

Upcoming Events/Announcements

If you know of someone who has become homebound or who has moved to a care center, please let us know and we will include them in our caring ministries. We love our whole church family and want to ensure that everyone is included, remembered, and loved.

Our **March mission will support upcoming outreach events** including Vacation Bible School in July. You can purchase needed items or donate money and we will shop for you. You can also sign up to volunteer at upcoming events. Check out the display in the lobby for more information about upcoming outreach events.

We have ordered a few extra Easter flowers, so if you still want to honor or remember a loved one with a flower, please contact the office. The cost is \$15 each, and you may take your flower after whichever Easter service you attend.

Are you a full-time student in an education program that will lead to a career in healthcare, nursing, or a medical-related field? If so, consider applying for the **Mary & Glen Fiala Scholarship**. The deadline for application is April 15, 2024. Contact the office for the online application link.

Holy Week Schedule & Other Calendar Items

March 28: Maundy Thursday Healing Worship @ 6:30 p.m.

March 29: Good Friday @ 6:30 p.m.

March 30: Lazarus Saturday @ 5:30 p.m.

March 31: Easter Sunday Services

- 6:30 a.m. (SonRise)
- 8:00 a.m. (Bluegrass)
- 9:30 a.m. (Traditional)
- 11 a.m. (Contemporary)

April 1: Church Office Closed -- Easter Monday

April 14: Camp Sunday @ both worship services

April 16: Blood Drive @ CLUMC



For the week of
March 24, 2024

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

A Telescope

Picture a telescope. What is it that makes telescopes work? Lenses. This week as we enter Holy Week, we are going to create our own telescope utilizing two lenses each day. The first lens will be an Old Testament lesson taken from 2 Kings taken from our daily Bible Year readings. (If you do not have a copy of the book *The Bible Year* and would like one, we have extra copies in the office for you.) The second lens will be a lesson that specifically relates to Holy Week as this ancient story unfolds before us once more and Easter approaches. May this week give you a new understanding and focus in your faith.

Bible Reading Tip: Participate in a small group. Did you know that each and every Tuesday there is a group that comes together for "Table Talk"? They meet at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the week's readings, to ask all kinds of questions, and then to relate all of this to current happenings in our world. Just show up in the Coffee Café and join the conversation!

Prayer: Gracious God, as you were present with Jesus through every step of this week, as you were there with Him as he rode a donkey into Jerusalem, upset the tables in the Temple, gathered around the table with His disciples for a last meal together, was arrested illegally, tortured, and crucified, so be with us. Our problems are nowhere near as painful as Jesus' were, but they are still our own problems and our own pain. Walk with us. Guide us. Love us. We ask in Christ's name, Amen.

**Monday 3.25 "The Donkey" Mark 11:1-11
2 Kings 5:1-14**

Humility. Humbleness. Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, not a war horse. Naaman refused to lower himself by washing in a muddy, little river. Both men had to live in humility, knowing that God and God's purposes were bigger than them. What areas in your life need to be lived in deeper humility?

**Tuesday 3.26 "The Temple Tables" Mark 11:15-19
2 Kings 8:16-18**

The Temple money changers themselves were not evil. They had always been a part of this amazing Passover week as Jews returned to Jerusalem from great distances every year. They could not bring sacrifices with them; they needed to buy them once they reached Jerusalem. The problem was in the exchange rate as crooked money changers took advantage of the crowd. In 2 Kings we see much the same problem: Joram started as a good and upright king but was corrupted as time went on. What challenge does this present to you? Are there ways in which this pattern is a part of your life?

**Wednesday 3.27 "The Temple Teaching" Mark 11:27-33
2 Kings 11:21-12:3**

Jesus was openly present and teaching in the Temple throughout this week. Jehoash was seven years old when he began to reign; he was taught in the Temple by Jehoiada. One of the major roles of the Temple was to teach. Where are the important places, and who have been the important people who taught you in your faith?

**Thursday 3.28 "A Meal and an Arrest" Mark 14:12-31
2 Kings 14:1-6**

Moments of reckoning can be brutal. It was at the Last Supper that Judas walked out and betrayed Jesus. Just hours later, Jesus would be arrested. Amaziah during his reign as king was saving up his revenge on others. Even the good kings weren't perfect. Many of them still had a blind spot. May you adopt this prayer: God, help me discover my own

faults, no matter how small they first appear. Help me discover freedom in your grace.

**Friday 3.29 "Thorns and Nails" Mark 15:16-27
2 Kings 21:1-7**

Jesus went through the depth of being humiliated in a mock trial and torture. A crown of thorns. The excruciating pain of the nails. Things that never should have happened. Manasseh came into power in the southern kingdom where he reigned fifty-five years. And he instigated things that never should have happened. We are constantly faced with opportunities in our own lives to do things that should never happen. How do you deal with moments of decision between what is good and godly, and what should never happen?

**Saturday 3.30 "The End" Mark 15:33-39
2 Kings 24:10-17**

And Jesus breathed his last. His death was real and final. And the Babylonians set siege to Jerusalem. Jerusalem's death was real and final as well. And yet... we know the promise of Jesus' resurrection. Jerusalem centuries later would see a new construction in a new era... a resurrection. In our faith, we believe that the end is not the end. How do you experience this as true?

Sermon Notes
