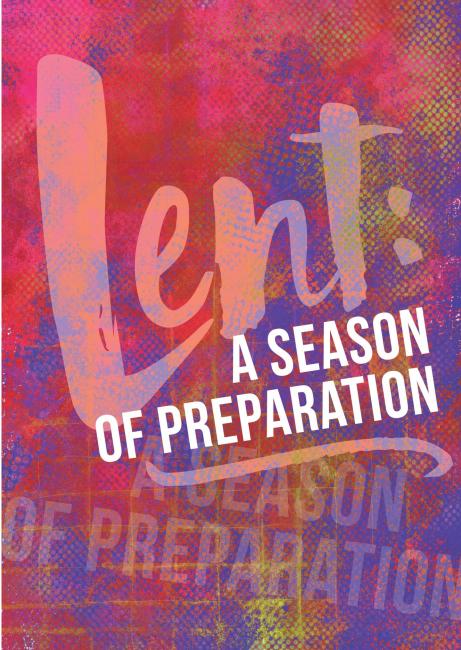
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# Service Times

- Wednesdays at 6 pm
- Saturdays at 5:30 pm
- Sundays at 9:00 am
- Communion is offered on the 2nd, 4th & 5th weekends

# **Weekly Events**

### Monday Noon Bible Study

Come explore the books of Galatians and Hebrews. Every Monday at Noon— Reformation Room

### Men's Bible Study at Hardees

Every Wednesday morning at 7:30 am Hardees on Haines Ave. by Applebees

### **Piecemakers Quilting Group**

Every Thursday at 9:00 am Fellowship Hall

You are invited to come and get connected with this fun group. There is sewing, quilting, and cutting along with fellowship and devotions. No experience is necessary!

# How to Get Connected

# Social Media:



facebook.com/south canyon lutheran

twitter.com/southcanyonlutheran



Instagram.com/southcanyonlutheran

realm https://onrealm.org/SouthCanyonLuth

# **Services Online**

We are live on Sundays at 9:00 am here:

South Canyon Lutheran YouTube

Facebook.com/south canyon lutheran

### • 4:45 pm - Meal

- 6:00 pm Worship
- 6:45 pm Small Groups/Faith Formation
- 7:10 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Adult Choir Rehearsal**

Weekly on Wednesdays at 7:10 pm Sanctuary

**Children's Choir Rehearsal** 

Weekly on Fridays at 3:30 pm Sanctuary

### **The Alleluia Ringers**

Weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm Sanctuary Loft This wonderful group of hand bell ringers practice weekly and ring in worship whenever they feel ready

### Get Text & Email Alerts:

Call the church office to get set up with our app-based platform so you can receive text. Let us know if you have an email where you would like to receive newsletters and other information.

### Download our Realm App:

We have a wonderful app for downloading. Call the church office to learn how!

### Call or Email our Main Office:

Or go to our website: sclc-rc.org and click on box to join us online.

### NEED TO CATCH UP?

Catch all the livestream and videos on our website or on YouTube at any time. Services are archived for viewing.



## PASTOR CHRIS BAESLER

Senior Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last month I wrote the following words "As we move towards Lent, I find myself wondering about Wonder. We all have questions about God and life and suffering and blessing. We have questions about God's goodness and people's badness. Why did this (insert your experience here) happen to me? Why is this (insert) happening to me now?

What is going to happen in the future? Why does God seem so close and present and faith seem so easy sometimes while other times it is just difficult to connect to God?...This Lent, as we prepare to Celebrate Jesus' love for us on the cross and his resurrection from the dead, our invitation is to embrace Wonder."

As I am typing this letter, blizzard snow is swirling outside my window and Ash Wednesday worship is postponed until next year. I am going to miss communion and the somber ceremony of the ashen cross upon our foreheads. I am going to miss proclaiming and hearing for myself the words "From Dust you have Come and to Dust you Shall Return." I have always heard this as a simultaneous reminder of both death and life and that they are intimately

connected. One doesn't exist without the other. Death makes life meaningful, and being alive makes death a certainty. This is why Jesus had to come...so that we could embrace both life and death with hope and love and grace. We can let go of holding on to life, as hard as it is to let go. And we know it is hard, but holding on to life is equally as hard; the ashes remind us that we aren't in control; even Jesus, God's son, died. His cross is a reminder that we don't have to hold on---God has our lives already wrapped up in LOVE.

