

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 October mission is to support Showered with Hope, a local organization that provides free mobile showers to those in need. We are asking our church to provide 1) men's and women's underwear, 2) men's and women's socks, and 3) women's sports bras. We will also provide 40 hygiene kits minus the hand towels. Drop items at the display in the lobby or donate via cash, check or online by noting "Showered with Hope" on your gifts.

We are now collecting shoeboxes for our Shoebox Christmas. You can drop them off in the office, in the missions closet, or on the shelves above the coat racks in the lobby.

Our Indoor Trunk or Treat will be held on October 30 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. You can help by bringing candy donations (drop candy at the lobby display or in the church office). You can also help by signing up to decorate and host a table. Talk to Erin Woods or sign-up in the lobby.

Dinner for 8 is back! Sign up as a couple, sign up as a single, sign up with a friend, sign up as a substitute— just sign up! The first round of Dinner for 8 will be held in October/November, followed by a Soup Supper for all participants together in January, followed by three more dinners from February to April. Contact the office or Janet Young for more information.

Life Line Screening will be at Canyon Lake UMC on November 2, 2024. To make an appointment, go to www.LLSA.social/hsca or call 888-814-0466.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, a time to say thank you to our pastors for all that they pour into our church and our community through their preaching, teaching, counseling, and shepherding.

Calendar Items & Events

October 15: Building Relational Bridges with our Native American Siblings Webinar @ 6 p.m. MT (first session)

October 16: Be SMART Firearm Safety Presentation @ 6:15 p.m.

October 19: Lions Club Soup Supper in the CLC from 5-7 p.m.

October 30: Indoor Trunk or Treat (6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)

November 2: Life Line Screening in the Christian Life Center

November 2: The "Best Bazaar Ever" @ First UMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

November 15: Scripture Circle at CLUMC from 6-9 p.m.

THE PATH



For the week of
October 13, 2024

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

The Gospel of John

We continue reading through the entire Bible together. This week we continue in the Gospel according to John. By the time we got through Luke's Gospel, we might think we've heard all there is to hear about Jesus. Good things usually come in threes, so they say, so after reading Matthew, Mark, and Luke, we might think there is nothing important left to hear. Three accounts of the Resurrection, three versions of the feeding of the multitude, two versions of the birth of Jesus. Not to mention all the parables, all the miracles, all the teachings. We get it! And then... Along comes John's Gospel. Written decades after the three, the writer not only tells us there is more to say, he is interested in telling us about Jesus in a very different way altogether. So, here we go! John!

Daily Prayer: Lord, open our hearts and our minds to learning about Jesus in new ways. As we walk through these beautiful teachings, help us to see Jesus in new ways so that we can walk in new ways. Amen.

Monday 10.14 **"Walk!"** **John 5:1-18**
We know that Jesus was a healer, but we don't often realize just how controversial this could be. In this passage, Jesus healed a man in a holy place. No problem there. The problem was that He healed the man on a holy day: on the sabbath. The Jewish leadership could not agree with this. If you were there, would you agree or disagree with Jesus? If you agree with what He did, how would you defend His actions to others?

Tuesday 10.15 **"The Bread of Life"** **John 6:27-35**
Remember that the vast majority of people Jesus was with were poor and illiterate. Even if they could read, there would have been no books. All formal education was done by rote as young people eventually memorized the entire Old Testament. (They called it the "Tanakh.") This means that Jesus was constantly trying to find ways to relate to people, help them understand God's love, and live their faith on a daily basis. In this passage, Jesus is sharing the image that He is the "Bread of Life." How does this help you understand who Jesus is and what He is teaching?

Wednesday 10.16 **"Caught!"** **John 8:1-11**
She was caught in the act of adultery. Isn't it interesting that the man she was caught with was not being accused? She was confronted by this small mob of men bent on bringing justice into their community. They talked with Jesus, who never became angry or raised his voice. He was calm as He said, "Let the one who is without sin throw the first stone." He was calm as He said to her, "Where are your accusers? I don't accuse you either. Go, but don't sin anymore." Almost 2000 years ago, the original version of the Gospel of John did not include this story. Other editors in another generation thought it was incredibly important to include it. Why do you think that including this story was so important?

Thursday 10.17 **"Who is the blind one?"** **John 9:13-34**
Caught in the crosshairs of the squabbling by the Pharisees is a man born blind whom Jesus healed. By the end of the story, it's the Pharisees who are the truly blind ones. Those

who believe in Jesus now can see. Which group do you identify with more?

Friday 10.18 **"Lazarus Raised"** **John 11:1-44**
It's a really long reading today, but this story is just incredibly important to our Christian beliefs. Jesus spends much of John 11 telling people that Lazarus's death won't be permanent. Yet, when a grieving Mary tells him Lazarus is dead, Jesus weeps. Why? Not because He believed death had won. Instead in Jesus, we know we have someone who grieves with us. Even after Lazarus was raised from the dead, he still needed to be unbound. Even though we receive new life in Christ, we still need to be unbound daily from our old ways. How do you see resurrection happening in your own life?

Saturday 10.19 **"In the Upper Room"** **John 13:1-20**
Fascinating. John tells the same story about Jesus and the disciples sharing the Last Supper together. Except that it's not the same story at all. It is the Last Supper, but there is nothing about sharing the bread and cup. It is all about sharing Jesus' humility as He teaches his disciples to serve others. How is it in your life that you serve others?

Sermon Notes
