

## Upcoming Events/Announcements

If someone you know has become homebound or 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.

**Our October mission is to support Showered with Hope**, a local organization that provides free mobile showers to those in need. We are asking our church to provide 1) men's and women's underwear, 2) men's and women's socks, and 3) women's sports bras. We will also provide 40 hygiene kits minus the hand towels. Drop items at the display in the lobby or donate via cash, check or online by noting "Showered with Hope" on your gifts.

**We are now collecting shoeboxes for our Shoebox Christmas.** You can drop them off in the office, in the missions closet, or on the shelves above the coat racks in the lobby.

**Our Indoor Trunk or Treat will be held on October 30 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center.** You can help by bringing candy donations (drop candy at the lobby display or in the church office). You can also help by signing up to decorate and host a table. Talk to Erin Woods or sign-up in the lobby.

**Life Line Screening** will be at Canyon Lake UMC on November 2, 2024. To make an appointment, go to [www.LLSA.social/hasca](http://www.LLSA.social/hasca) or call 888-814-0466.

Dylan Slott, son of Pastor Michele (Open Heart UMC) and Rodger Slott, was recently seriously injured in a motorcycle accident. Dylan is currently in Denver for medical care and is expected to remain there for at least 2-3 months. **Let's all join in support of the Slott Family at area Pizza Ranches on November 4 from 4-8 p.m.** Each Pizza Ranch will donate a percentage of the sales, and there will also be donation boxes available. Participating Pizza Ranch locations include: 1556 Luna Ave (Rapid City), 2625 East Colorado Blvd (Spearfish), and 2711 Lazelle St. (Sturgis).

**CLUMC's Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 17.** A potluck will begin at 12 noon in the Christian Life Center; the Charge Conference will immediately follow.

### Calendar Items & Events

**October (All Month):** Pastor Appreciation Month!

**October 30:** Indoor Trunk or Treat (6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)

**November 2:** Life Line Screening in the Christian Life Center

**November 2:** The "Best Bazaar Ever" @ First UMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**November 4:** Slott Family Fundraiser

**November 15:** Scripture Circle at CLUMC from 6-9 p.m.

**November 17:** Charge Conference @ 12 Noon

# THE PATH



For the week of  
**October 20, 2024**

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

## From John to Acts

In the Gospel of John, there are seven "I am" statements. These are John's way of telling the world that Jesus is God. Just to prove it, Jesus not only says He is God, He demonstrates it. Each time, there is an invitation to recognize that we are not God. We must look to Jesus for salvation, not ourselves. As we begin the book of Acts, we see how the church lived into its new life and new role after Jesus leaves. It's a huge adventure for everyone involved as things are figured out!

**Prayer: Gracious God, when the world changes around us, help us to keep our eyes on you, the great "I Am." Give us the courage to try new actions in new directions with new energy that draws us closer to you again and again. Bless this day. Bless our actions. Amen.**

**Monday 10.21 "Love, Truth, Unity" John 15:12-17, 16:12-15, 17:20-26**

Jesus gives us three key values in John 15-17: love, truth, and unity. All are important. Love without the other two is an inconsequential sentiment. Truth alone can lead to dogmatism. Unity alone can actually cause harm. The Holy Spirit helps ensure the balance. How do you see these three interacting in our world today?

**Tuesday 10.22 "Beyond Betrayal" John 20:1-18**

In John 18, Jesus is betrayed and arrested. In John 19, Jesus is convicted and nailed to the cross. He is dead. You are invited to take a longer time to read these chapters in deeper detail. Today we focus on His Resurrection. It is the same story as Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and yet it is filled with differences. It is not the differences that matter; it is the commonalities that they all share. Make a list: What are the basic parts of the crucifixion / resurrection event that these books hold in common?

**Wednesday 10.23 "Feed My Sheep" John 21:1-19**

John begins with such a high view of Jesus (John 1) yet ends with an intimate view of how Jesus relates to us. He connects to us personally (Mary and Peter). He had scars (Thomas). He ate with His friends (today's passage with the fish). John's Gospel ends with a command to be and do the same for others ("Feed my sheep.") That command was spoken to Peter, but it is also intended for each of us. How is it today that God is inviting you to feed God's sheep in this world?

**Thursday 10.24 "The Fire Spreads" Acts 1:1-5, 2:1-21**

Jesus departed, and the church was born. It didn't look anything like the church(es) that we know today. Pentecost is a glorious day of the church year. It hasn't (yet) been touched by commercialism, and the same Holy Spirit that appeared to the disciples that day is the same Spirit we can experience today. It is our entry point in the Bible. This is where it becomes our story.

**Friday 10.25 "A Man Who Couldn't Walk" Acts 3:1-10**

Peter and John soon discovered that the power Jesus had was a power that was accessible to them. They discovered fully that they could heal people as well. But they realized that it was not their power, but rather God working in and through them. In these early chapters of Acts, the disciples had revealed to them important truths about God. God can heal. God cannot be silenced. God can empower us to share with other. God cannot be lied to. Our response should be that we each become a conduit for God's healing, proclaim God's truth, share God's love, and live with God's integrity.

**Saturday 10.26 "From Saul to Paul" Acts 9:1-22**

Acts starts with crowds coming to believe but shifts to the stories of individuals. In today's reading, it is all about Saul. This young man had become the greatest persecutor of the early church. He was bound and determined to kill the early church... Literally. But God had other plans for him. Saul would become Paul (a Roman word that means "little one") and would become the church's greatest advocate. God used all of his gifts and strengths to spread the Word rather than squelch it. How do you see God using your gifts?

**Sermon Notes**

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