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"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.' "

John 7:38



Worship Service Times

- Wednesdays at 6:00 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!

Women's Bible Studies - Check inside for details on the groups

How to Get Connected

Social Media:



facebook.com/south canyon lutheran

twitter.com/southcanyonlutheran

Instagram.com/southcanyonlutheran

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

Wednesday Nights

Will resume September 6:

- 5:00 pm-Meal*
- 6:00 pm-Worship
- Small Groups/Faith Formation
- 7:10 pm- Adult Choir Rehearsal

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Weekly on Wednesdays at 7:10 pm (Sanctuary Loft)

Children's Choir Rehearsal

Weekly on Fridays at 3:30 pm (Sanctuary) beginning September 8th.

The Alleluia Ringers

Weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm (Sanctuary Loft) beginning September 5th. 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, including Weekly Connections.

Download our Realm App:

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

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.

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A MESSAGE FROM CHURCH COUNCIL AND PASTOR CHRIS BAESLER



Dear Siblings in Christ,

At one point in Jesus' ministry, as he proclaimed the good news of God's love, his heart was moved with compassion for the hurting people around him so that He told his disciples, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* Then, Jesus sent his disciples out into the world as the answer to that specific prayer. This verse has been on my mind lately as we (SCLC community) continue through staffing transitions and financial changes. As the

apostle Paul tells us in Romans 12:1-8, the members of the church are the answer to the ministry needs of the present moment.

"...by the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ...we who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness."

You and your gifts matter to God's purpose for us at SCLC to share the good news of God's love for the world. To that end, I want to make you aware of ongoing blessings and challenges in our church community and invite you to participate in an upcoming Harvest Festival as we celebrate what God is doing and imagine new possibilities.

- Staff Transitions:
 - Sarah Storm (Worship coordinator), Michelle Baesler (Director of Children and Family Ministry), and Linda Black (Pastoral Care) have moved on to other things this past month.
 - One of the second of the se
 - Nicole Morse will be helping with leadership for Wednesday children's programming serving our Wednesday children and their families.
 - **Sunday Church School teachers needed**
- Finances: Please prayerfully consider the financials printed on page 8. Given current financial trends, we need to acknowledge that the ministry at SCLC needs to look different in the future. In the past we would hire staff to coordinate and lead programming, but we simply don't have the financial resources to address all our ministry needs in this way.

The church needs our financial resources to continue ministry; but more importantly it needs us/you; which is our wholistic engagement (our bodies as Paul says) of time, gifts, and sacrifice. A strategic planning task force has been activated to help us discern new purpose in this time and place; the past strategic plan will be utilized as intended to imagine new possibilities of ministries and where and how you can be involved.

We are planning a Harvest Festival (see details on the page 5) to celebrate God's abiding faithfulness amidst the blessings and challenges of life; to celebrate ongoing ministry; and to imagine new possibilities and ways you might bless the congregation. Know that you matter to God and God's work in the world and that whatever comes, Jesus' death was *for you* so that you might have the hope of new life always.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Chris

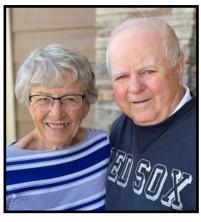
MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE







Serving at Woyatan



Gladys & Wes Storm's 65th Wedding Anniversary



Ella & Verlyn Stotz's 70th Wedding Anniversary May 31, 2023



College Blessing



Lindsey Wellendorf YAGM Commission





Kindergarten Milestone

Music Program Ice Cream Social

WHAT'S HAPPENING

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The church is always being renewed and resurrected through the work of the Holy Spirit. Come to the Harvest Festival and celebrate God's presence and promises of abundance.

Dates: Wednesday September 27th 5:00 – 7:15. Sunday October 1st after Worship

Purpose:

- Fellowship and fun
- Celebrate what God is doing through our ongoing ministries (if you are a ministry leader, please talk with Pastor Chris about how you might promote the work God has called you to do)
- Inspire creativity and passion. What would you like to see happening at SCLC and how can you be a
 part of making it happen? If there is something you would like to get started at SCLC or through
 SCLC, consider setting up a table where you could invite people to share your passion. Contact the
 office if you would like to share your passion with others in this way.
- Check out the Imagine the Possibilities area

There will be barbecue, Giant games for kids and adults, and other opportunities to connect with each other along with tables highlighting ministries inviting you to participate. If you would like to help make this event a fun and meaningful time, please contact the office, Pastor Chris, or LaDonna Hamre. We hope to see you at the Harvest Festival.



FREE LUNCH



Free Lunch for High School students will begin on **Tuesday, September 19th**. We look forward to having a wonderful and faithful group of volunteers to continue to bring "unity" and " community" to SCLC as we serve these students. We'll be looking for volunteers to man the grill, set up, serve, clean up and provide baked goods. Watch for the opportunity to sign up in the Koinonia Kafe.

