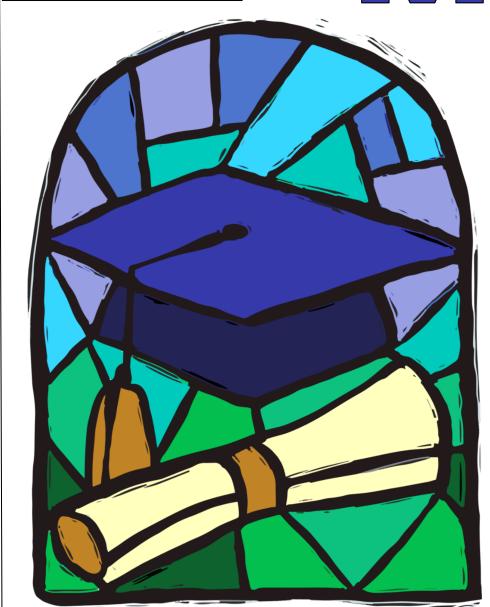
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Parish News



Congratulations Graduates!

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Wednesdays at 6 pm (September-March)

- 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

Mondays at Noon- Reformation Room

Men's Bible Study at Hardees

Wednesday mornings 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

Will resume in September

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Weekly on Wednesdays at 7:10 pm (September-April) Sanctuary

Children's Choir Rehearsal Weekly on Fridays at 3:30 pm (September-May 12) Sanctuary

The Alleluia Ringers

Weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm (September-May) 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.

A MESSAGE FROM CHURCH COUNCIL AND PASTOR CHRIS BAESLER



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Christ is Risen! I hope you had a blessed Easter season. I know I was blessed by our Easter worship together and your presence. There seems to be a lot of positive energy around worship and I celebrate the Holy Spirit's work among us in that way. Praise be to God.

I want to make you aware of a number of things upcoming in congregation life. The first is the Congregational Vitality Survey. Pay attention to your mail and your email. You

should be receiving a postcard and email with instructions for completing the survey. The survey is intended to help the congregation discern ministry direction and leadership needs. Please complete a survey as soon as possible; it will be open until May 12th. The council wants to share those results with the congregation as soon as possible, hopefully at the Semi-Annual Meeting in May.

The second thing is the Semi-Annual Meeting. Sunday, May 21, at 10:00 a.m. is our spring Semi-Annual Meeting. The focus is program/ministry review and election of officers. (November is our fall meeting: the focus is program/ministry review and budget approval). The order of business will be as follows: Opening Devotion, Approval of Minutes, Leadership Reports, Elections, and Old/New Business. Old/New Business will be:

Budget and Financial Update

Congregational Vitality Survey Results

Call Process

Outdoor Space Update

Other...

I look forward to seeing you at the Semi-Annual Meeting and to the work God promises to be doing among us; and God is faithful. Hebrews 11:1-3 "*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.*"

Peace in Christ.

Financials as of March 2023:

Actual Contributions for month	\$82,800.19
Actual Expenses for month	\$62,652.10
Net:	\$20,148.09
YTD Contributions	\$217,034.98
YTD Actual Expenses	<u>\$197,905.17</u>
YTD Net:	\$19,129.81
Total Budgeted Expenses for 2023	\$858,731.60

Account balances as of March 2023:

General fund	\$160,587.39
Building Fund	\$136,316.30
Trust (Memorial, Thrivent Choice, Piecemakers)	\$137,314.87



FAITH FORMATION

Sundays

<u>May 7th</u> Worship 9:00 am Graduation Sunday and Brunch

<u>May 14th</u> Worship 9:00 am with Communion <u>May 21st</u> Worship: 9:00 am

May 28th Worship 9:00 am with Communion

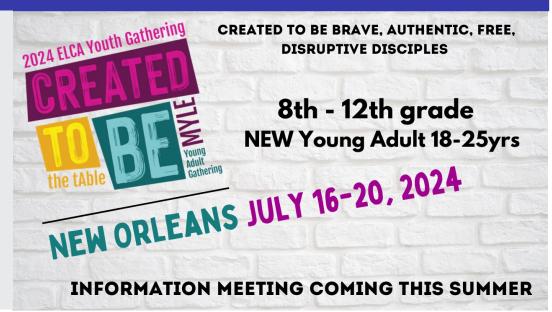
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

This is going to be FUN! Contact Pastor Chris or Michelle for more information at 605-343-4887.



MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE







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PALM SUNDAY



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EASTER VIGIL











CLEAN-UP DAY

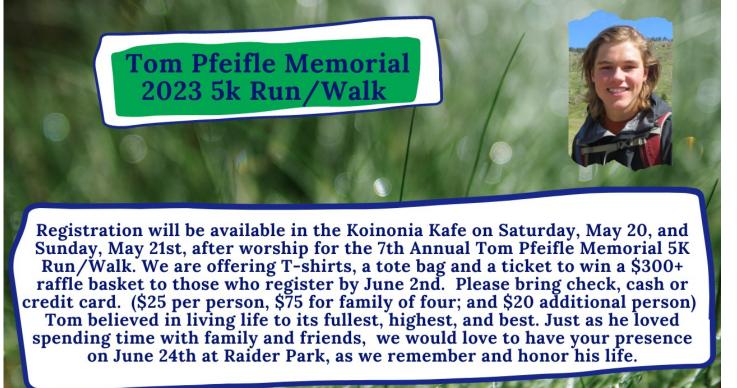




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See, Grow, Serve to the Glory of God

WHAT'S HAPPENING





Thank you for the wonderful response for help with **Free Lunch** in April. Our final **Free Lunch for Finals** will be on Wednesday, May 31st and Thursday, June 1st. These lunches are unique in that there is only one lunch period, so we can expect 300 hungry students and staff to arrive all at once! It's such a fun experience, and we'd love to have you serve or provide baked goods. Please add your name to the list available at the Information Counter. Thanks, Diane T.

BIBLE STUDIES

WOMEN 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 4th Tuesday via Zoom (this month only)



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

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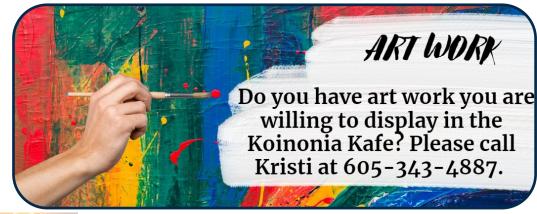
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THE CALL PROCESS UPDATE

At this time, the process for calling a second pastor is on hold because the current financial situation does not support a salary. However, we will continue with the Congregational Vitality Survey to help us plan for the future. Look for a survey link in your email inbox and a postcard mailing to arrive at the beginning of May. If you would like a paper copy, one can be provided; please contact the church office. The survey will be open through May 12th.

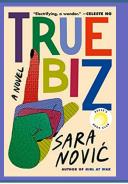


Friend-Ship Preschool still has a few openings available for the 5-day Pre-K class and the Tuesday/Thursday 3-year –old class.





4905 Mt. Rushmore Drive, Rapid City Tickets \$20



BOOK CLUB

willing to display in the Koinonia Kafe? Please call

Kristi at 605-343-4887.

ART WORK

True Biz by Sara Novic Saturday, May 20-8:30 am

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See, Grow, Serve to the Glory of God

Special Offering for April



Ministry of the Month – One Heart Ministry

Throughout each month we collect a special offering for a ministry in our community that provides needed services to many in the area and this month is **OneHeart – A Place for Hope and Healing.**

The purpose of the OneHeart transformational campus is to elevate the human spirit and the spirit of the Rapid City community. By providing transitional housing and co-locating a variety of services – from addiction and mental health counseling to life skills and job



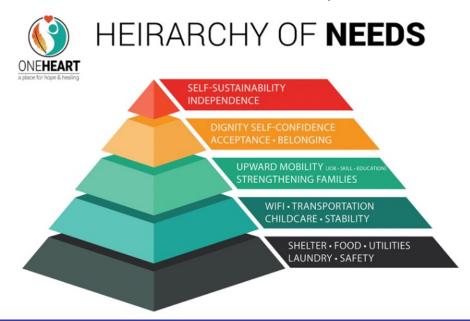
training – they can efficiently, effectively and collectively create pathways out of poverty for those desiring to thrive.



