

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/dhvVzG4LZ0>

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). 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

Calendar at a Glance

March 16: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Rapid Valley UMC Youth Fundraiser “Green Pancakes and Ham”

March 18: 6:30pm-8:00pm Bible Study (“The Third Day” lead by Pastor Scott)

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.



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For the week of
March 16, 2025

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

"The Third Day: Simon Peter"

As we continue studying together Bishop Tom Berlin's book "The Third Day", we now take time to look at Simon Peter, one of Jesus' 12 disciples. Being a disciple did not make him infallible, as Peter was reminded at different times throughout Jesus' ministry.

Prayer: Teaching God, you created us to grow and learn in so many ways. Help us to hear your corrective voice not as one of anger but as one of love. Guide us so we may learn and grow just as those first disciples and followers of you through the ages have done. Amen.

Monday 3.17 "New Ways" Luke 5:1-11
Peter knew how to fish and he knew what a life as a fisherman looked like. He knew what to expect and he know he could do the job well. Then came Jesus, who showed Peter there was much more to fishing than he could ever have imagined! When has Jesus taken something you thought you understood and shown you a completely new way to go about it?

Tuesday 3.18 "Doubt " Matthew 14:22-33
They had just witnessed Jesus feed 5000 people with only a handful of bread loaves and fish. He had done the impossible. And now he did the impossible again and enabled Peter to walk on water. You would think Peter's belief in Jesus would be at an all time high! Yet, he allowed himself to become distracted from faith, and doubt crept in. His eyes took in the waves and wind that had always been dangerous to him as a fisherman. His faith still needed to grow. When have doubts seemed to take over and undo what you thought was going well in life, work, or faith? Looking back, can you see Jesus still reaching to you in that time?

Wednesday 3.19 "Limited Forgiveness" Matthew 18:21-22
Jesus was teaching about forgiveness to those around him. Peter asked how much to forgive someone, and offered the suggestion of seven times. Perhaps he thought this was a lot of forgiveness. Maybe he was hoping Jesus would commend him for being so excessively forgiving. But instead, Jesus pushes Peter to go farther, that we should strive to show the endless forgiveness we have been shown. When has God pointed out that what you thought was "enough" was just the beginning? When has God challenged you to go farther?

Thursday 3.20 "Wrong Perspective" Mark 8:31-33
Peter had just made the declaration that Jesus was the Son of God. Nothing should overcome the Son of God. Yet when Jesus talks about the way he will overcome evil, by dying and rising again, Peter gets stuck on the dying part. He can't see past this thing that seems so final, that surely would put an end to Jesus' ministry. But he's not thinking in the same terms God does. He's stuck seeing from the human perspective. Admittedly, it's hard as humans to try and see things as God does. When have you been reminded that we do not always see as God does? Have you ever felt God teaching you to change your perspective?

Friday 3.21 "Denial" Matthew 26:69-75
After all the time with Jesus, and all the ways Jesus has helped him to grow and even put Peter in a position of leadership, Peter allowed fear to overwhelm him and he denied even knowing Jesus. When he realized what he'd done, he was shattered. Drowning in guilt and shame. This can't be forgiven, can it??

Saturday 3.22 "Resurrection" John 21:15-19
Even before the crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus was already showing that he was dependable and trustworthy. That nothing Peter could do would ever be the last straw. Jesus' love would never end, his forgiveness would never dry up, and he would always be there for Peter no matter what. Even after Peter's denial, love and forgiveness were in Jesus words and actions. And the same is true for us. God is there in all the ups and downs, every time we feel we have failed, calling to us to come and follow, to continue following, because nothing will ever overcome the power, love, and redemption found in the Resurrected One!

Sermon Notes



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