

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.

August Mission: Back to School Supply Drive

Canyon Lake UMC partners with Meadowbrook Elementary School to ensure the kids have school supplies and clothes in case of emergencies.

We are excited to add another layer of support to students during our RCAS Clothing Closet Giveaway on August 20. Families across the district are welcome to come "shop" for free clothing from the RCAS lost-and-found and pick up needed school supplies as well!

*Donations of listed items and monetary gifts are both welcome! Please denote any monetary gift as "August Mission" or "School Supplies."

Calendar at a Glance

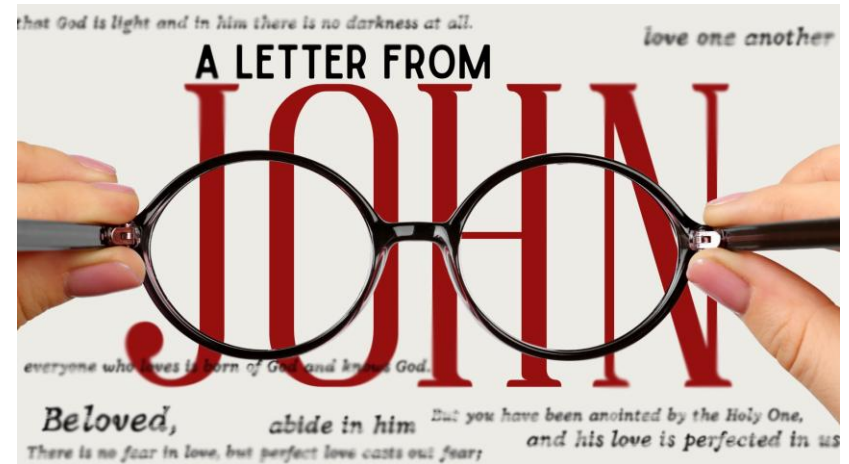
August 25: Blood Drive – Save the Date! 2-5:30 PM

August 30: Let's Talk About Small Groups Training
& Potluck - 11:30 AM

September 13: Blessing Sunday! &
Fall Kick-off Festival with Potluck 12-2PM



For the week of
August 23, 2026
Canyon Lake United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD



"John's First Letter"

What are the marks of being a Christian? You may think this is an easy and obvious question. It is not. For some branches of the Christian faith, the mark of that faith is solely what you believe. For other branches, the mark is solely what you do, or what words you use, or what church you go to, or what gifts of the Spirit you have. Let's explore what the marks of your faith are this week.

Prayer: Pure wisdom is found only in you, O Lord. Grant us the wisdom to know what it is you would have us do, to follow and serve you, today and forever. Amen.

Monday 8.24 "The Fruit of the Spirit" Galatians 5:16-26

Gal. 5:24 "If we live by the Spirit, let us be guided by the Spirit."

Which of these gifts do you have and live? We know how it is that we want to be treated by others. The question immediately becomes

how is it that others want to be treated by us, and do we do that?
This week we explore the basic marks of a Christian's life.

Tuesday 8.25 "A Christian Loves God" 1 John 4:1-6
Matthew 22:38 "And Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.'" This is the first and most basic mark of our faith. How is it that you demonstrate a love for God? How is it that you ignore this mark, whether intentionally or unintentionally?

Wednesday 8.26 "A Christian Rejoices in God" 1 John 4:7-12
Nehemiah 8:10 "Don't be sad, because the joy from the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah was one of the primary leaders in Jerusalem when the Jewish people came out of exile and slavery in Babylon. They returned to their capital city to rebuild it sixty years after it had been razed. To say the least, it was a mess. And yet, Nehemiah focused on the joy of the moment as they claimed their heritage and home once again. When has been a moment when you have experienced joy even in the face of darkness and disaster?

Thursday 8.27 "A Christian Gives Thanks" 1 John 4:13-16
1 Corinthians 9:15 "Thank God for his gift that words can't describe." We know and believe the love God has for us. It is not something that can be created or forced. This love... God's grace... is simply given to us. What are the gifts from God that you are most thankful for?

Friday 8.28 "A Christian Prays Constantly" 1 John 4:17-18
1 Timothy 2:1 "First of all, then, I ask that... prayers... be made for all people." In the love that God gives us, there is no fear. In praying for ourselves, others, and the world in which we live, we can come before God with calmness and confidence. There is a mark on our lives that other people can see or sense. How do you feel you have been marked?

Saturday 8.29 "A Christian Loves Others" 1 John 4:19-21
1 John 4:20 "The person who doesn't love a brother or sister who can be seen can't love God, who can't be seen." We tend to love the people whom we love, but then turn around and all too often treat others like some kind of garbage that our world would be better off without. And that is exactly how God does NOT work. Think of someone right now who irritates you to no end. What is one way in your thoughts, your words, or your actions that you could live love for them, if even in one tiny way? What if you would consider a second tiny way tomorrow? And then next day a third?

Sermon Notes



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