence in the children's lives where they may not have strong parental support in their schoolwork. Taylor and Cleveland Elementary Schools participate in the program. **More Book Buddy volunteers are needed!**

If you can volunteer one or two days a week for 40-50 minutes, or if you have questions, please contact Susan Phillips or Jack Murphy.

Care & Concerns

Thank you for your prayers, presence, gifts & service!



Prayer Concerns

- ◆ Cindy Schile's father died
- ◆ Jim Arneal's father died
- ◆ Nancy Miller—surgery
- ◆ Shirley Mickelson—surgery
- ◆ Derek LaGrange—surgery
- ◆ Donna Karshner
- ◆ Patty Logsdon's father
- ◆ Shelley Bumpus' father
- ◆ Becky Ortner's mother
- ◆ Dan Boonstra
- ◆ Waylan Stepp
- ◆ For families to take time for summer

Presence: Worship Attendance

Thursday, July 2	40
Sunday, July 5	157
Thursday, July 9	52
Sunday, July 12	175
Thursday, July 16	50
Sunday, July 19	197
Thursday, July 23	53

Gifts to Date

2009 Annual Budget	\$539,455
(needed monthly)	44,955
Giving in June	38,983
Expenses in June	41,028
Giving Y-T-D	236,668
Expenses Y-T-D	264,549

Thanks to all who participated in photography for our new Pictorial Directory. Nearly 200 individuals and families were photographed!

Remembering with love...

David Bennett.....	2005
Kathryn Anderson.....	2005
Jeff Blasingame.....	2002

Shake Shingle Replacement

Informational Meeting on August 2nd

Administrative Council met on July 23. They approved a motion by the Trustees to replace our shake shingles with steel-enhanced shakes. If you would like more information about this attractive, affordable, and durable replacement product, come to the church library on Sunday, August 2 at 10:00 am to learn more. Matt Mulnick will be present to answer questions and share a DVD presentation.

Notice Lovely Lane Students at Kennedy High School

Again this year, student parking will be available in our lot without charge for Lovely Lane members. Members, **please call the church office at 393-6674 by August 7th** to have your name placed on the reservation list for parking permits. You may obtain your permit



beginning at 8:30 am on August 12 in the main office at Kennedy. **Please note that in order to receive your permit without charge, the Lovely Lane office must be notified in advance.** The contract you will be signing that day will require the signature of a parent or guardian.

Serving Worship

Sunday, August 2	9:00 am Service	10:30 am Service
Greeter(s)	Arlene Allison and Lyn Lewis	Adrienne Dobbins and Beckie Cheney
Usher(s)	Al Stiers, Jayne Woodson and Don Whitford	
Lector	Norm Workman	
Communion Servers	Carole & Norm Workman and Carol Strong	
Acolyte(s)	Jaicee Lyons	
Thursday, August 6	Thursday 5:30 pm Service	
Greeter(s) / Usher(s)	Dean Jackson and Sherry Sanchez	
Lector	Marge Morris	
Sunday, August 9	10:30 am Blended Worship Service—Outdoors (Pierce Park)	
Greeter(s)	Evan & Julie Hupp	
Usher(s)	Duane & Anne Heefner and Bruce Nesmith	
Lector	Jayne Woodson	
Acolyte(s)	Tyler Brennan	
Thursday, August 13	Thursday 5:30 pm Service	
Greeter(s) / Usher(s)	Carlos Sanchez and Kelly Webb	
Lector	Sherry Sanchez	
Sunday, August 16	9:00 am Service	10:30 am Service
Greeter(s)	Jim & Myrna Loehrlein	Tom Mercer
Usher(s)	Don & Barbara Miller and Wanda Whitford	
Lector	Barb Vancura	
Acolyte(s)	Raquel Green and Olivia Green	
Thursday, August 20	Thursday 5:30 pm Service	
Greeter(s) / Usher(s)	Cathy Weber and Dorothy Speight	
Lector	Carla Schneider	
Sunday, August 23	9:00 am Service	10:30 am Service
Greeter(s)	Linda Keefe	Linda Carollo
Usher(s)	Nancy & Dale Snyder and Evan Hupp	
Lector	Nancy Snyder	
Acolyte(s)	Chris Elliott	
Thursday, August 27	Thursday 5:30 pm Service	
Greeter(s) / Usher(s)	Pam Nixon and Karen Loux	
Lector	Dean Jackson	
Sunday, August 30	9:00 am Service	10:30 am Service
Greeter(s)	Joe & Becky Helle	Linda Carollo
Usher(s)	Barb & Jim Vancura and Norm Workman	
Lector	Barbara Miller	
Acolyte(s)	Cameron Currie	

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Summer Worship Schedule

Thursday Evenings

5:30 pm Traditional Worship

Sunday Mornings

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:30 am Open Door Worship

Growing in the spirit

LOVELY LANE STAFF

Senior Pastor	Paul Wilcox
Associate Pastor	Gayle Wilcox
Minister of Discipleship	Karen Young
Director of Music & Fine Arts	Matthew Burrier
Children's Wkdy. Ministries	Jackie Schmidt
Organist	Dennis Ramsey
Office Manager	Anne Heefner
Communications Secretary	Kathy Towe
Director of Handbells	Gayle Wilcox
Wedding Director	Pamela Kurtz
Nursery	Chelsea Ludovissy
	Kelly Washburn
Custodian	Wes & Denise Abbott
Audio/Visual Coordinator	Eric Wylie