

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.

August Mission: CLUMC supports Meadowbrook Elementary School by providing school supplies like wide rule notebooks, crayons, 2 pencils, a box of tissues, pointed scissors, pink erasers, pencil boxes, plain solid pocket folders, glue sticks, colored markers & pencils, & dry erase markers. Clothes such as girls' leggings, boys' sweatpants (sizes 5-10), new socks and underwear are needed. Monetary gifts for children's lunches can be check or cash (denote 'August Mission Project') or given through CLUMC website: clumc.com

Cornerstone Mission - Brown Bag Meal for Summer: Food Items that are needed: Vienna Sausages, Packets of tuna or chicken, Gorp, Pretzels, Animal Crackers, Pudding cups, Applesauce cups, Granola bars, and Cracker. Monetary donation to CLUMC website: clumc.com.

UMCOR Kerrville Texas: Countless families and communities in the Kerrville, Texas Area are facing the aftermath of flooding. UMCOR is one of the best ways to support disaster relief. One hundred percent of donations to a specific Advance fund is used for direct response. Checks and cash contributions can be made to "CLUMC" with "UMCOR Kerrville Relief" written on the memo line.

Host Family: A word to you about becoming a host family for an exchange student! There is a need in western South Dakota for seventeen host families in order to bring high school students from other countries here to study for a school year. International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES) and ABC Education Group are working together to help this happen. If you are interested, contact Pastor Scott, and he will give you contact information.

August 23rd Canyon Lake UWF Retreat: Save the date and prepare to be enriched and comforted by gathering with other women in faith. The theme of this Retreat is Everyday Angels. We will have stories about the theme, scripture readings, and conversation. Of course, we will have lots of food and fun as we create Prayer Boxes to take home and gifts to give to The Women's and Children's Home. A registration sheet will be in the Narthex of the church on Saturday and Sunday. We will hold this retreat at First Methodist Church from 8:30 to 1:00, and the price will be \$10.00. We ask participants to bring any of the following for the gifts we will put together: any kind of cake mix, a small 10-oz frosting can, Sprinkles, and birthday candles.

The Tom Pfeifle Memorial 5k Fun Run/Walk: Will be held at 9 am on Saturday September 6th at Raider Park. As we are honoring one of Tom's core values to reduce reuse and recycling, participants are invited to wear a favorite shirt from a previous Tom Pfeifle 5k. There is no entry fee, but anyone who donates will have a chance to win one of several awesome door prizes being given away! As we gather for celebration and community, come to exercise, enjoy the stunning park views, the Raider Drumline, and have delicious slice of pie.



For the week of
August 3, 2025

Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD

"Your Superpower Today is LOVE"

The superheroes we see in movies and television often have so much power! They can do amazing things and make way for huge changes to what is around them. It can often feel like we would never measure up to their capabilities. But God has given us amazing superpowers even if at first glance they might seem small. Love is one of them. So, how can we use Love as a superpower?

Prayer: Loving God, As you love us, help us to love others. Amen.

Monday 8.4 "Love God, Love Others" Matthew 22:34-40
Everything, all of it, the entirety of God's story and desire for us can be boiled down to this idea of loving God and loving others. That's why love is a superpower. It's the entire point! Yet it can be very easy to miss this. How do you live out this passage?

Tuesday 8.5 "The Shema" Deuteronomy 6:4-6
These words were a command. Do this. Not only do this, but keep this at the very center of yourself, keep them in your hearts so that all you do flows from them. What practices do you have to help keep your love of God centered in your life?

Wednesday 8.6 "The Good Samaritan" Luke 10:25-37
When we keep love for God at the center of our being, love for our neighbor becomes a superpower, helping us to do things others, and even ourselves, might consider impossible. Like crossing cultural barriers to offer aid to a stranger. When is a time that your love for God has empowered you to show love of neighbor in a way that may have been difficult?

Thursday 8 "The Prodigal Father" Luke 15:11-32
Prodigal means to use or give resources recklessly, wasteful extravagance. While we often consider the son in this story to be the prodigal, the father is as well. He gave recklessly of his love, grace, and mercy to the son who had recklessly lost everything. He could have been mad, turned him away, and surely there were those who thought that was exactly what he should do. But he didn't. When have you been shown prodigal/reckless/extravagant love?

Friday 8.8 "The Good Shepherd" Luke 15:1-7
We all struggle at times. We all wonder. It would be far easier, and safer for the shepherd to stay with the larger group. After all, at the market the larger group is still worth more than the single lost one, right? And yet, that's not how God's love works. The lost one's worth is just as much as the ones who stayed. How might you feel in these roles, as the one who is lost and in need of rescue, the ones who remain in the group and watch the shepherd leave, and as the shepherd noticing that one is missing?

Saturday 8.9 "God is Love" 1 John 4
God is love. And we are created in God's image, so we are meant to overflow with love as well. In all we do, in all we say, in our very being we are meant to *be* love. It's not always easy. Read this chapter again. Read it as a prayer of thanksgiving to God for all God has already done, and all that God is continuing to do in you to help you live more and more fully into this life of love.?



Sermon Notes

Calendar at a Glance

August 10: 10:15 A.M. Service - "Worship in the Park" - Old Storybook Island Shelter - 2911 Canyon Lake Drive, Rapid City, SD, potluck following the service

August 13: The Foresters will be performing at CLUMC @ 6:00 PM

August 16: Native American Awareness Workshop - Native American Spirituality Beliefs and Practices, 9:00 AM - Noon, Spearfish United Methodist Church, 845 North 5th Street, Spearfish, SD

August 23: Canyon Lake UWF Retreat at First Methodist Church from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

September 1: Labor Day (Church Office Closed)

September 2: Fall Office Hours Resume

September 6: The Tom Pfeifle Memorial 5k fun Run/Walk at 9 AM Paider Park

September 7: Fall Worship Times Begin

September 7: Sunday School Resumes

September 10: Wednesday Evening Activities Resume

September 11 & 12: District UWF Retreat at Storm Mountain

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