

## 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 August mission is Hygiene Kits.** This year, the assembly of the kits will be done by teaming with the newly formed Circle of Friends-West. Here's our shopping list: one-gallon plastic bags, washcloths (clean & in good condition, preferably new), hand towels (clean & in good condition, preferably new), wrapped bars of soap (unopened), shampoo (travel-size shampoo, unopened), conditioner (travel-size conditioner, unopened), toothbrush (new), toothpaste, (travel-size, unopened), dental floss (unopened), combs, and band-aids. You may donate money (mark your gift "hygiene") or donate items listed above. See the display in the lobby for more information.

**Here's the Scoop:** The Fellowship Team will host an Ice Cream Social & Talent Show from 12 Noon – 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 8. Bring your own sack lunch and have some ice cream for dessert while we share in a time of talents and fellowship with each other. A talent sign-up sheet is now available during worship services, or you may contact the church office to sign up.

**We will return to our fall (regular) WORSHIP schedule on Sunday, September 8.** Services will be at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday Traditional, and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Contemporary. Sunday School classes will be held at 9:30 a.m.

**We will return to our fall (regular) OFFICE HOURS on September 3.** The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 Noon.

## Calendar Items & Events

**August 24:** UWF Retreat @ West Hills  
**September 2:** Labor Day (Church Office Closed)  
**September 3:** Fall Office Hours Resume  
**September 8:** Fall Worship Times Begin  
**September 8:** First Sunday School  
**September 8:** Ice Cream Social & Talent Show Fellowship Event  
**September 11:** First Wednesday evening activities  
**September 17:** Blood Drive

# THE PATH



For the week of  
**August 25, 2024**

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

This week we mark the completion of a huge portion of this year's goal: We will wrap up the final two books of the Old Testament, Zechariah and Malachi. Then, we launch into a new set of books, a new teaching, a New Testament. Much of what we read will be familiar. Much will even seem repetitive. But throughout it all, open yourself to finding new ways to interact with the text and connect what we have already read in the Old Testament, with what is going on in Jesus' ministry and the life of the early church. Because it all ties together!

**Prayer: Lord God, open our minds to the many ways these words can touch our lives. Help us to go past what we have always known or thought so we can more fully find what you are teaching.  
Amen.**

**Monday 8.26** "Show vs. Love" **Zechariah 7**  
This passage reflects not only on what is happening 'now,' but also on the ways of the people before the exile. Have they changed? It doesn't look like it. As before, they make sure to be seen doing pious things but seem to have forgotten that the true

call God has given them again and again is to worship God through our actions of love. We can get stuck in this same rut. It's easy to do. When have you looked at your actions and words and found them to be shows of "the right way" but not filled with love?

**Tuesday 8.27**                      **"Needed Work"**                      **Zechariah 10:2-3**  
God is constantly pointing out the need for change in the people. Here God specifically calls out the shepherds, the ones who were meant to guide and teach the people. They have failed to do as they were meant to do. What is needed is a new shepherd, one who will lead as God intends. We know we will soon be reading about that shepherd! But as we finish Zechariah, spend time considering how each of us are a shepherd in our own ways. What is the work still needed in you to lead as God is calling?

**Wednesday 8.28**                      **"Response"**                      **Malachi 2:10**  
When we make an agreement, generally you must have two sides agreeing. A relationship is the same; both parties must be involved in its care and growth. God was still desiring a relationship with the people, but the people were still turning away, neglecting the relationship. Malachi shows how the people have not responded to God's desire by laying out the ways they are neglecting their relationship with God. When have you felt a relationship was one sided? Were you neglected or the one neglecting?

**Thursday 8.29**                      **"Call to Holiness"**                      **Malachi 3:3-6**  
After returning to the relationship, the people will still have to do some work. We've seen again and again the ways they have strayed and that will need to be corrected. God says Godself will be the one to purify and refine them, bringing them back into holy living with God and each other. In verse 5, what parallels do you see between what God says will be judged and how Jesus called his followers to act? Do you see parallels back to the laws given in Deuteronomy and Leviticus?

**Friday 8.30**                      **"What's in a Name?"**                      **Matthew 1**  
History, that's what. We have read each and every one of these names this year. We may not recall the story that went with each, and some were longer than others, but each name recounted here is important. Each person brings something different to the history of Jesus. This is where the story leads. Take time to think about what you recall of these people. Look

back to their stories in the Old Testament if you want. Jesus didn't just come from nowhere. He came from and to a people with rich history, filled with mistakes and triumphs, joys and sorrows, a people we can relate to. Jesus came to them, and still comes to us.

**Saturday 8.31**                      **"Baptism"**                      **Matthew 3:13-14**  
John recognized right away that things were backwards. He knew there was no way Jesus "needed" to be baptized in forgiveness of sins, he was God, he was sinless. But Jesus asked John to baptize him anyway. Why? What else do we see in baptism? Yes, the renouncing of sin, but also we recognize: 1) God's presence and work in and through us, 2) a promise to walk, or guide others in walking, with God, and 3) the joining of all believers together and to God in relationship. Jesus modeled what he would later ask us to do. Think about your baptism and what it means to you. Whether you remember it or not, the promises made, and the presence and relationships recognized, are real and powerfully present in your life!

### Sermon Notes

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