

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.

Our January mission will be soup packets. Volunteers will assemble 500-600 packets of soup mix for the recipients of Church Response. Your monetary donations will buy the necessary supplies. On January 23 and 30 (Thursdays) from 1-4 p.m., we will come together to package the soup ingredients in the CLC. If you would like to assist, please join us. Questions? Call or text Candy @ 605-490-5007. Mark your gift "soup packets."

Canyon Lake UMC announces the opening of a staff position for church office manager. This position is 25 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Contact Pastor Scott at Scott.McKirdy@clumc.com, by office phone at (605)348-1080, or by cell at (605) 269-1358 for information. Pick up an application in the church office.

BEWARE OF SCAMS! We have been made aware that unknown individuals, claiming to be Pastor Scott, have asked **SEVERAL MEMBERS** of our congregation to purchase gift cards for them. 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.

Snow Blower for Sale: Canyon Lake UMC is selling a 2022 Ariens (Model #932050) Crossover two-stage push with auger assist. It has a 179 cc 4-stroke engine with an electric start. It was purchased new in 2022 for \$699; we are selling it for \$295 (or make your best offer). Contact the office if you have questions or would like to see it.

Calendar at a Glance

January 20: Office Closed – Martin Luther King Holiday

January 28: Blood Drive in CLC from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

THE PATH



For the week of
January 19, 2025

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

We Are the Body

We are the church. We are sometimes called the body of Christ, and we are reminded that Christ Jesus is the head of this body. Just as our brain orchestrates the movements of our physical body, Christ should be the orchestrator of the work we do as Christ's body in the world. As Christians we are called to follow Christ's example. We know this and yet it can be hard to do at times. So this week, let's take time to remind ourselves of some of the examples Christ has set and what we are called to do as Christ's body.

Prayer: Lord God, you have given us direction and example. You have called us to do your will in all things. Help us to find the ways in each day that we can honor your desire and follow in your path, as you have shown us through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Monday 1.20 **"Community"** **Luke 6:12-16**
Jesus did not go it alone. He had many followers. Out of those, he selected 12 to be his closest companions. These men traveled with him, shared food and lodging, discomfort and fear, joy and excitement, they shared everything. As the body of Christ, we are not meant to be alone in life or faith. We are meant to be together in one unit. In what ways are you intentionally making time and space for community? Are you fostering *deep* relationships as Jesus modeled?

Tuesday 1.21 **"Growth"** **Matthew 13:18-23**
As the body of Christ, we aren't called to simply have faith and leave it at that. We are called to grow in that faith. To put down roots deeper and deeper so our fruits can grow farther and larger. What regular practices are you using to help you grow in your faith? Do you feel your roots growing deeper?

Wednesday 1.22 **"Prayer"** **Luke 11:1-4**
We read many times of Jesus praying, alone and with other people. We even read of Jesus teaching the disciples a way to pray. By his words and actions, Jesus showed the prayer is important. Any relationship needs communication to grow and our relationship with God is no different. How do you communicate best with God? Do you talk with God regularly?

Thursday 1.23 **"Loving"** **Luke 6:32-36**
Jesus taught and practiced love, even saying love comprises the two greatest commandments. Even when love is not always shown to us, we are still called to show it. On the cross, Jesus showed love through forgiveness of those who were killing him. Love, and all the fruits of the Spirit, comes more naturally from us when our roots are growing, our prayers are being lifted, and our community surrounds us. When do you find it hardest to show love? When is it easiest? Where can you turn to for help and guidance in showing love?

Friday 1.24 **"Serving"** **John 13:3-17**
Jesus' entire ministry was spent in service. But perhaps the clearest example he gave to us was in washing the feet of his disciples. He was the leader, the teacher, yet he served willingly and made it very clear this was expected of them too. We can serve others in many ways. How have you served someone else recently? How could you continue to grow your serving muscles?

Saturday 1.25 **"Teaching"** **Matthew 28:16-20**
Jesus' final words to the disciples are often called the great commission. The task that Jesus gave them before he left them. And it holds true for us today. Jesus taught us a lot, and expected that as we learned from him, we would desire to share what we learn with others. In what ways are you teaching others about Jesus both inside and outside the church? It doesn't take much, and it will look different for each person. But we are called to teach, just as Jesus did, by word and example.



Sermon Notes
