

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.

March's Mission Project: Easter Craftaganza – CLUMC Outreach Supplies can be donated or will be purchased, and we need volunteers for this event. Monetary gifts can be checks or cash (denote 'March Mission Project') or given through the CLUMC website at: clumc.com. Contact Erin Woods (605)393-7438 if you can help.

Black Hills Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will be creating Hygiene Kits for our community in March. Please donate any UNUSED travel containers of shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotions, deodorants, toothbrushes and toothpaste, washcloths, hand towels, etc. For this worthy cause.

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 2026? 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/VpYwHr4Nts>

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 at the church office. **The Easter Flower Purchase:** the cost for each arrangement is \$15; order must be completed by March 22, 2026. Make checks payable to CLUMC. If you have any questions, 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 arrangement home with you following whichever Easter Worship you attend. We will donate flowers not picked up by April 9, 2026.

Calendar at a Glance

March 22: Easter Craftaganza – 2-3:30 PM

March 28 & 29: Palm Sunday

April 2: Prayer Vigil – All Day Thursday

April 2: Maundy Thursday – 6:30 PM

April 3: Good Friday – 6:30 PM

April 4: Lazarus Saturday – 5:30 PM

April 5: Easter Sunday – 6:30 AM SonRise Worship – 8:30 AM
Traditional Worship – 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship

THE PATH



For the week of
March 15, 2026
Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD

"Dig Another Well"

Monday 3.16 **Praying with Scripture** **Psalms 139:1-12**
Breathe in and out slowly. Inhale the presence of Christ; exhale any worries or tensions you are dragging around. Reread the psalm slowly and see if God speaks to you through it. Which lines seem most important? What words feel most "emphasized", or shine out at you? Stay in the silence. Is God showing you things about yourself that you haven't thought of before? Thank God that you can never be separated from Him.

Tuesday 3.17 **God with Us** **Isaiah 43:1-7**
God is everywhere. Isaiah wrote these words long before Christ, God's human form, came to earth, but we can easily insert the word "Christ" into this scripture. This prayer is from St. Patrick's Breastplate (Part of a Celtic prayer from the 7th or 8th century, Ireland): *"I arise today, Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ*

when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, Through belief in the threeness, through confession of the oneness, Of the Creator of Creation.” Today, be aware of the presence of God.

Wednesday 3.18 Remember Your Baptism Matthew 3

Sit and think in the silence for a few minutes. Ask God to show you what frightens you. What worries you? What sins have you accumulated since your baptism? Imagine standing at a sink, turning on the water and listening to it flowing freely. Take a deep breath and think of all that frightens, worries and makes you feel guilty or filled with regret. Ask for forgiveness. Hand each of these things to God, one by one. Feel each burden leave your body, through your hands, into the water. Let the water carry them away. Say, “I remember my baptism. Thank you, God, that I am pardoned and saved through Christ.”

Thursday 3.19 Peace and Safety Philippians 4:4-7

We live in a scary world. We live with illnesses, gimpy knees, fragile hearts, failing pension plans, terrorism, wars and fears of all sorts of things. We worry about children, jobs, futures, families, money, and friends. Our God is the God of peace. As you reflect on this passage, remember the “rejoice always” words from Paul. Think of someone you know who is afraid or worried. Hold them in prayers this week. Pray that the peace of God, which passes understanding, surround and permeate them. Next, pray in the same way for someone you don’t know well, or even persons whom you do not know at all. Let God be your guide, and rejoice in the peace that only God can give!

Friday 3.20 Faith in the world Philippians 1:12-14

Through our prayer and actions, like Paul, God can use us to spread the good news. And we don’t have to be in jail to do this! Next time you are out and about, be conscious of those around you, not as a

people or cars to navigate around, but as children of God. Pray for them. Pray for those in cars near us. Pray for first responders when they pass by with sirens and lights. Pray for the people that they are interacting with, that all will be safe and cared for. Pray for people who are on the streets and for the people who offer them help. Show Christ’s love with a smile, a helping hand, or even by yielding a great parking spot to them! We don’t know others’ circumstances, but we can pray that they feel God’s love, even if they don’t know God yet.

Saturday 3.21 The Jesus Prayer - Praying without Ceasing 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

What did Paul mean when he said to “pray without ceasing”? Many Eastern Orthodox monks believe that if we pray simply and often enough we begin to pray all the time. Our hearts beat in time with the prayer, our breath is synchronized with it. Their prayer is very simple: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.* Use your breath to repeat those words. Inhale *Lord Jesus Christ*, exhale *Son of God*, inhale *have mercy on me*, exhale *a sinner*. If so moved by the Spirit, change the words to fit your own conversation with God. Whisper your prayer as you walk, step by step, through your day. Pray your Jesus prayer for a long time. When you are finished, thank God for listening.

Sermon Notes



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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. / Friday 9 a.m.- 12 noon