I am going to miss receiving the ashes on my forehead —but then I know it is just a ritual, completed once a year to remind me of the everyday state of my life: that I will experience suffering and pleasure; good and bad; events beyond my control; disappointment and

uncertainty and brokenness and joy and happiness and blessing. And that I will wonder about it all even as I am assured by the death and resurrection of Jesus that underneath the ashen cross on my forehead I am a beloved Child of God.

May you be Wonderfull of life as you live in the promise of the cross.

Peace.

Pastor Chris

## BEAR BUTTE CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

SCLC is hosting the Bear Butte Conference Annual meeting on Sunday, March 12th at 3 pm. This meeting is open to the congregation. For more information, contact Pastor Chris.



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# FAITH FORMATION

# Sundays

### March 5th

Worship 9:00 am

### <u>March 12th</u>

Worship 9:00 am with Communion Parent Brunch 10:00-11:15 Church School 10:00—10:30 am

## March 19th

Worship: 9:00 am Church School 10:00 am Wild Game Potluck 4:30 Doors Open, 5:30 Meal Begins <u>March 26th</u>

Worship 9:00 am



# Wednesday Nights

Join us Wednesday evenings for a meal (4:45-6:00), Worship Service (6:00-6:40), and

Faith Formation: 4 yrs—5th grade (6:45-7:15); Middle School & High School (6:45-7:20)

# March 1st—Pulled Pork

Meal 4:45-6:00 pm Worship 6:00-6:40 pm Faith Formation 6:45-7:15 pm <u>Peer Groups</u> 4 yrs - 5th grade Middle School & High School

### March 8th—Lasagna

Meal 4:45-6:00 pm Worship 6:00-6:40 pm Faith Formation 6:45-7:15 pm <u>Peer Groups</u> 4 yrs - 5th grade Middle School & High School

March 15th—Meat Balls Meal 4:45-6:00 pm Worship 6:00-6:40 pm Faith Formation 6:45-7:15 pm <u>Peer Groups</u> 4 yrs - 5th grade Middle School & High School

### March 22nd—Cook's Choice

Meal 4:45-6:00 pm Worship 6:00-6:40 pm Faith Formation 6:45-7:15 pm <u>Peer Groups</u> 4 yrs - 5th grade Middle School & High School

### March 29th – Mexican Meat Loaf

Meal 4:45-6:00 pm Worship 6:00-6:40 pm Faith Formation 6:45-7:15 pm <u>Peer Groups</u> 4 yrs - 5th grade Middle School & High School

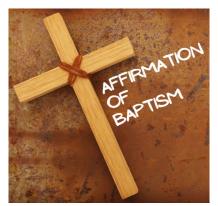
### Last Wednesday Night!

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# **MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE**















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# **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

# LENT DRAMA

THE STATE VS. THE KING OF THE JEWS Wednesdays March 1-29

Come see the story of Jesus' arrest, trial, and sentencing! We hope it will be meaningful for you.

# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** 9:00 am on the 1st Tuesday Koinonia Kafe

**EUNICE CIRCLE** 1:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday Koinonia Kafe

**WESTHILLS RUTH CIRCLE** 1:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday Westhills Village

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** 7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday via Zoom Study God's Word

MENS BIBLE STUDY at Hardees 7:30 am Wednesdays- weekly Hardees on Haines Ave. by Applebees

**BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR CHRIS** Noon on Mondays - weekly Reformation Room

# **WHAT'S HAPPENING** FREE LUNCH



If you are looking for a fulfilling way to volunteer for a couple hours, just participate in the next Free Lunch on March 7th. The sign up sheet, located at the information counter, has shifts to choose from or you can bring baked goods. The high school kids have been delightful to feed, and polite and appreciative too. (260 came in February). It's guaranteed to make your day! We

received this thank-you note from a Stevens High School teacher: "It was deeply appreciated that the church hosted our students and staff on Wednesday and Thursday during finals. It meant so much to be able to share time for both food and camaraderie outside of school. It was a wonderful break and the food was absolutely delicious! Please share my appreciation and thanks to all of the church family that hosted our school!" Each Free Lunch involves around 40 volunteers from our congregation—this thank-you is for them! The next Free Lunch is March 7 at 11:00 am. The menu includes chicken lasagna, garlic bread, garden salad, and desserts. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is located at the Information Counter in the Koinonia Room, or

call the office.

