

Upcoming Events/Announcements

If you know of someone who has become homebound or who has moved to a care center, please let us know so that we may include them in our caring ministries. We love our whole church family and want to ensure that everyone is included, remembered, and loved.

Script Cards are for sale in the back outside the sanctuary or ask a pastor to get them from the safe. When you buy a gift card, a percentage of that money goes back to the church for kids and youth ministries!

Summer worship hours begin this weekend (May 28). Our late service begins at 10 a.m. throughout the summer, and there will not be Sunday School classes. We will continue to offer three in-person worship times: Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.; Sundays at 8:30 a.m. (traditional); and Sundays at 10 a.m. (contemporary).

Mark your calendars for **June 4 – Celebration Sunday** at Canyon Lake UMC! We will rejoice in baptisms, recognize our confirmands, and welcome our newest members!

Westside Preschool Hiring Cook: Preschool and Daycare is looking for someone to prepare meals and do their grocery shopping. The hours are from 6:30 or 7:00 a.m. until 2 or 3:00 p.m. on weekdays with some flexibility. If you want more information or would like to apply, please stop in at Westside or call (605) 342-7474 and ask for Jen.



**For the week of
May 28, 2023**

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

“On the Holy Ghost”

When we think of the Holy Ghost, we often think of Pentecost. Of the disciples together, prayer, and suddenly, wind and fire, confused language, and belief. This is the account we read in Acts 2. But the Holy Ghost, or Holy Spirit, appears in so many places in the entire Bible. This week, let’s look at a few and see what we can learn about what this part of God does for, in, and to us.

Prayer: Lord God, we know you have sent your Spirit to be among us and in us, to change us and to work through us. Open our eyes to see what you want us to see and embolden us to do what you have called us to do, knowing we are not alone, because you are with us. Amen.

Monday 5.29 “What is Spirit” Genesis 1:1-3
The Hebrew word for “spirit” is *ruakh*. It means wind, breath, life. Living in the Hills, we are accustomed to the wind being ever present. We also know breath is needed for life to be possible for us. Needed. Always present. Consider these concepts alongside the Spirit of God. What do you think of?

Tuesday 5.30 “What does the Spirit do” Genesis 41:16-39
Here we are told Joseph could interpret dreams because of God working in him. In Exodus 35:29-35, God fills Bezalel with guidance through the Spirit to do all kinds of creative works. In Isaiah 61:1-4, the author speaks of being empowered to bring good news, release, comfort and joy. The Spirit empowers people with specific gifts. But

these gifts always have something in common. They are used for the glory of God. What gifts have you been given by the Spirit? If you aren't sure, consider taking a Spiritual Gifts Assessment (ask a Pastor).

Wednesday 5.31 "The Spirit among the people" Exodus 40:34-38

In the beginning, humanity was with God in the garden, but we have been separated from God since then. God has been working to draw us back to that relationship. One way was through the creation of the Tabernacle and later the Temple. These were physically places for God's presence to be interacted with but only by certain people and only following strict rules. There is still separation. Are there places you feel closer to God?

**Thursday 6.1 "The Spirit and leaders" 1 Samuel 10:1-10
16:1-13**

The leaders of Israel were meant to be representatives of God to the people. They were to rule the people justly and were filled with the presence, the Spirit of God, to help them in doing this. But they weren't automatically perfect leaders. Take time to look over the rise and fall of Saul and the rise of David (who would also "fall" just in different ways) and see how they still needed to follow and do as instructed. Do you see moments in your life when you have resisted the guidance of the Spirit?

Friday 6.2 "The Spirit and Jesus" Matthew 3:13-17

Read this passage and compare it to our Monday reading. Notice the similarity of the Spirit over the water. I love the connection of Jesus to creation. This was God continuing the work of bringing us back to that relationship from the garden. Could it be that we are to connect this moment to the start of the New Creation, to the Kingdom on Earth as in Heaven?

Saturday 6.3 "The Spirit and Us" Acts 2:42-47

"The Hebrew Scriptures anticipated the day when the Spirit of God would be present among all of God's people. The result is simply this: God now dwells with the people of God who have found their identity in Jesus and his finished work."¹ But that's not the end. The believers who were there that day went out and lived life differently because of what they experienced. How do we live differently than those around us?

1. <https://bibleproject.com/articles/presence-of-god/>



Sermon Notes
