

### 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.

**September Mission: ONEHEART** By providing transitional housing and co-locating a variety of services - from addiction and mental health counseling to life skills and job training - we can more efficiently, effectively and collectively help our neighbors without homes moving into permanent housing and a better quality of life. You can help by buying twin size comforter sets (comforter, sheets, pillowcase), pillows, bath towels set (washcloth, hand and bath towel), shower curtain with plastic rings, popup laundry hamper, regular size shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, body wash, and deodorant. Monetary gifts can be a check or cash (denote 'September Mission Project') or given through the CLUMC web at: [clumc.com](http://clumc.com).

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

**September 27:** 75th Anniversary Celebration, 4:30 PM for Tours, 5:30 PM Dinner, Cost \$20 per person. Tickets are available online [clumc.com](http://clumc.com), and between Sunday church services.

**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 and Bible Studies and Groups Resumes

**September 7:** Kitchen Clean Day Noon-4 PM, All are welcome to come help for all or part of the time. Deep cleaning of walls, floors, and storage spaces. Sandwich lunch will be provided.

**September 10:** Wednesday Evening Activities Resume

**September 11 & 12:** District UWF Retreat at Storm Mountain

**September 21:** Special Charge Conference, 9:30 AM at CLUMC

**September 27:** 75th Anniversary Celebration

**September 28:** Dakotas Conference Bishop, Lanette Plambeck, will be preaching at both services!

**September 30:** Blood Drive 2-6 PM CLUMC CLC Gym



For the week of  
**August 31, 2025**

Canyon Lake  
United Methodist Church  
Rapid City, SD

**"Jesus: The Unexpected"**

**Almost nothing Jesus did was what people expected of him. Not the way he arrived in the world, started his ministry, taught, lived, or interacted. He wasn't over the top, he wasn't extravagant, yet the simplicity of his message and life was just as radical as if he had come in leading an army of thousands. And his message for us is just as radical, just as unexpected in our world today. How do we follow the unexpected path?**

**Prayer: God of unexpected ways, you call us to lives that go against the norms of society. Help us to hear your voice and to follow your way when it is easy and when it is hard. Amen.**

**Monday 9.1**                      **"Arrival"**                      **Matthew 1:18-25**  
The Jewish people had been waiting for the Messiah for a long time. They thought they knew what to watch for. Yet still, so few recognized Jesus' arrival for what it was. Because he came in unexpected ways, in an unexpected (though prophesied) place, to unexpected people. God turned everything upside down by being born an infant to a lowly family and then growing up on "the wrong side of the tracks" How has God shown up in unexpected ways, places, or people in your life?

**Tuesday 9.2**                      **"For Whom?"**                      **Matthew 9:9-13**  
The religious leaders of the day did not seem to associate with those who broke the laws of Torah (sinners) other than to admonish them. So, seeing Jesus, a Rabbi, sitting and eating with sinners was an unexpected shock to them. Jesus was showing mercy, offering God's love to those who were still sinners, because God's love hadn't run out for them. Jesus didn't wait for them to repent and then love them; he loved them first and showed it. He came for them!

**Wednesday 9.3**                      **"Crossing Boundaries"**                      **John 4:25-26**  
Samaritans and Jews didn't mix. And most likely Jews thought the Messiah was only coming for them, those who were expecting that coming. Yet Jesus reveals himself to be the Christ, the Messiah, to this Samaritan woman. He unexpectedly crossed a boundary no one thought he'd cross. When have you been on the wrong side of a boundary? What was done to cross that boundary for you?

**Thursday 9.4**                      **"Restoring Identity"**                      **Matthew 8:1-4**  
Jesus didn't just restore health, he restored identity. With his cleansing, this man could return to his family, to his friends, to his city and culture, and to active communal participation in his faith. Jesus still does this for us today. How has Jesus restored something to you?

**Friday 9.5**                      **"In Humility"**                      **Mark 11:1-11**  
Jesus did everything in humility. He did not view anyone as below him or his care. He reached out to the highest and lowest, offered correction to the righteous and the unrighteous. He showed this by entering Jerusalem, not as a conquering emperor messiah but as a humble teacher on a donkey. How has Jesus entered your life in unexpected humility?

**Saturday 9.6**                      **"Giving Life"**                      **Matthew 28:1-10**  
Despite his words ahead of time, the disciples still did not expect Jesus to return after his death. This was an unexpectedly joyous moment for them. When has unexpected joy come to you through your faith, your journey with Jesus?



## Sermon Notes

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