# M.E.N.S.

The Friday morning 6 AM - M.E.N.S. has ended a very long run. It's tough to see something as meaningful to me end. I suspect MEN aren't 'supposed' to be concerned about many of the good things our group discussed. Those few who looked forward to about many of the good things our group discussed. Those few who looked forward to stronger than usual coffee at an insanely early time included as charter and near charter members Dan LeLaCheur, Mike Blank, Corey Haeder, Brian Jenner, Jarit Carlson and Jamie Steel. I owe a great debt to Dan who brought this band of brothers together and struggled to keep the group focused on Spiritual things. This final chapter of a really good run would not be complete without giving due respect to Serving the Ladies Advent Brunch. The brunches bring many found memories of caffeinated guys trying to be quiet. Thank you guys for giving all of us a place to be men seeking God. There is peace in Christ, Jim Bishop





# **Tom Pfeifle Memorial** 2023 5k Run/Walk

For those who like to plan ahead, please mark your calendar for June 24, 2023 to attend the 7th Annual Tom Pfeifle 5K Run/Walk at Raider Park. Registration opens March 15th at www.tompfeifle5k.org. We honor Tom's memory as we run, walk, raise funds for the outdoors and spend time together. Race time is 8:30 am.

# **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

# THE CALL PROCESS UPDATE

Council leaders have completed the FaithX community demographic study. We will present that information to you in the upcoming days. Be on the lookout for a Congregational Vitality Survey that will arrive in your email in the upcoming weeks. We will send out a reminder before the survey arrives.

# **CONNECTIONS** – on Facebook



Did you know the average person spends a minimum of two hours a day on social media!? Let's give them some "God is working" to see and spread the Good News of his Word and all that SCLC is doing in the Name of Christ by sharing posts on this page.

Did you know because of shared posts, the news of our Free Lunch was seen by 5,000 people!?

Did you know because of shared posts, the news of the Piecemaker's Annual Quilt Sale was seen by over 1,500 people!?



We had an excellent turnout for the **Be the Beat** handsonly CPR Training. Thank you Kristi for teaching us this important skill!



JOHN STRELECKY The Cafe on the Edge of the World Our Souperbowl Sunday soup collection was a "souper" success! We so appreciate your support and continuing generosity that allows us to be a blessing to many.





The Café on the Edge of the World

by John Strelecky Saturday, March 18—8:30 am

# **Special Offering**



## Ministry of the Month – Lutheran Campus Ministry

Throughout each month we collect a special offering for an organization in our area that provides services to the community. All the money raised during this month goes directly to our Ministry of the Month for March - Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin:TheHills).

We will be collecting food for the Lutheran Campus Ministry at the School of Mines. Think college food – dorm living – canned soup, stews, and easy-to-make microwave dinners, snacks, trail mix, beef jerky, dried fruit, crackers, etc. Let's support these young adults who sometimes are over-whelmed as they balance their studies with work and their faith. Also, if anyone is interested in sponsoring and delivering an evening meal (to School of Mines) for 15-20 students, call the church office at 605-343-4887 for contact information.

This college campus ministry serves at Black Hills State University and School of Mines and strives to build community, deepen faith, expand minds, and inspire service. They participate in Thanksgiving Basket deliveries, MLK Day of Service, stocking campus food shelves, crochet caps and scarves for the downtown statues, support the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center, host retreats at Outlaw Ranch and other opportunities to do God's work.



Each week, they seek to feed their

members, both physically and spiritually and grow together in faith. They meet at both The Room in Spearfish and the Luther House in Rapid City for meals,

fellowship and project planning. They ask for ongoing prayers, especially each August when college classes start, safe travels on trips back to family and for those who will be moving on from college each semester.



Offering envelopes are in the back of the church and online donations can be made on Realm. Contact the church office at 605-343-4887 with questions. For more information contact Lutheran Campus Ministry. Check out their website at https://www.luminthehills.org/

# **Church Business**

## Financials as of January 2023:

Actual Contributions for month	\$77,690.15
Actual Expenses for month	\$ <u>62,006.87</u>
Net:	\$15,683.28
YTD Contributions	\$77,690.15
YTD Actual Expenses	\$62,006.87
YTD Net:	\$15,683.28
Total Budgeted Expenses for 2022	\$858,731.60

# thrivent Action Teams

# Are you a Thrivent member?

Would you be willing to sponsor an event or project at SCLC (such as Free Lunch)? It is very simple and we will help you with the application process. When you sponsor a project or event, SCLC gets up to \$250 to help with the cost, whether it is put towards a fundraising purchase or for a project item. This is such an easy way to help support our church and the ministry efforts here at South Canyon. Call Kristi in the church office for more information.

