

## Upcoming Events/Announcements

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

**Fundraiser:** We are doing a fundraiser for the Worship Team in May. They need a new drum set (ours is years old), amps and cords, and a few other things, for a total of around \$7000. Darin has worked very hard with Haggerty's to get us the quotes put together, and he and his musicians are ready to help however they can.

**Mission Project: CAMP SCHOLARSHIP:** Do you know our church offers camp scholarships for campers of all ages? Financial assistance can help to ensure that every person who wants to attend camp is able to attend. You can support Camp Scholarships throughout the month of May. Please note "Camp Scholarships" on your gift.

### Calendar at a Glance

**May 11: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

**May 11: Senior Recognition/Teacher Recognition/ Teacher Appreciation**

**May 14: Remembering the Children Memorial Tours, 5:00-7:00 PM**

**May 17: Rainbow 5K: 9 A.M. at Old Storybook Island Shelter, 2911 Canyon Lake Drive, Rapid City, SD**

**May 18: Canyon Lake United Methodist Church 75th Anniversary. Pastor Bob Ruedebusch preaching**

**May 18: Between Services in the CLC Gym, 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration Fellowship**

**May 18: Last Sunday School**

**May 19: The Strength We Carry: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6:30 PM, 910 Sioux San Drive, Rapid City, SD**

**May 25: Beginning of Summer Worship Hours – Saturday 5:30 PM, Sunday 8:30 and 10:15 AM**

**May 26: Church Office Closed for Memorial Day**

**May 27: Beginning Summer Office Hours – Monday -Thursday, 9:00 AM – Noon, Closed Friday**

**June 6-8: Dakotas Annual Conference 2025**

**July 19 & 20: Canyon Lake UMC Rummage Sale**

**July 28-30 Vacation Bible School**

# THE PATH



**For the week of  
May 11, 2025**

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

**"The Lord Is My Shepherd"**

The Bible down through the centuries has tried to make God closer and more real in our lives. One of the ways that the writers did this was to compare God to concepts that humanity is familiar with and can understand. My God is a rock...a shield...a fortress...a mother hen...a Creator. This week we explore one of the most powerful comparisons and metaphors: My God is a shepherd.

Prayer: From the hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"  
Savior, like a shepherd, leads us, much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! You have bought us. We are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We are yours; you do befriend us. Be the guardian of our way. Keep your flock, from sin defend us. Seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, oh hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, oh hear us when we pray. Amen.

**Monday 5.12** "I AM" Exodus 3:1-14  
"Now Moses was keeping the flock..." Raised as the son of the Egyptian pharaoh, Moses committed murder and fled into the desert. He found himself eventually living with the family of Jethro in the area of Midian and married into his family. Life was very, very different for him as a shepherd. Imagine the differences: urban vs rural, trappings of power vs the trappings of a shepherd, talking with people all around you all the time vs talking with the sheep. So many things that were so radically different and then came this moment. "Moses, take off your shoes for you are standing on holy ground." His time with the sheep as their shepherd had prepared him for this conversation with God.

**Tuesday 5.13** "From Moses to Joshua" Numbers 27:12-19  
Be with the people to find someone who will "lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep which have no shepherd." (vs17) This image of finding a shepherd to care for the sheep was so powerful to the people. They understood this immediately. They needed a leader who would not just lead them but care for and protect them as well. Joshua was the one who was going to be named as that shepherd. He would lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. Who have been your shepherds in life? How did they guide you?

**Wednesday 5.14** "The Lord is my Shepherd" Psalm 23  
Which is your favorite verse? Why? Do two things today as part of your devotions. First, see if you can memorize this psalm. It's only six verses long. Many of us memorized this years ago, see if you can commit it to memory. Second, sometime today, google "The Lord is my shepherd" on the computer and find a song that sings these verses. There are many of them!

**Thursday 5.15** "He Will Feed his Flock" Isaiah 40:6-11  
The people of Jerusalem, especially those with higher power or authority, were carried off to Babylon into captivity. Chapter 40 of Isaiah is where we begin to see real words of comfort for the people. Verse 11 says "God will the flock like a shepherd, gathering the lambs and carrying them." When is a time that you have felt carried by God, held and protected?

**Friday 5.16** "I am the Good Shepherd" John 10:1-18  
From the Old to the New Testaments, this image of the shepherd is only amplified. This whole chapter drives home the image. Everyone understood it immediately. They knew the hard work, long hours of tending, and what it took to protect a flock. The writer of John wants you to know that WE are those sheep, and that Christ is the ONLY shepherd. Which verses or phrases catch your attention today? Are there particular words that strike home for you?

**Saturday 5.17** "My Sheep Hear my Voice" John 10:22-30  
"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and the follow me." (vs 27) In your life, what does the voice of God sound like? It is different for all of us, sometimes found in nature and sometimes in the environment that daily surrounds us. Sometimes God's voice shouts at us but more often simply whispers. Sometimes the voice in while we are awake and at other times while we dream. Sometimes that voice is inside us and at other times outside. How do you hear the voice of the Shepherd?

### Sermon Notes

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