

## 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.

Our **March mission will support upcoming outreach events** including the Easter EGG-stravaganza in March and Vacation Bible School in July. You can purchase needed items or donate money and we will shop for you. You can also sign up to volunteer at upcoming events. Check out the display in the lobby for more information.

**Holy Week Schedule:** Maundy Thursday Healing Worship (March 28) @ 6:30 p.m.; Good Friday (March 29) @ 6:30 p.m.; Lazarus Saturday (March 30) @ 5:30 p.m.; Easter Sunday Services @ 6:30 a.m. (SonRise), 8:00 a.m. (Bluegrass), 9:30 a.m. (Traditional), and 11 a.m. (Contemporary).

**We have ordered a few extra Easter flowers**, so if you still want to honor or remember a loved one with a flower, please contact the office. The cost is \$15 each, and you may take your flower after whichever Easter service you attend.

Are you a full-time student in an education program that will lead to a career in healthcare, nursing, or a medical-related field? If so, consider applying for the **Mary & Glen Fiala Scholarship**. Contact the office for the online application link.

**Adopt-a-Spot:** Thanks to everyone who has adopted a spot! If you see a spot that you would still like to adopt, contact Sandra at (605) 415-0414.

**New member classes this spring.** Our weekly new member classes began February 25, but there is still an option for a one-day retreat-style class on Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Talk to Pastor Stephanie for more information.

### Mark Your Calendars

**March 16:** Easter EGG-stravaganza/Crazy Craft Day 1-3 p.m.

**March 31:** Easter Sunday

**April 1:** Church Office Closed for Easter Monday

**April 14:** Camp Sunday @ both worship services

**April 16:** Blood Drive @ CLUMC

# THE PATH



For the week of  
**March 10, 2024**

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

## Relationship, Reaction, Response

We continue to walk together through the whole Bible during 2024. This week we are exploring 1 and 2 Samuel and beginning 1 Kings. The political intrigue was thick, difficult, and complicated. In these three books, we see the powerfully different levels of relationship that the rulers of Israel had with other people and with God. Being human, we get to see very negative as well as positive examples of these relationships as they reacted and responded to their situations. Reacting to a situation often means acting without much thought at all. Responding means carefully thinking through your actions and the consequences of those actions.

**Bible reading tip:** Make a goal of reading the Bible. It's not something that we like to do once in a while, but rather a long-term habit. In order to get to the goal, it's okay to start out with smaller amounts of scripture and shorter amounts of time. Realize that this is important and that over time it will be life changing.

**Monday 3.11 "Escaping TO the Philistines" Samuel 27:1-7**  
What a mess! David's situation with King Saul was so dangerous that he literally fled to enemy territory. How bizarre that this is safer than staying in his own homeland! Abigail and Achish both showed hospitality to David, saving his life from Saul, exhibiting great risk in doing this. How might we create bridges rather than walls with those who are our perceived enemies today? What are your relationships in these situations? How do you choose to react and/or respond?

**Tuesday 3.12 "Prevented" 1 Samuel 29:6-11**  
David was loyal to the Philistines during this time period, and as a warrior himself, he wanted to join them in fighting their common enemies. But the Philistines did not trust him. He still would have to prove himself to them. So, all of David's fighting force had to stand down. They were prevented from doing what they wanted to do. We have all experienced this: at times we are prevented from doing the very actions we feel called to do. How has this been true for you? How do you feel God was at work in those moments? What are your relationships in these situations? How do you choose to react and/or respond?

**Wednesday 3.13 "Transition" 2 Samuel 3:26-38**  
Saul was dead. Jonathan was dead. Israel was in chaos, and the transition from Saul to David was nothing but ugly and violent. David was a shepherd who learned to be a warrior, and then he had to learn to govern. No easy task! David saw that the first step in bringing people together was to teach them how to grieve. What does healthy grieving look like to you? Why is that important? What are your relationships in these situations? How do you choose to react and/or respond?

**Thursday 3.14 "I Will Dance" 2 Samuel 6:16, 20-23**  
King David brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, where he was establishing the new Jewish capital. In his joy, he danced all the way. And his wife was appalled. Instead of apologizing and changing his actions, David unabashedly stood by them. In the church, powerful emotions are welcome. We stand with each other in the moments of emotion, whether they be strongly joyful or powerful

sorrowful. What are your relationships in these situations? How do you choose to react and/or respond?

**Friday 3.15 "Winning a Name" 2 Samuel 8:13-15**  
As a boy, David started out as a smaller and younger brother in a large family. Over time he proved himself to be a man of courage and eventually leadership. Gradually, he made a name for himself and solidified his reputation into that of a king. Your name is important. People know you... and your reputation... by your name. How has this affected you through the years? What are your relationships in these situations? How do you choose to react and/or respond?

**Saturday 3.16 "The Bathsheba Incident" 2 Samuel 11:1-2:7**  
It's a long reading today, but this story is one of the most important in the Old Testament. When we hold positions of authority, we (all of us) are held to accountability in God's eyes. David committed adultery, murdered, and lied; all in an attempt to do the things he wanted to do instead of holding integrity in God's eyes. What is it that jumps out at you in this story? What are your relationships in these situations? How do you choose to react and/or respond?

### Sermon Notes

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