

## 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.

The **mission for April is camp scholarships**. Canyon Lake UMC pays 50% of each of our camper's registration fees. Because camp costs range from \$200 to almost \$600, Canyon Lake's support provides meaningful financial assistance to our campers. Please help support this important mission.

**UWF Spring Salad Luncheon:** "A Broken Teacup" Spring Salad Luncheon will be held next Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m. in the CLC. Tickets are \$10 for adults (children 12 and under are free).

**We Need You!** There are so many places that you can serve Canyon Lake UMC. Are you interested in greeting? Joining the Tech Team? Being a scripture reader? Cleaning an area of the church? Something else? Contact one of the pastors or the office and let us know where you are interested in serving.

**Register for Camp!** The Early Bird deadline to register for camp is April 30. You can find the registration link at [www.dakcamps.org](http://www.dakcamps.org). Canyon Lake UMC provides scholarships that pay 50% of the cost for each of our campers, **so remember to use our church code (580181CA)** when you register in order to activate your discount. If you need help signing up, please let Erin or Matthew know.

**Please pray for General Conference**, the United Methodist Church's legislative body, which is meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina, from April 23 through May 3.

## Calendar Items & Events

**April 28:** Youth Breakfast Fundraiser

**April 30:** Mountain Men Workday (Storm Mtn) @ 9 a.m.

**May 1:** Last Wednesday Night Activities

**May 4:** UWF Salad Luncheon

**May 4:** Circle of Friends Party (*May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be with You*)

**May 19:** Fellowship Event at Storm Mountain -Time TBD

**May 19:** Last Sunday School/Graduate Recognition/Teacher Appreciation

**May 26:** Beginning of Summer Worship Hours

# THE PATH

For the week of  
**April 28, 2024**

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

## Seeing God through a Lens

For those of us who wear glasses, you know full well that how you see the world depends on what lenses you are looking through. This week we are going to look through a very specific lens: Jesus' parable of Lazarus and Dives (the poor man and the rich man). By looking at one scripture through the perspective of the other, new clarity is gained. As we continue to walk together through *The Bible Year*, we are now exploring the Book of Psalms.

**Prayer: Lord, help me this week to see you clearly, to see this world in which we live clearly. Through your psalms, open my mind and my heart that I may hear your voice and sing your praises. Amen.**

**Monday 4.29 "Lazarus and Dives" Luke 16:19-31**

This is a parable of Jesus. Lazarus is the poor man by the gate. Although the passage does not say this, Dives is the name given to the rich man inside the gate. This story is for many of us painful. One reason for this may be that through the eyes of the world, WE are the rich man, even when we may think of ourselves as the poor one. What is it that strikes you most in this story? What do you think is the point or moral of the story?

**Tuesday 4.30 "Through Different Eyes" Psalm 3**

"O Lord, how many are my foes!" Read this psalm looking through the eyes of Dives as a rich person. Who are your foes and enemies? Now read it again looking through the eyes Lazarus as a poor person. Now who are your foes and enemies?

**Wednesday 5.1 "Be Angry, but Don't Sin" Psalm 4:1-5**

When there is injustice anywhere anytime, we wonder why God does not step in and hear our voices asking for justice. We are instructed that it is good to be angry IF we can channel that anger in the right directions. Lazarus had every right to be angry at Dives, at his situation, and even at God. How do you think Lazarus would understand this psalm?

**Thurs. 5.2 "A Stronghold for the Oppressed" Psalm 9:1-10**

Verse 9: "The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble." It is easy for us to understand how Lazarus might have understood these words. But what about Dives? How do you think he would have heard them? Now think about our own United States, basically the wealthiest country on the planet. How should we be understanding these words?

**Friday 5.3 "How Long?" Psalm 13**

We have been reading the Psalms this week, and there is a powerful theme that runs through them: God is there for the underdog. We see again and again that God is present with the least, the last, and the lost. People trust in God, and God in turn protects them. Look again at (or even read again) the story in Luke 16 of Lazarus. Now imagine an entire nation of people like Lazarus struggling to be God's people. They needed instruction. They needed guidance. How do you see Psalm 13 as instruction and guidance for your own life?

**Saturday 5.4 "Praise!" Psalm 19**

Today's reading is just pure praise. What do you praise God for? How has God been present with Lazarus AND with you in walking through the struggles?

**Sermon Notes**

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