

## 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.

**Mommy's Closet is March's Mission.** We are asking for donations of diapers (size 5 or 6), baby wipes, and formula. Monetary donations are accepted as well. (Please reference the March Mission Project with your donation.) We had a tremendous, generous response last year and we are hoping to show as much love and support this year, too!

**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.

<https://forms.office.com/r/dhvVzG4LZO>

We will be joining with our Dakotas Conference in going through a Lenten study based on *The Third Day* by Bishop Tom Berlin. The church will not purchase copies, but if you wish to follow along, you can find the book at various book sites online.

**The Easter Flower** Purchase, cost of each flower arrangement is \$15, order must be complete by April 6, 2025. Make checks payable to CLUMC, if you have any question please email or call the office (605-348-1080), [office@clumc.com](mailto:office@clumc.com)). These Flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, and then you may take your flowers home with you following whichever Easter Worship you attend. We will donate flowers not picked up by April 24, 2025.

**The Easter Eggstravaganza** is looking for Volunteers, please see the display in the entryway outside the sanctuary or touch base with Erin Woods.

### Calendar at a Glance

**April 12: Easter Eggstravaganza** – Saturday 2 P.M. -3:30 P.M.

**April 12-13: Palm Sunday** – Saturday 5:30 P.M., and Sunday 8:30 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.

**April 17: Pray Vigil** – All Day Thursday. April 17, 2025, **Maundy Thursday** – Thursday 6:30 P.M.

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

**April 19-20: Easter** – Saturday 5:30 P.M. Sunday 6:30 A.M., 8:30 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.



# THE PATH

For the week of  
**March 23, 2025**

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

### "The Third Night: Thomas"

So, let's talk about doubts this week. Many of us were taught as we were being raised that doubt was not permissible and that questioning was not to be tolerated. This is what we believe: DO NOT question it! In some ways this means that we are able to memorize a belief system. But the flip side of that is that often we are not able to understand it. This week we continue in our Lenten worship series "The Third Day". Each week we explore the lives and belief of someone who was right there with Jesus on the third day, the Day of Resurrection. This week, who else would we learn about but Doubting Thomas?

**Prayer: Lord, accept us for who we are. With all our faults and foibles, with all our masks and mistakes, you know us from the inside out. And even knowing all our mistakes, you accept and love us anyway. Teach us, gracious God, in our believing and in our doubts to love you and be loved by you. Amen.**

Monday 3.24 "Thomas" John 20:19-30  
We don't know where Thomas was or what he was doing. All we know is that he wasn't in the room when Jesus appeared. He did not doubt Jesus. Rather, he doubted the rest of those in the room. It was important to him that he had a first-hand experience of the risen Christ. We all experience this in various ways. Prove it! We want someone to prove it to us. How has this happened to you?

Tuesday 3.25 "But Some Doubted" Matthew 28:16-20  
This last paragraph of Matthew has a name: "The Great Commission". In it, Jesus sends the disciples out into the world. But look closely. There is that one tiny sentence: "But some doubted." Wouldn't you think that the earliest disciples would want to erase ALL doubt from the minds of their followers? Instead, they allow room for it. They knew that only in the doubt and in the questioning could there be true growth. It is not until we ask the questions that we can actually search for the answers. What is it that you have never had permission to question? This week, who could you ask?

Wednesday 3.26 "Parable of the Sower" Mark 4:1-20  
Doubt tills the soil of faith. Doubt and despair do not destroy faith. No, it's actually just the opposite. When we allow the doubts in the back of our minds to come to the fore, when we allow the soil of faith to be tilled, that the actual seeds of faith are allowed to fall into good soil and seriously grow. Think of your own heart and mind as the good soil of this parable. What seeds have been planted in you? As they growing?

Thursday 3.27 "Have Mercy..." Jude 1:20-22  
You may never before have seen this tiny, tiny book of the Bible. Many believe that this was written by another one of Jesus' brothers. What amazing words: "Have mercy on those who doubt." How has this mercy ever been given to you? How have you offered it to others?

Friday 3.28 "Help my Unbelief!" Mark 9:14-24  
The father in this story is so confused in so many ways. For years he has been searching for a way to heal his child. And then it happened! But even though he was hoping for healing, he didn't know how to deal with it. It was just so confusing! Rather than blunder his way around and through it, he simply confessed to Jesus the Healer, "Lord, you know I believe, but even I'm not sure of that belief. Help me!" How is it that you call for help in your belief (or unbelief)?

Saturday 3.29 "Doubt and Beyond" Psalm 42  
The opposite of faith is actually not doubt; it is despair. As you read this psalm, read slowly. Feel the doubt. Feel the despair. But then realized that even doubt and despair are held in God's hands. It is important to recognize them, to embrace them, and to know that they do not have the final word. Take time in thought and prayer to embrace your own doubt and despair, and as you do, know that God is waiting for you on the other side.

### Sermon Notes



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