

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 July mission will support our Vacation Bible School's mission which is to support Storm Mountain. Storm Mountain is a non-profit entity that runs on the registrations of campers and other outside groups. Our goal is to raise money to help buy things on Storm Mountain's Amazon wish list. Items we could purchase with the funds include playground balls, large inner tubes for the swimming hole, or life jackets. Kitchen and cleaning items are also needed. What we purchase will depend on how much we raise. If you have any questions, talk to Erin Woods.

Let's Get Ready to Rummage! Our annual Rummage Sale will be held on July 19 and 20. You may bring gently used items for the sale to Classroom B in the CLC. The building will be open most weekdays and on weekends during worship times. Volunteers are needed July 16-18 to unpack donations and set up. We need volunteers July 19-20 to sell at the sale and clean up afterwards. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex to let us know when you are available to help.

SCAM ALERT! We are aware that some members of our congregation are receiving messages from an unknown individual, claiming to be Pastor Scott, asking for gift cards and other financial assistance. **If you receive an email or text message that asks you to click a link, that asks you to send gift cards or cash, or that seems suspicious in any way, please DO NOT RESPOND.** We will never ask for help in this way. If you are ever unsure about the legitimacy of emails or text messages that seem to be coming from a pastor or anyone here at the church, please call the church office and we can help you sort it out.

How Can You Serve? It takes a team of people to help our worship services run smoothly. We are always looking for people who want to serve. We need greeters, individuals to run tech, scripture readers, musicians, and nursery workers. Or perhaps you see a need in an area we haven't even considered. If you are interested in serving, talk to anyone on staff or make a note on the Friendship Pads this week!

Calendar Items & Events

July 19-20: CLUMC Rummage Sale

July 23-25: Vacation Bible School @ CLUMC

THE PATH



For the week of
July 7, 2024

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

The Power of Prophecy

This week we will come to the end of the book of Isaiah as we continue to walk through the entire Bible through this year. Last week we started the book of Isaiah. This week we finish it. Remember that there was more than one Isaiah through the years as one man would lay down the pen and another pick it up. Isaiah served under four of the kings in the southern kingdom of Judah: Uzziah (783-742 BCE), Jotham (742-735 BCE), Ahaz (735-715 BCE), and Hezekiah (715-687 BCE). Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians in 587/586, so the voice of this prophet was heard very strongly leading up to this disaster.

Prayer: Lord, help us to listen for your voice. Help us to hear. Sometimes it is heard as a whisper in our hearts. Sometimes it is heard as a voice, perhaps of a friend or perhaps of a complete stranger. Sometimes it is heard when we are young, in others when they are old. But your voice still speaks to us. Lord, help us to listen. Help us to hear. Amen.

Monday 7.8 "God with Us" Isaiah 35:1-10
Isaiah was predicting that if Judah continued in the way it was going, that disaster would become their reality. Isaiah 35 reminds us that when all seems lost, it never is. God is in exile with us, rising to the challenge, strengthening us, and creating a way of justice and peace where there seems to be no way forward. How have you experienced God's presence during a dark and difficult time?

Tuesday 7.9 "Comfort" Isaiah 40:1-8, 21, 28-31
If you are feeling down, don't just stop with this chapter. Try reading all the way through chapter 44. It not only contains some of the most often quoted words of encouragement in the Bible, it repeats these words that we need to hear throughout our lives: "Don't fear." When is a time that you have been afraid, and God was there with you?

Wednesday 7.10 "Arguing with the Potter" Isaiah 45:9-13
What a fantastic image! Multiple places in the Bible is the example given that arguing with God who is our Creator is like a pot arguing with the potter. WE want to be in control. WE want to be the ones who decide what our lives will be like. But that's not how it works. Sin in our lives make pleasing ourselves a higher priority than pleasing God. It gives us a false sense of security and offers no true, lasting sense of peace. The better way is to open our eyes and ears to life as God intend it. How have you argued with the potter?

Thursday 7.11 "The Suffering Servant" Isaiah 53
Chapters 52-56 in Isaiah are incredibly important in our Christian journey. They are known as the "Suffering Servant" passages. They talk about someone who was bruised and beaten for the sake of others. In our faith, we think of Jesus through all of these verses. What is it that jumps out at you in this chapter?

Friday 7.12 "Seek the Lord" Isaiah 55
We believe that God is always near to us. God is not sitting in the distance waiting for us to call, instead we are told, "Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon God while he is near." (vs 6) Even when God seems distant, in reality, God is near. How might this concept change how you understand God?

Saturday 7.13 "The Lord Will Guide" Isaiah 58
The next time you are tempted to make worship about you, read this chapter. Worship is not about entertaining you, not about whether it "does it for you." It's not a destination. It's a hub. True worship inspires you to give yourself to God and others.

Sermon Notes