The four-acre campus, located at 217 Kansas City Street, brings opportunities to create how the Rapid City community addresses poverty and housing insecurity. OneHeart seeks to move people out of that situation entirely, rather than continuing to treat the symptoms of poverty. The goal for guests is that they have permanent housing and steady employment when they leave campus. If the cycle of poverty can be broken for families, lives

will be changed for future generations while boosting the local workforce.

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.



Church Business

 	
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CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY SURVEY

Look for a postcard coming soon in the mail which contains an email link to the survey. The survey deadline is May 12th. Please fill out the survey online, or call the church office for a paper survey if you would prefer.

thrivent[®] Action Teams

Are you a Thrivent member?

Action Grants - Did you know you can apply for a Thrivent Action Grant that can help fund many different events and programs at South Canyon Lutheran Church? The process is really simple, the \$250 given by Thrivent through you can have a big impact. Contact Kristi if you are willing to sponsor and learn more. Thank you!

THE GIVING CENTER



"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 Thanks to all who continue to faithfully fill the baskets in the Giving Center located at the entrance of the church. All items were given out in March so we are asking for your help to fill the empty baskets. These gifts have been such a blessing to so many at the Hope Center, Adult Day Care, Passages, Treasured Lives, South Canyon Elementary, Love, Inc., Woyotan Church, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Church Response, Feeding South Dakota and others. It's a small way to help in a big way!

The greatest needs are food, feminine hygiene products, diapers/wipes, toilet paper, tissues, toothpaste/brushes, deodorant, laundry soap. You can pick up a list in the Giving Center, too.

Do you have ideas for other ministries that you'd like to see the church be part of? We'd love to hear about those non-profits you feel important to continue to support in 2024.

Please call the office at 605.343.4887 or email info@sclc-rc.org.

COUNCIL MINUTES—March 13, 2023

Here are the highlights from the March meeting: **1.** February minutes were approved. **2.** Kids Against Hunger—Discussion on future of this ministry. Possible options include having a few packs to use the food/product we have and shut it down, or find someone to take it over. One person from outside the congregation has expressed interest in taking it over. Pastor Chris and Kristi will be meeting with them as soon as possible. **3.** Church Constitution Update—The Church Constitution and By-laws need a review and update/change. Pastor Chris and Greg Eiesland have reached out to the synod parliamentarian to find out the appropriate process.

WAYS TO GIVE AT SCLC

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



Linda Black linda@sclc-rc.org



of South Canyon Lutheran Church

Pastoral Care



Soup Sisters

Soup Sisters will gather in the kitchen at 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 8, 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, May 19, 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.



Would you like communion delivered to your home? Please call Linda Black at 605-343-4887

Please call the church office by Thursday to have prayers added to the worship bulletin.





Would you like a hospital visit? Please call the office at 605-343-4887 to let us know.

From the Office



Kristi Wellendorf kristi@sclc-rc.org 605.343.4887



Sarah Storm sarah@sclc-rc.org 605.343.4887



Sheila Hoyer sheila@sclc-rc.org 605.343.4887

vitalant[№] **BLOOD DRIVE** at South Canyon Lutheran Church June 26

Woyatan Lutheran Church

We will serve the meal and worship with their members on Sunday, May 21st. Meet at Woyatan at 11:00 am.







