

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.

July Mission: SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God *

Continuing to support CLUMC VBS this month! To support this month's mission, we welcome donations in the form of supplies, volunteerism, and monetary support.

UWF Rummage Sale! July 17 & 18th It is officially time to bring in your items for donation to the rummage sale! To volunteer, please sign up in the lobby or call the office.

VBS: Scuba- Diving into Friendship with God

Sign up now for VBS July 28-30th 5:30-8PM. Adults and Children register online at CLUMC.com or pick up a registration form in the lobby.

Camp Letters! Have you written a letter to a camper yet?

You do not need to know the camper yet to send them a letter! Grab a name from the lobby or the weekly newsletter to send well wishes. Thanks for supporting our youth and children!

Calendar at a Glance

July 17-18: UWF Rummage Sale!

Friday 7:30AM-3PM; Saturday 8AM-12 Noon

July 28-30: VBS Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God

August 9: Worship in the Park! 10:15 AM

Potluck to Follow. ALL Welcome!

THE PATH

For the week of
July 5, 2026

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



"Sacred Earth, Sacred Work – "The Paths of Life"

Sometimes it feels like the ones who are in charge of our lives here on earth are anyone but us! But the reality is, you always have a choice in how your life goes. It may not feel like we have any kind of control or choice in so many situations, but God is always there giving us options and guidance.

Prayer: Lord, as I walk the paths of life, take all that I have. Take my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my future. Take my entire will — all that I have and call my own. You have given it all to me. Lord, now I return it to you. Everything is yours. Do with it what you will. All I ask is that you guide me on the path. Amen.

Monday 7.6 "Joy Comes in the Morning" Psalm 30
You have a choice. As you are on the path of life, you get to have a say about your life and the choices that you get to (or have to) make. You are never alone in this process day-by-day that is life. Listen to these words: Verse 2 "I cried to you for help, and you have healed

me." Verse 5: "Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning." Verse 11: "My soul will praise you and not be silent." How do you feel God's presence with you as you walk the path of life?

Tuesday 7.7 "Seven"

From Pastor Scott: Nineteen years ago I counseled a couple as they prepared for their wedding. They were incredibly intentional about everything they did in their relationship. This showed even in the date and time they chose for their wedding ceremony: July 7, 2007 at 7:07 pm. Yup, 7 of 7 in 07 at 7:07. I have not had a chance to talk with them in recent years, but my hope is that their intentionality created a marvelous marriage. What is it in faith that you are intentional about?

Wednesday 7.8 "Paths of Righteousness" Psalm 23
"Righteousness" pretty much means "whatever is right". We are invited by God walk in paths that are right. This also means that we know what it's like to walk in paths that are wrong. The Lakota call this the "Crossing of the Red Path and the Black Path." Every morning, it is remembered, that every day is a new day facing a new path. We are offered the choice between the paths. No one forces us. We choose. Which path are you choosing today?

Thursday 7.9 "A Talking Donkey" Numbers 22:22-31a
Your Bible may say "road" instead of "path", but here is the story of the talking donkey who was being forced to go on paths he absolutely did NOT want to go on! But at every turn, every incident, he DID have a choice. He could see what Balaam could not. This story is fabulous in sharing what it means to walk in God's path but yet be trusting for God's guidance in places others may not be able to see. How does the story fit in your life?

Friday 7.10 "A Light to my Path" Psalm 119:105

God's Word is the lamp. When we are ready to go our own way down our own paths in life, it is always tempting to use our own light to go down our own path. So, can you remember a time when you made those choices? How did that work out for you? What did you think was going to happen? What did God create for your path?

Saturday 7.11 "The Right Path" Proverbs 4: 14, 18, 24-27

One of the theories about the book of Proverbs is that it may have been written by King Solomon, you know, the king who was asked by God in a dream what he wanted most. Instead of asking for power and wealth, he asked for wisdom. For much of his time as ruler of Israel, Solomon walked God's path of life. But not for all of it. He also wandered off the path in horrendous ways. You and I may not be royalty, but we walk with the power that rules this earth. From Jeremiah: "Choose this day whom you will follow. As for me and my family, we will choose the Lord."

Sermon Notes



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