

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!

We are hiring a Financial Administrator. This position will handle all financial aspects of the church including, but not limited to, counting the weekly offering, accounts payable, and payroll. This is a part-time position, up to 20 hours per week. Pick up an application in the office. Posting will close May 29.

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.

Join us today from 1 – 4 p.m. for an all-church, year-end fellowship event at Storm Mountain! We'll have access to the game room, use of the deck, volleyball court, gaga ball, and yard for whatever yard games you might enjoy. Bring your favorite snacks to share if you wish.

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
June 1: Black Hills Pride Parade @ 10 a.m. (Downtown)

THE PATH



For the week of
May 19, 2024

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

God's Character

It is a hard thing to comprehend that no matter how much we learn about God, we can never learn everything about God. God is infinite and beyond even what our wildest imaginations can come up with. Yet God does want us to know things about God's self: Things that help us to trust in, rely on, and turn to God. Things that help us to learn how to be more like God in our lives. What can we learn or remember about God in our readings this week?

Prayer: Boundless God, you are more than we can ever grasp, yet you love us. Help us to learn about you so that we can be more like you each day. Amen.

Monday 5.19 **"God the Judge"** **Psalm 82**
God does sit as judge, and this can be terrifying. But what kind of judge does God appear to be? The kind who sides with the poor, the oppressed, the forgotten. If these words are addressed to us, humanity is being called out for not learning from God's example. Most of us aren't employed in the justice system, but day to day, we still cast judgement. Are we finding our example in God as Judge? Or are we looking down on the very ones God reaches to?

Tuesday 5.20 **"God's Mercy"** **Psalm 95**
You might ask how this has anything to do with mercy. For that, we connect back to the stories of the Israelites in the wilderness. They grumbled against Moses and God, complained, and wanted to turn back. And yet, again and again, God still provided for them. God sent manna, quail, and water sources. Does our mercy mirror God's? Or do we put requirements in place?

Wednesday 5.21 **"God's Sovereignty"** **Psalm 93**
We can get caught up in the "best friend Jesus" narrative and forget just how powerful, how awe-inspiring God truly is. So powerful that some of the strongest forces on the earth pale in comparison. Take time today to open your mind to the absolute wonder of God. Think how everything you see, everything you know, *everything* pales in comparison to God. And this God loves you!

Thursday 5.22 **"God's Glory"** **Psalm 99**
To stand before God's throne and think "the only right thing to do is bow and worship." That is the kind of glory assigned to God, glory that outshines, outlasts, overpowers all else. Do we think of this glory when we pray or worship? How does this make you feel in those moments?

Friday 5.23 **"God the Redeemer"** **Psalm 102**
God's glory and sovereignty could easily make us shy away and want to hide from the great and powerful Creator. But

God is also a redeemer who wants us to seek out help when we are in need. God sees us, God loves us, God has chosen us. Sit with this idea that God, who is so far above and beyond us, loves and wants us!

Saturday 5.24 **"God's Wisdom"** **Psalm 104**
God is the source of wisdom. We will see this more in the book of Proverbs, but here we are reminded of how we see God's wisdom all around us in the wonderful ways creation works. The cycles of life seen in the land and in creatures, the way animals are linked together sometimes as sources of food or sometimes as sources for shelter. The Psalmist praises God for showing such wisdom to us. Where do you see God's wisdom at work today?

Sermon Notes