MEN'S

CHURCH LEAGUE SOFT BALL

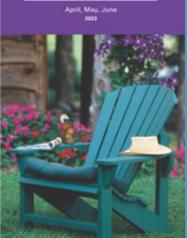
First game Tuesday, May 9 Field clean-up day Saturday, May 6



GOLF LEAGUE Sign up to join the golf league at the information counter or call the office at 605-343-7887. The league will play May 30 until August 8.

Christ in Our Home

DEVOTIONS



Have you enjoyed listening to the Lenten Devotions? Thanks to all who recorded devotions for us participation was wonderful!

We would like to continue providing devotions from *Christ in Our Home* on a weekly basis. Contact Kristi if you are interested in reading a devotion for us to record.

Director of Worship





ellen@sclc-rc.org

Before I talk about May, I want to thank everyone for April – for all those who sang, played for, and narrated the Cantata, for all those who provided special music during Holy Week and Easter (Sanctuary Choir, Kid's Choir, Bells, Guest Musicians and Organists), for the bells ringing the Sunday after Easter, and for everyone in Joyful Noise – Bless You!! Thank you for sharing your gifts of music and for helping us all celebrate the story of our Risen Lord!

With May comes the end of our program year for music. Here's what's planned for May:



We will continue **Kid's Choir** through Friday, May 12 and sing one last time on Mother's Day, May 14. **Hand Bells** will continue through the month of May. (We'll stop when vacations start.)





Sanctuary Choir is finished practicing on Wednesdays, but will still sing for worship May 7 and 21. **Brian Shirley** will lead worship on the piano for us May 14, and **Joyful Noise** will finish out the month for the Memorial Day Weekend.

If you are interested in sharing your musical talents with the congregation this summer, please let me know!

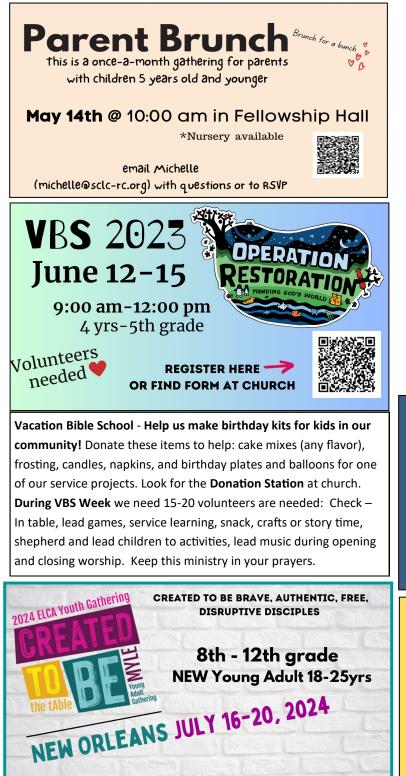


Many thanks to Owen Mertes! Owen operates the slides on Saturday nights and does a great job! If you come to Saturday or Sunday worship with your family, would you consider learning how to run the slides? We are in need of more slide and streaming operators. These are not difficult jobs but are very important. Contact the church office or call 605-343-4887. Thanks also to our other dedicated slide and streaming operators:

- Butch Bowman
- Jerry Duba
- Phil Busching
- Dan Cavanaugh
- Lorie Whiting
- Johannes Carter
- Connor Broomfield
- Kyle Richards
- Brent Ziegler
- Bob Thompson

Children, Youth & Family

What a wonderful Holy week and Easter! It was good to be together as we celebrated our Risen Lord! Thank you to those who helped plan & lead our Easter Egg Hunt for almost 30 children and their families. Thank you to the youth who helped with our Good Friday and Easter Vigil services and to Diane Forsyth for her gift to the children. Know you and your gifts are welcome here at SCLC.



INFORMATION MEETING COMING THIS SUMMER





May

7 Graduation Sunday@ 9:00 with familybrunch to follow

14 Parent Bruch @10:00

21 VBS Registration Due





CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES AT 9:00 WORSHIP Brunch to Follow for our seniors & Their Families

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF Free Lunch Finals @ South Canyon Lutheran Church 11:30–12:30

> May 31 - Grilled Burgers, Veggie Trays and Desserts June 1 - Brats, Salad and Desserts

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Celebrating Our Graduates





James Furchner

James is undecided about his plans for the fall at this time.

