

## 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.

**UWF Spring Salad Luncheon:** Annual Salad Luncheon from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Christian Life Center at Canyon Lake UMC. We are signing up people to bring salads and bars, and people to help set up, serve and clean up afterwards. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, children are free. Please bring your friends and enjoy some good food, fellowship, and door prizes. Our theme is **"Plant Seeds of Faith"**. You can find someone in the narthex on Sunday mornings to get on the list or call the church office, 605-348-1080.

**Fundraiser:** We are doing a fundraiser for the Worship Team in May. They need a new drum set (ours is years old), amps and cords, and a few other things, for a total of around \$7000. Darin has worked very hard with Haggerty's to get us the quotes put together, and he and his musicians are ready to help however they can.

**Mission Project: CAMP SCHOLARSHIP:** Do you know our church offers camp scholarships for campers of all ages? Financial assistance can help to ensure that every person who wants to attend camp is able to attend. You can support Camp Scholarships throughout the month of May. Please note "Camp Scholarships" on your gift.

**May 4:** Between services, we will be inviting everyone to join us in the gym for some refreshments and a time of community to celebrate together these wonderful youths and their families.

### Calendar at a Glance

May 4: Confirmation

May 7: Last Wednesday Night Activities

May 10: Soul Care Saturday: 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the CLC

May 11: Last Sunday School/Teacher Recognition/ Teacher Appreciation

May 17: Rainbow 5K: 9 A.M. at Old Storybook Island Shelter, 2911 Canyon Lake Drive, Rapid City, SD

May 18: Canyon Lake United Methodist Church 75th Anniversary. Pastor Bob Ruedebusch preaching

May 19: The Strength We Carry: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6:30 P.M., 910 Sioux San Drive, Rapid City, SD

May 27: Beginning of Summer Worship Hours

May 28: Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

May 29: Beginning Summer Office Hours

June 6-8: Dakotas Annual Conference 2025

July 19 & 20: Canyon Lake UMC Rummage Sale

July 28-30 Vacation Bible School

# THE PATH



For the week of  
**May 4, 2025**

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

## Confirmation

We were blessed this weekend to confirm 8 of our youths and also baptize one of them. They have affirmed their faith and their desire to continue growing in it, and each of us has renewed our own vows alongside them. Every time we baptize, confirm, or welcome a new member, we renew those vows. Again and again, we do this. It is a reminder to us that we are meant to be community, to support and encourage each other along the way. It's also a reminder that we don't always get it right. We may live into one vow and neglect another. We may struggle to see how we can apply these vows in our lives or to see how they could at all be relevant. While we won't dig into each one this week, let's look at some of our vows, and some of the reasons for them.

**Prayer:** God of community, you created us to be together with you and together with each other. Empower us each day to live as you have called us, to do no harm, to do good, to stay in love with you, and to partner with you, with each other, and with the church in ministry to all the world!  
Amen.

**Monday 5.5 "Do No Harm" Matthew 7:17-20**

Part of our vows are to avoid evil. This is a conscious choice to not do something that might impact others, ourselves, or our world negatively. Do you notice yourself making conscious choices to avoid those things that could be harmful?

**Tuesday 5.6 "Do Good" Galatians 6:10**

We are called to do more than just avoid evil. Another vow is a vow of action, to do all in our power to bring about good. These might be big things like support of and participation with people or groups that do good. It also means the little actions we take each day such as offering a smile? In what ways are you actively participating in doing good for people and the world?

**Wednesday 5.7 "Stay in Love with God" Matthew 11:25-30**

We vow to stay in love with God but doing the things God has given to us to increase our connection with God. These include prayer, reading the Bible, coming together for worship and study, and taking communion. How do these practices, or others, make you feel closer to God? Are you feeling a pull to dive deeper in any area?

**Thursday 5.8 "The Church" Matthew 25:35-40**

We are reminded in our vows that Christ's Body, the Church, is not limited to any one place, people, or time. It is open to *all*. We are called to work as one as we serve Jesus out in the world. What ways can you think of that we do this? Are there organizations you partner with that go beyond the local church, our denomination or nation?

**Friday 5.9 "the church" Acts 2:44-47**

We know we won't always stay in one place. People move about a lot more than they used to. With that comes changes in churches. So, you might ask why we feel the need to vow participation to a denomination and a local church. Because we are saying that for this moment in time, this is where we will find and offer support and connection as we live out our faith. We will strengthen our

denomination and our congregation through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. In what ways are you strengthening and being strengthened in Canyon Lake? In the UMC?

**Saturday 5.10 "Renew and Remember" Isaiah 43:1-2**

You might remember your baptism and you might not. But no matter what, you can consider what your baptism means to you. To think over the vows and promises made by your parents, sponsors, or by yourself. Each time we renew those vows, we are reaffirming them and asking God to help us live them out. Talk to God today and ask for God's continued presence to strengthen you and your community of faith as we walk through a life of faith together.



**Sermon Notes**

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