

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.

September Mission: Foundations for Families

of the Black Hills- A nonprofit dedicated to supporting families with children through housing stability, life skills, training, and community-based resources.

* To best support their mission, we are gathering monetary donations to purchase gift cards, gas cards, and diapers for the families they work with. Please denote any monetary gifts as "September Mission."

FALL HOURS BEGIN AFTER LABOR DAY

Beginning September 7, Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
9AM-2PM, Friday 9AM-12 Noon.

Beginning September 13, Worship Times:

Saturday Casual: 5:30 PM

Sunday Traditional: 8:30 AM

Sunday Contemporary: 11 AM

Calendar at a Glance

August 30: Let's Talk About Small Groups Training
& Potluck - 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

September 7: Office Hours return to Normal

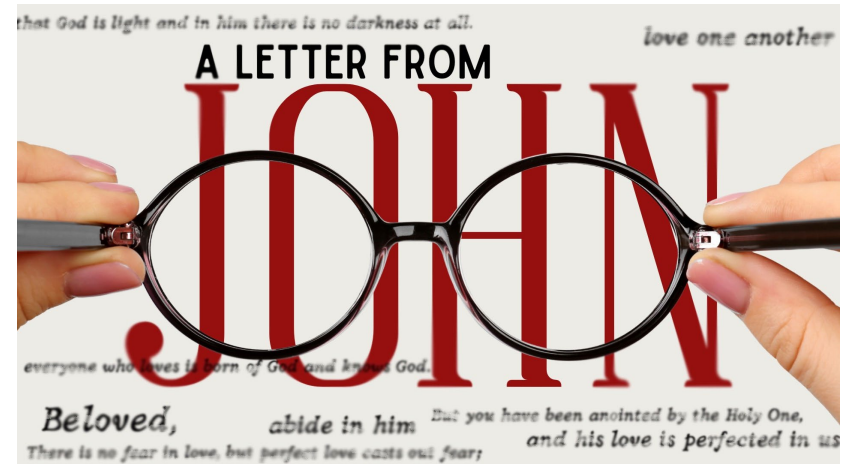
September 13: Blessing Sunday! &
Fall Kick-off Festival with Potluck 12-2PM
First Day of Sunday School!

September 16: Wednesday Night Activities Return!
-5:15-6:00 PM Community Dinner with Wednesday
programming to follow.

THE PATH

For the week of
August 30, 2026

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



"John's First Letter"

This week we wrap up our study of 1 John. It is really helpful to imagine the people who were receiving this letter. What do we know about them? They were among the earliest Christians (followers of The Way). They were most likely in multiple churches not too far apart in what is now western Turkey. They were Christian at this time, but most likely had been a follower of a different religion before this. For some reason, this pastor thought that this people really needed to hear not just about God's love for them through Jesus Christ, but also that there was an expectation for them: They were expected to love God AND the people around them. Now imagine this letter being read to them in worship and then imagine the conversation that it prompted. That's where we are at today. Listen! Love!

Prayer: Have faith in God!... Therefor I say to you, whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you will receive it, and it will be so for you. And whenever you stand up to pray, if you have something against anyone, forgive so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your wrongdoings. (Mark11:22b, 24-25)

Monday 8.31 "Our Identity in Faith" 1 John 5:1-5
Bishop Ruben Job says, "Our identity ifs found and formed by the God we worship and serve. Our life together as Christians is discovered, held together, and lived out based on our understanding of the God we have come to know and seek to follow." ("Three Simple Questions" p. 9) How is it that you intentionally follow God in your living?

Tuesday 9.1 "Who Is God?" 1 John 5:6-12
God sent us this gift of Jesus. Dallas Willard says, "Now Jesus himself was and is a joyous, creative person. He does not allow us to continue thinking of our Father who fills and overflows space as a morose and miserable monarch, a frustrated and petty parent, or a policeman on prowl. One cannot think of God is such ways while confronting Jesus' declaration, "Whoever has seen me has seen God." ("Three Simple Questions" p. 11) Who is God in your life? If you were trying to describe God to a 4-year-old child, how would you explain this to them?

Wednesday 9.2 "Who Am I?" 1 John 5:13-17
We are all children of God. 1 John 3:2 says, "Dear friends, now were are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be." Stop to think: How are you different because of your faith. What are some ways that you can imagine that would be far different in your life if you did not follow Christ?

Thursday 9.3 "Who Are We Together?" 1 John 5:18-21
There is a lot of evil in this world, but there is also so much that is good. We can each be part of that which is good. We can each be a saint in one way or another as we interact with those who are

around us. Evelyn Underhill says, "Sains are notoriously not interested in themselves, but passionately interested in God and other souls." ("Three Simple Questions" p. 51) What are your favorite ways of being interested in others with the love of God in your life?

Friday 9.4 "Your Journey" 1 John 2:6
Eugene Peterson says, "The end of all Christian belief and obedience, witness and teaching, marriage and family, leisure and work life, preaching a pastoral work is the living of everything we know about God: life, lief, and more life. If we don't know where we are going, any road will get us there. But if we have a destination — in this case a life lived to the glory of God — there is a well-marked way, the Jesus-revealed Way."

Saturday 9.5 "Your Faith" Read your favorite passage!
How is it that your faith has continued to change and grow through the years?

Sermon Notes



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