Awards: James is graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Favorite bible verse: Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Favorite church memory: Pastor Chris running down the aisle dressed as a shower.





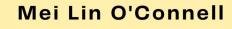
Ben Dressler

Ben will be graduating with honors.

Ben will be attending SDSU studying biology and pre-medicine.

Favorite church memory: confirmation classes on Wednesday nights and being with his friends. SCLC has always been a special and familiar place for him.





Mei Lin plans to continue her aerial career in Las Vegas and Florida while taking college courses.

Awards: Tomorrow's Leader Girl Scout; Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold; Four-year letter in band; One-year letter in orchestra.

Favorite Memory: Minneapolis Minneso trip and Vacation Bible school attendee and volunteer.



Piece of Advice: Do things for yourself that'll make you happy; don't follow or go by others which will make you someone you're not.

Molly Churchill

Awards: student volunteer of the semester, spirit of volunteerism honoree, and senior citizen prom co-chair.

Molly plans to attend the University of Montana to study wildlife biology. She hopes to become a park ranger and own lots of pets.

Favorite church memory: Middle School adventure trip to Colorado in 2017!!

Piece of advice: "Just keep swimming" – Finding Nemo





Evelyn Haar

- Accomplishments

 2022 Flight 6 singles state tennis champion
- 2022 and 2023 national speech and debate qualifier in student congress
 - 2023 science bowl national qualifier
- National merit scholar commended student
- Presidential scholar nominee
- National Honor Society Treasurer2022 AP Scholar with Distinction

Evelyn plans to study industrial engineering at Purdue University.

Favorite church memory: Helping out at vacation bible school in the summers.



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Celebrating Our Graduates



Jerred Ziegler

Jerred will be attending South Dakota State University in the fall studying physical therapy.

Congratulations!



Tanna Phares

Awards: National Honor Society.

Tanna will be attending The University of Sioux Falls as a Radiologist Technician.

Favorite bible verse: Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Favorite church memory: Driving up Pikes Peak on our Middle School mission trip.

Piece of advice: "Never stop learning and growing as a person."



Tia Gease

Tia plans to attend Black Hills State University to play D2 softball.

Favorite Scripture: Matthew 22:37-39 "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is equally important, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Piece of advice: Follow God.

Awards





Morgan Sabers

 National Honors Society - Awarded by Stevens High School Varsity Letter for Speech and Debate Awarded by Stevens High School

 Speech and Debate - Recognition for acquiring over 150 points in a single year, four years in a row

- NSDA Special Distinction- Awarded by National Speech and
 Debate Association for or my competition in tournaments across
- the state

 Miscellaneous medals for placing at USA Gymnastics competitions - Awarded by various USA Gymnastics Sanctioned Gymnastics Meets

Scholarships

Morgan plans to attend Saint Olaf College

in Northfield, Minnesota and major in Biology.



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For surely I know the plans I

Jeremiah 29:11-14a



one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9am Elizabeth Circle	3 7:30am Men's Bible Study	4 9am Piecemakers	5	6
		6:30pm Bells			3:30pm Kids choir	5:30pm Worship
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9am Worship 10am Graduation Brunch	12pm Bible Study with Pastor Chris 6pm Council meeting	6:30pm Bells Men's Softball Game			3:30pm Kids choir	5:30pm Worship with communion
14 Mother's Day 9am Worship with communion 10am Parent Brunch	15 12pm Bible Study with Pastor Chris	16 1:30pm Eunice Circle 1:30 pm Westhills Ruth Circle 6:30pm Bells	17 7:30am Men's Bible Study	18 9am Piecemakers	19 2pm Caregivers Lunch	20 8:30am - Book Club
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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 Mission of the Month:

One Heart Ministry

