

## 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.

**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.

**Picture Perfect:** If you haven't submitted a picture for the church directory or if you'd like to update the picture we have on file, please send us a photo at [office@clumc.com](mailto:office@clumc.com), and we will include it in our next printing.

**Are you ready to help?** There are so many places that you can serve Canyon Lake UMC. Are you interested in greeting? Joining the Tech Team? Being a scripture reader? Something else? Contact one of the pastors or the office to see how you can help.

## Calendar Items & Events

**April 14:** Camp Sunday @ both worship services

**April 16:** Blood Drive @ CLUMC

**April 28:** Youth Breakfast Fundraiser

# THE PATH



For the week of  
**April 7, 2024**

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

## God's Spirit Brings Change

No one likes change! We say, "Please, oh please, oh please, just leave things the way they are. We like it this way!" And God says, "Nope. Sorry. That's not the world turns." Change is inevitable. This is true now, and it was true in the time of the ancient kings of Israel. This week we finish studying through 2 Chronicles, the tales of the kings.

**Prayer: Lord, help us to follow you as we walk through the changes of our lives. As we transition in big and small ways, we seek to keep our eyes on you. Save us from distractions. Guide us through difficulties. Lord, walk with us. Amen.**

**Monday 4.8 "Humble Yourself" 2 Chron. 7:11-14**

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves..." (vs 14). That is a huge "if"! It is a fine line when we try to balance between strength and humility. Especially when we are convinced that we are RIGHT, we have little time nor inclination to humble ourselves with others. And yet God calls us to humility. Reflect today. Where are there areas of your life where you need to learn deeper humility?

**Tuesday 4.9 "Instability" 2 Chron. 15:1-7**

God's Spirit invites instability. It prompts change. BUT, when we welcome that change, that is precisely how we grow. It might make us fearful, but God says, "Be brave and don't lose heart, because your work will be rewarded!" Where are there areas of your life where you need to claim deeper bravery?

**Wednesday 4.10 "Fear, Faith, Devotion" 2 Chron. 19:8-10**

Jehoshaphat instructed the leaders to govern with these three qualities: fear of the Lord, faithfulness, and wholehearted devotion (vs 9). These are good qualities to live by. Where are there areas of your life where you need to claim deeper fear, faith and devotion?

**Thursday 4.11 "Courage in the Face of Danger" 2 Chronicles 22:10-12**

Jehoiada the priest and his family hid a very young King Joash when he was in danger of being assassinated. This took deep courage facing not just the fears but the reality of the situation. They were willing to confront evil and take any risks necessary to carry out God's will. Because of him, Joash was protected and so was David's royal line. Where are

there areas of your life where you need to claim deeper courage in the face of danger?

**Friday 4.12 "Holiness?" 2 Chronicles 25:1-4**

Well! There's (another) brutal story. This part of Chronicles is a long list of kings that reinforces this continual point about the human condition. No one is perfect. Even the "good" kings have their flaws and make grievous errors. Holiness requires constant attentiveness and God's grace. Where are there areas of your life where you need to claim deeper holiness?

**Saturday 4.13 "Worship, Obedience, & Seeking" 2 Chron. 31:20-21**

Hezekiah was one of the good kings. This was not easy to do. It takes focus and constant energy to follow God's guidelines. Where are there areas of your life where you need to claim deeper worship, obedience, and seeking?

**Sermon Notes**

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