# The Giving Center

We are blessed to be a blessing! The Giving Center (baskets located in the entry way) is a space where we collect many items delivered to organizations in need. We so appreciate your generosity and caring with all the donations provided. These items are delivered to Adult Day Care, Treasured Lives, Church Response, Love, Inc., Passages, Hope Center, and others.

The current needs are diapers, wipes, feminine hygiene products (especially tampons), toilet paper, laundry soap and tissues. If you have hearing aids or eyeglasses, there is a bin for that as well. The Lion's Club sends those in to be refurbished for those in need. You can check out the bins as many items are often requested by various organizations.

Love, Inc., is always in need of bedding, towels, kitchen items (dishes, cups, silverware, small appliances, etc.) and those items can be dropped off at 414 E. Omaha Street.

Thank you for your continued support at South Canyon Lutheran Church. We appreciate you!



# COUNCIL MINUTES—January 9, 2023

Here are the highlights from the January meeting:

1. November minutes were approved.

2. Financials: Income for December 2022 was about \$88K, and expenses were about \$67K, for a positive difference of about \$20K for December.

- 3. Call Process: Specifics of the Call Process were discussed.
- 4. End of year programing: Wednesday night programming will end on March 29.

5. Wild Game Feed: The Wild Game Feed in March will include craft beer made by congregation members.

# WAYS TO GIVE AT SCLC

**Adult Day Center** 

- Mobile giving: use the REALM app
- Online giving: use the "Give Now" button at sclc-rc.org
- Automatic Giving
- IRA Direct Giving
- Text Giving: text to the phone number 73256
- In Person: stop by the office or use the offering basket at church services



linda@sclc-rc.org

# Pastoral Care



## Caring for Our Members

South Canyon Lutheran Church has many members in Care facilities and shut-ins. They appreciate visits from other church members. If you would like to visit one of these members once a month, and perhaps serve them communion, please let Linda Black know. You may do a visit on your own or with another person. This is a wonderful way to share God's love with those who gave so much to South Canyon Lutheran Church in years past.



# Soup Sisters

Soup Sisters will gather in the kitchen at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 13, to make soup for the freezer. The quarts of soup are then given to people just home from the hospital or grieving a loss. If you would like to be added to this list for notices please contact Linda Black.

## **Caregiver Lunch**

The next Caregiver Lunch will be Friday, March 17, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. This group is for people who are caregivers now and have been in the past. Please RSVP to Linda Black.





## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Prayer shawls are a wonderful gift to someone who might be in the need of feeling a warm hug of love. Yarn is available in the church office with patterns for knitting or crochet. If you know of someone who might be in need of a prayer shawl they are available at church.





The **DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS PROGRAM** ended March 1st, 2023. Thanks to everyone who brought us your shopping receipts for the last seven years. SCLC earned approximately \$7,000 overall!

# From the Office



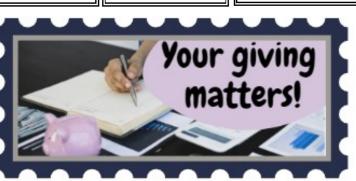
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### Helpers needed for Saturday and Sunday Worship Services:

- Assisting ministers
- Readers
- Ushers
- Communion servers
- Technology operators for online services

Signup forms are in back of the Sanctuary We also need people to help make coffee and clean up fellowship food on Saturday evenings.

Training can be provided!

If you see a need - step in !

Thank you for all of the ways you give to South Canyon Lutheran Church. If you're over 72, there is a way to take your required minimum distribution, skip the tax and make a meaningful gift to support our ministries at South Canyon Lutheran Church - the IRA Charitable Rollover. Talk with your financial advisor about this. Be sure to let Kristi in the office know to keep an eye out for the check. Thank you again! New Staff Search—Middle/High School Youth Ministry Director

We are looking for a passionate adult to lead our middle school and high school youth. This is a part-time/paid position with the possibility of 20 hours a week. The Youth Ministry Director will work closely with the pastor and Children's Ministry Director, along with other staff when necessary to lead and guide programming and participation of youth and their families in ministry. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact Pastor Chris.

# THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

It's time to finish directing 2022 Choice Dollars! South Canyon and South Canyon's Friend-Ship Preschool are both eligible organizations. We appreciate all of the funds that have been received and would ask members to consider directing their remaining amounts to SCLC. The funds are used for the kids through

scholarships, programs, equipment and supplies. If you have any questions or would like help, please contact Huether & Associates or email kristi@sclc-rc.org.

Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars<sup>®</sup>. Members become eligible for Thrivent Choice based on insurance premiums, contract values, and Thrivent volunteer leadership.



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Ellen Shirley ellen@sclc-rc.org

Happy March! All of our ensembles are working hard to present the best music we can to enhance our worship experience and to praise the Lord! We work hard, but we always have a good time in the process! If you are interested in learning more about any of our musical groups, please let me know.



The Sanctuary Choir is putting together music for the April 2nd, Palm Sunday Cantata. This year's cantata centers around the theme of "Peace." We have special music planned throughout Holy Week including trumpets to announce our Risen Lord! We have much to look forward to!

The Kid's Choir has been learning to read rhythms in addition to practicing solfege syllables. Choir games include "Rhythm Bingo" and "Solfege: Stump the Choir" (which they always seem to win.) As much fun as they have singing, if you were to ask them what the best part of choir is, I'm sure their answer would be "the treats!"





All ensembles will meet throughout the month as usual, except for Kid's Choir. **\*There will be no Kid's** Choir Friday, March 10 and 17.\*



Here is the schedule:

SCHEDOLE			
DAY	TIME	ENSEMBLE	LOCATION
Tuesday	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Bell Choir	Balcony
Wednesday	5:50 – 6:00 pm	Worship Band	Sanctuary
(3-22)	6:40 – 7:10 pm	Joyful Noise	Sanctuary
	7:10 – 8:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Balcony
Friday	3:30 – 4:10 pm	Kid's Choir	Sanctuary
		No Choir 3/10 or	



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# **Children, Youth & Family**



will have the opportunity to go to camp.



March

1 Wednesday Nights—Peer Groups

7 Free Lunch

8 Wednesday Nights—Peer groups/Youth group

12 Parent Brunch & Church School 10:00,
15 Wednesday Nights—Peer Groups
19 Church School 10:00 am Wild Game
Potluck Doors open at 4:30, Meal begins at 5:30
22 Wednesday Nights Day Contemport

22 Wednesday Nights-Peer Groups29 Last Wednesday Night



Michelle Baesler michelle@sclc-rc.org 605.343.4887





**Stay Warm –You are loved!** Our cold weather blessing bags were packed, blessed and delivered! Thank you to those who helped pack and donated items. Deb said these bags would be given to those who are new to Cornerstone; men who often come right off the street. What a joy to love our neighbors.



Sunday, April 2nd after worship 10:00am

5TH GRADE AND YOUNGER, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS!

Bring your Easter Baskets & Meet in the Sanctuary JOIN US FOR THE EASTER STORY, PRIZES & REFRESHMENTS

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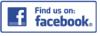
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Chris Baesler, Senior Pastor

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Kristi Wellendorf, Office Manager

Michelle Baesler, Director of Children, Youth and Family

Linda Jensen, Kitchen Coordinator

Ellen Shirley, Director of Worship & Music

Sheila Hoyer, Administrative Assistant

Sarah Storm, Worship Coordinator



Marsha Mertes, Pianist Mary Weidenbach, Choir Accompanist Lori Brey, Nursery Attendant Mark Meier, Custodian

Ken Weybright, Computer Consultant Andrea Wager, Bookkeeper

**Friend-Ship Preschool** 

Phone: 605-343-4887 Fax: 605-355-0435 info@sclc-rc.org

Preschool 3's-8:45 am to 11:15 am

**Pre-Kindergarten 3 day**: M, W, F - 8:45 am to 12 pm

Pre-Kindergarten 5 day: M-F- 8:45 am to 12 pm

### Friend-Ship Preschool Staff

Rana Holland, Preschool Director Julie Kokesh, Preschool Teacher Laura Mason, Preschool Teacher Lindsey Wellendorf, Preschool Teacher Church School March 12 & 19 10:00 am

### Wednesday Nights

*Meal* - 4:45 pm *Family Worship* - 6:00 pm *Faith Formation* - 6:45

### **Mission of the Month:**

Lutheran Campus Ministry



LuMin:TheHills