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.

May Missions include recognizing Canyon Lake Elementary School teachers and staff with a breakfast AND supporting Passages, a program for women making the transition from incarceration, homelessness, treatment centers, and trafficking. The women are growing and harvesting a vegetable garden and creating a few flower beds. Please help support these impactful community outreach missions!

You can register for camp at <u>www.dakcamps.org</u>. Canyon Lake UMC provides scholarships that pay 50% of the cost for each of our campers, so use our church code (580181CA) when you register in order to activate your discount. If you need help signing up, please let Erin or Matthew know.

Westside Preschool & Daycare is looking for a cook. Experience working with food is preferred but not mandatory. Duties also include shopping for groceries and washing dishes. Call Jen at 605.342.7474 for more info.

Adopt a Spot (Outdoor Edition): Fifteen volunteers signed up to help with the Outdoor Adopt a Spot! If you missed the sign up, but want to help, contact the office at 605.348.1080 or contact Sandra at 605.415.0414

Summer worship hours will begin May 26; our contemporary service moves to 10 a.m. and all other worship times remain the same. Summer office hours begin on May 28; the church office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. – 12 noon and closed Friday. We will be available at other times throughout the summer by request and/or by appointment.

Calendar Items & Events

May 19: Fellowship Event at Storm Mountain from 1-4 p.m. May 19: Last Sunday School/Graduate Recognition/Teacher Appreciation

May 26: Beginning of Summer Worship Hours May 27: Church office closed for Memorial Day May 28: Beginning of Summer Office Hours

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For the week of May 12, 2024

Canyon Lake United Methodist Church Rapid City, SD

Deeper into the Psalms

Have you ever been homesick? You know, that feeling not just in the pit of your stomach but deep in your heart and mind that tells you that you need to be at home? We can be homesick not just physically and mentally but also spiritually. The Book of Psalms recognizes this ancient feeling. There are times when we spiritually feel we are not in the right place. We are spiritually homesick searching for a place to be at home with God. Let's go deeper into the Psalms.

Prayer: From Psalm 51 - Create in me a clean heart, O God. Put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and strengthen me with a willing spirit. Guide my heart, Lord. Guide me home. Amen.

Monday 5.13 "A Clean Heart" Psalm 51

King David had been caught in a horrible scandal. He denied everything until the moment when he was directly confronted. This was the moment when repentance and forgiveness allowed him to move through his own homesickness into a deeper relationship with God. For him... and for us... right actions are not enough. We must do them out of a "clean heart," from penitence, humility, and a seeking after God. The alternative is the way of the fool, who says there is no God. How will you orient your heart Godward today, rather than inward?

Tuesday 5.14 "Gratitude and Praise" Psalm 57 The psalmist focuses on gratitude and praise in these verses. When we are spiritually homesick, it is so powerful to realize that there is a place to come home to: the place where God is. How is it that you have known this homesickness through your life? Were you able to find a way home to where God is? Are you still looking for that homecoming?

Wednesday 5.15"Waiting"Psalm 62:1-8When life is out of balance, one of the hardest things to do
is to be still, be silent, and wait. And that is exactly what
this psalm asks us to do. In what ways is your life noisy and
confusing? How could you create places and ways to be
still and listen for God's voice?

Thursday 5.16 "Blessed"

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Psalm 67

One of the ways that we can combat spiritual homesickness is to stop and count our blessings. When life seems to be filled with chaos, upside-down, and out of balance, it is powerful to realize that you are still blessed. You are still loved. Today, take a piece of paper and list the ways in which you are blessed!

Friday 5.17"Blessed?"Psalm 69:1-8Yesterday we talked about how we are blessed, BUT...
realize that this does NOT mean that life is always good
and happy. In all of our lives, there are times when life is

just difficult. "Save me, O God!" says the very first verse. Yesterday you made a list of your blessings. Today, take that same list and next to it name your difficulties. Now look at the two lists side by side. Know that God is present... fully present.... in both lists. In prayer, lift up your difficulties and give them to God.

Saturday 5.18 "I Will Still Rejoice" Psalm 75 When the days seem long and the nights seem dark, the psalmist affirms that the presence of God alone is all that matters. God meets us in the middle of our homesickness. Verse 9 says, "I will rejoice forever. I will sing praises to the God of Jacob." What is it that you praise God for today?

Sermon Notes

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