

Upcoming Events/Announcements

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

Our January mission is soup packets. Volunteers have assembled 500-600 packets of soup mix for the recipients of Church Response. Your monetary donations will buy the necessary supplies. Mark your gift “soup packets.”

Join Us for Game Day on Sunday, February 2, from 2 – 4 p.m. in the CLC Gym. Bring your favorite games, bring your friends, and bring snacks to share. Any games are welcome: board games, card games, dominoes, corn hole, dice games, or kid games! Bring them all!

Canyon Lake UMC announces the opening of a staff position for church office manager. This position is 25 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Contact Pastor Scott at Scott.McKirdy@clumc.com, by office phone at (605)348-1080, or by cell at (605) 269-1358 for information. Pick up an application in the church office.

Pastor Scott recently invited us to take a Spiritual Gift Inventory. The Spiritual Gift Inventory is available online, or please stop by the office to pick up a paper copy if you prefer.

Snow Blower for Sale: Canyon Lake UMC is selling a 2022 Ariens (Model #932050) Crossover two-stage push with auger assist. It has a 179 cc 4-stroke engine with an electric start. It was purchased new in 2022 for \$699; we are selling it for \$295 (or make your best offer). Contact the office with questions.

Calendar at a Glance

January 28: Blood Drive in CLC from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

February 2: Game Day in CLC Gym from 2-4 p.m.

March 14-15: Men’s Retreat at Storm Mountain

THE PATH



For the week of
January 26, 2025

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

A Week of Parables

As they were two thousand years ago, the parables remain a simple, powerful, and wonderful way to teach faith. We are going to spend this week exploring the parables of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Parables are stories, and yet they are so much more. They are not stories that actually happened. They are stories with a twist and a punchline that make listeners think in new ways. May you enjoy thinking outside the box this week!

Prayer: Lord, forgive us when we get stuck inside our ways of thinking. Challenge us to think outside the box. When we are seemingly on a faith treadmill, show us a new way to move and grow. We ask this in the name of the one who came to set the world on a brand new path. Amen.

Mon. 1.27 The Parable of the Sower Matt. 13:18-23/36-43

It is interesting that the first parable does not appear in Matthew until chapter 13. It took Jesus time to adopt this technique in his preaching and teaching. He did not invent parables. These are ancient stories that had been told for centuries in the Jewish tradition before Jesus started using them. Place yourself in this parable of the sower. If you were one of the growing conditions, which one would you be? Why?

Tues. 1.28 The Parable of the Wheat & Weeds Matt. 13:24-30

We live with wheat and weeds in our lives all the time. We are constantly having to deal with the good stuff and the bad stuff being mixed together in our daily living. What would you qualify as weeds in your life? What would you qualify as wheat? How could you begin to separate them?

Wed. 1.29 The Parable of the Mustard Seed Matt. 13:31-32

Little stuff! There is so much great little stuff in our lives that can become the great big stuff. The problem is that we love to focus on the big stuff... Much of the time it is the bad...negative...sad...destructive big stuff. Think back in your life. When was a time when the tiniest seed was planted in your life that became some of the best big stuff?

Thurs. 1.30 The Parable of the Yeast Matthew 13:33

It takes the tiniest amount of yeast to permeate bread dough and spread through the whole of it. In our living, it doesn't take much of either positive or negative actions to flavor our days. We become what we pay attention to. Are you paying more attention to the positive or the negative? How has this affected you?

Fri. 1.31 Parables of Searching Matthew 13:45-46

A hidden treasure and a fine pearl are the focus of these two tiny parables. Think specifically about the people in your life today. Who in your life is a hidden treasure or a fine pearl?

Sat. 2.1 The Parable of the Fish Net Matthew 13:47-50

All of the parables throughout this week have held a common link. They start with the tiny and the hard-to-find and sort it all out to wind up with the best. In our lives, the Kingdom of God is our best. The Kingdom of God is our goal after we have sorted out all of the good and the bad. How does this parable of the net speak about your own daily living?



Sermon Notes
