

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 caring ministries. We love our whole church family and want to ensure that everyone is included, remembered, and loved.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE: Will you be a full-time student in an education program that leads to a career in healthcare, nursing, or a medical-related field in the Fall of 2025? If so, consider applying for the Mary & Glen Fiala Scholarship offered through the Dakotas Minnesota Methodist Foundations and Canyon Lake UMC. **Due April 15th, Announced May.**
<https://forms.office.com/r/dhvVzG4LZO>

BEWARE OF SCAMS! If you receive an email or text message that asks you to click a link, that asks for 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.

Calendar at a Glance

April 14-18: Monday-Friday at noon: Holy Week Services at 1st United Methodist Church at 629 Kansas City Street

Soup Lunches each day are followed by an ecumenical time of worship and devotion.

April 15: Blood Drive in CLC from 2:30-5:30 P.M.

April 17: Pray Vigil – All Day Thursday

April 17: Maundy Thursday – Thursday 6:30 P.M.

April 18: Good Friday – Friday 6:30 P.M.

April 19: Lazarus Saturday: Saturday 5:30 P.M.

April 20: Easter: Sunday 6:30 A.M., 8:30 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.

April 21: Church Office Closed for Easter Monday

April 25 & 26: Confirmation Retreat Storm Mountain: Leaving the church Friday, April 25th at 5 P.M. and returning Saturday, April 26th at about 12:30 P.M.

April 26 & 27: Camp Sunday, all services.

May 3: UWF Annual Salad Luncheon: 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the CLC

May 4: Confirmation

May 17: Rainbow 5K

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



THE PATH

**For the week of
April 13, 2025**

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

In our final week of following through Tom Berlin's "The Third Day: Living the Resurrection", we turn to the main focus of the Lenten, holy week, Easter season: Jesus himself. We know Jesus has much to teach us about so many things. This week we will look at the power Jesus holds and how that power is now part of us through our relationship and continual growth in Jesus the Christ. No matter our daily difficulties, we know we can lean on Jesus, we can call on Jesus, we can depend on Jesus. That is powerful already. But we can also draw on Jesus' power. No necessarily to do fantastic feats, but we can certainly learn to draw on Jesus' power to find extraordinary peace in times of upheaval, sustaining strength in times of difficulties, and empowering love when faced with the worlds seemingly endless hate. Let's look at and be reminded of the incredible power of Jesus, that is now within us, because God is within us always.

Prayer: Lord, being God in human form, you carried all the power of God, more power than we could ever comprehend. And through your love for us, you share that power with us in ways we may not expect or understand. Open our eyes to the beautiful possibilities that your power in us opens up. Amen.

Monday 4.14 "No Limits" Numbers 11:16-23

At least twice in the Bible we hear a person question God’s ability to do something. Here and in Job, God’s responds by asking questions to prove that as humans we cannot even comprehend the awesome limitless power of God. Think on all the ways we as humans find limits to power. Now try to imagine God’s power blowing past those limits. It’s not an easy exercise to do, but give it a shot and see how it makes you think and feel about God.

Tuesday 4.15 "Casting Out Demons" Matt. 12:22-28

Even Jesus had to prove his power came from God. He did good works that helped humanity and he was still questioned about how he did so. When we use God’s power, our actions will be in line with Jesus’ own actions, we will be showing love to others and love for God. We may not be casting out demons, but in thinking about how you show love to all, where might you see God’s power at work in you, beyond what you might have expected possible on your own?

Wednesday 4.16 "Faithful Request" Mark 5:25-34

All she did was touch him, didn’t even speak to him or ask him for healing, yet Jesus’ power went out to her, and she was healed. In our lives, God’s power doesn’t always do what we think it should, but God does always respond to our faithful requests.

Thursday 4.17 "God’s Power in People" Luke 1:1-17

It’s interesting that as the angle describes what John will be like, they don’t describe John’s future power as “like God’s.” Perhaps comparing it to something we cannot comprehend is an unfair way of getting us to understand something. Instead the angle compares John’s future power as like Elijah’s. But even this points us back to God, where Elijah’s power came from. Are there times when you feel you’ve seen God’s power working in others?

Friday 4.18 "Through the Holy Spirit" Acts 2:1-4

Jesus told the disciples to wait for the arrival of “the helper” that God would send. This helper turned out to be God, in the Holy Spirit, the guide

and teacher who would remain with every follower of God and empower them with God’s power. The Holy Spirit works in you.

Saturday 4.19 "Power Over Death" Hebrews 2:14-18

Just before this passage, the author reminds us that since God came down as Jesus, we are all connected to Jesus as brothers and sisters, sharing the same human form, frailties and faults. Because of this, Jesus was able to live as we do and yet work as God does, employing God’s unlimited, incomprehensible power, to overcome what is often the largest, scariest thing humankind faces: death. Death is no longer final; death has no power over God’s power. And in Jesus’ power, we are set free, knowing that nothing is greater than God. How might you be able to remind yourself of this when fears or uncertainties threaten to control your actions or responses?



Sermon Notes
