

Upcoming Events/Announcements

If you know of someone who has become homebound or who has moved to a care center, please let us know and we will include them in our caring ministries. We love our whole church family and want to ensure that everyone is included, remembered, and loved.

Our **March mission will support upcoming outreach events** including Vacation Bible School in July. You can purchase needed items or donate money and we will shop for you. You can also sign up to volunteer at upcoming events. Check out the display in the lobby for more information about upcoming outreach events.

If you purchased an Easter flower, please feel free to take one with you after whichever worship service you attend. **Flowers not picked up by Friday, April 5, will be donated.**

We have one addition to the yellow Easter flower list insert:

*Given by **Roger Meyer** in memory of **Karen Meyer***

Blood Drive on April 16: Canyon Lake UMC will host a blood drive on Tuesday, April 16, from 2:30 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. To schedule your appointment, look for the posters around the church (scan the QR code) or call Kent at (605) 347-1629.

Are you a full-time student in an education program that will lead to a career in healthcare, nursing, or a medical-related field? If so, consider applying for the **Mary & Glen Fiala Scholarship**. The deadline for application is April 15, 2024. Contact the office for the online application link.

Calendar Items & Events

April 1: Church Office Closed -- Easter Monday

April 14: Camp Sunday @ both worship services

April 16: Blood Drive @ CLUMC



THE PATH

For the week of
March 31, 2024

**Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD**

Take Two

We have begun reading the book of 1 Chronicles in our Bible Reading Plan. If you are following along with us, you will notice that much of what we are reading sounds awfully familiar. And it should! For the most part, its words contain much of the same information as Kings, but the author is trying to do something slightly different. While 1 and 2 Kings were trying to help the people understand what got them to this place by looking back at these events, 1 and 2 Chronicles are instead trying to piece together what the past means for the people now, how it should shape and change them moving forward.

Prayer: As we read what sometimes feels like simply history, Lord, help us to find the grain of spiritual truth that we can apply to our own lives and world today. Amen.

Monday 4.1 "Abridged" 1 Chronicles 11:15-19
These passages again tell us of David becoming king but in a much shorter way. Many stories and details are omitted from this retelling as the author focuses on shoring up David's reputation. It's not malicious intent, the author is trying to strengthen people's ties to their heritage as they are just beginning to reemerge as a distinct people group. We face similar situations today. But like today, both versions of their history are available. The short and sweet abridged one, and the longer, more difficult one that presents good and bad together. How do differences like this make you feel when we come across them in the Bible? How do you feel about them in our world or nation's histories?

Tuesday 4.2 "Reverence" 1 Chronicles 13:1-14
This seems like such a strange thing to happen. In reality, this situation could have been avoided if they had followed ALL the rules. They were supposed to move the Chest using poles placed on their shoulders. That was *the* instruction for how to move it. It wasn't about making things difficult, but rather it was about showing reverence for God. What are things we do in our lives to show reverence for God that might seem odd to some?

Wednesday 4.3 "Prayer" 1 Chronicles 17:16-27
In passages like this, we see God's response to human prayers. We see that while God is free from being manipulated in any way by humanity, God does choose to respond and be influenced by the prayers and expressions of humanity. While we don't often hear God's responses through prophets as David did through Nathan, God does respond. How have you seen or felt God responding to prayer in your life?

Thursday 4.4 "Ties through Time" 1 Chronicles 23-26
The author is creating a tie in this writing. Remember, they are writing from a time after the exile to a people newly returning to the land. The author is trying to create a link that says, "We are still connected to this ancient heritage as David laid it out." With the temple being such a central

part of their lives past and present, it makes sense to create part of that link with the roles of those serving there, which in turn connects back to the roles of those who served in the tabernacle. In what ways are you aware of that we find and hold onto ties through time in our church, denomination, and faith as a whole?

Friday 4.5 "David and Moses" 1 Chronicles 28:20
If this verse sounds familiar, it's because it is incredibly close to Deuteronomy 31:6, spoken by Moses to the people of Israel before they entered the Promised Land. There are many ways David is connected to Moses in 1 Chronicles. They each laid foundations for something others would complete. They each led the people to give generously for God's meeting place with them. And they each encouraged others to rely on God when setting out on new and unknown journeys or plans. Who in your life has encouraged you in this way, said things that you can liken to this verse, "Be strong and courageous"?

Saturday 4.6 "Make a Joyful Noise" 2 Chronicles 1:12-13
Music is an integral part of worship in Chronicles. The author makes sure to again connect this to David to emphasize the ties through time that exist. Today we use music in worship in various ways, including singing and listening to choral or instrumental music. Does music help you feel connected in worship? Do you use music to worship in daily life?

Sermon Notes