Twenty years ago, when this outreach began, students asked Deanna Darr, "why are you doing this for us?" Her reply was, "because you are our neighbors, we care about you, and we want you to know this is a safe place. You are always welcome here." This is still true today.

These comments were heard as students were leaving our last Free Lunch:

- "Man, those ladies can cook!"
- "I was so hungry when I came to school and I didn't have any lunch money."
- "I've never been in a church before."
- "I go to this church, and I love to bring my friends here."

I was blown away to discover that 86 individuals contributed to the success of the Free Lunch Ministry this past school year. Thank you for all the help—let's turn that 86 into 100 this year!

Dianne Tschetter, Council President



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



GIVING CENTER NEEDS

Going shopping this week? Can you help us be a blessing to others? All the items in the Giving Center are collected and given to local non-profit organizations that include the Hope Center, Church Response, Lutheran Campus Ministries to name a few. We appreciate your support in this ongoing outreach effort.

FOOD INSECURITY AT STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL

While visiting with Stevens High School administration last spring, we learned about food insecurity, and the lack of funding to address it. Teachers are asked to contribute to the food pantry to help students who come to school hungry, or to those that need food to get through a weekend at home. This is a great opportunity to serve our neighbors and share our resources. South Canyon Lutheran Church has been awarded another opportunity to raise funds simply by purchasing a meal at Pancheros on Friday, September 22 from 4-8 pm. You may dine in, take out, online pickup, and 20% of all orders will be donated back to our church. What a wonderful way to launch this outreach project! Simply by eating, we can generate funds to support a food pantry right next door. Make a reservation using this link: www.groupraise.com/events/257345 or the code: below:





BOOK CLUB

Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth By Sarah Smarsh

8:30 am September 16th



Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

ELIZABETH CIRCLE W 9:00 am on the 1st Tuesday 1:3 Koinonia Kafe W Leader-Barb Nelson

EUNICE CIRCLE 1:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday Koinonia Kafe Leader-Jo Walker

PRISCILLA CIRCLE 7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday via Zoom Leader-Carol Davies

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Men's Bible Study 7:30 am Wednesdays- weekly Hardees on Haines Ave. by Applebees Leader-Clint Semmler

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

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

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FAITH FORMATION

Sundays

September 3rd

Worship 9:00 am

September 10th

Worship 9:00 am with Communion Parent Brunch 10:00 am (Nursery available) <u>September 17th</u>

Worship: 9:00 am

September 24th

Worship 9:00 am with Communion (Sunday School is still being organized-teachers are needed)

Wednesday Nights

MEALS

(5:00-6:00 pm)

September 6th—Mexican Meatloaf September 13th—Grilled Hamburgers & Brats September 20th—Lasagna September 27th—Harvest Festival

PROGRAMMING

Worship 6:00-6:30 pm Faith Formation 6:35-7:15 pm

Peer Groups

- 4 yrs 5th grade
- Middle School
- High School

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR KITS WE WILL ASSEMBLE IN OCTOBER

> Bring supplies for one kit or several kits

Supplies will be collected in a bin in the Koinonia Room

• 1 30-cm ruler

- | pencil sharpener
- I blunt end scissors
- 5 unsharpened #2
- pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue ball point pens
- I box of 16 or 24
- crayons • 1 2-1/2"eraser
- 4 70-sheet notebooks
- I sturdy drawstring cloth bag

Church Business

Council Meeting Highlights for July 2023

*Financials: See Financial Report

*Congregation Listening Session dates were scheduled for

July (Sat) 22, (Sun) 23, (Wed) 26, (Sun) 30.



*Kids Against Hunger: Discussion regarding formally ending the program. Decision was made to end Kids Against Hunger. Remaining food products will be donated and advice from Sioux Falls office will be sought for the remaining equipment.

*Constitution and By-law Change: Task force has been activated; 3 more members need to be added to the team.

*Church use by Dakota Choral Union was approved for October 22, 2023 and April 21, 2024.



Thanks for your giving! There are many ways to give financially to the church. Using preprinted offering envelopes - please be sure to let Kristi in the office know so we can order you a set. If you'd like to give electronically there are several options: automatic withdrawal from your checking account or debit/credit card - you can set this up through Realm, or stop by and see Kristi, give when you want - access through our website or Realm and follow instructions, text to give is another option - text SCLC to 73256 then follow the instructions. RMD giving is an easy option - talk with your financial advisor to give to church directly from your IRA. Thank you for blessing our ministry here at SCLC!

FINANCIALS

Please use the following information when referencing the July 2022 and July 2023 financial information below. The 2022 expenses, monthly and year to date, included an Associate Pastor salary and a full-time Children, Youth & Family salary.

The 2023 financial information for July does not include an Associate Pastor salary expense and includes half-time salary for the Children, Youth & Family (CYF) position. The Year-to-Date numbers for 2023 included one month's salary for the Associate Pastor, five months full-time pay and two months half-time pay for CYF salary.

Financials as of July 20	22:				
Actual Contributions for month	\$37,406.01				
Actual Expenses for month	<u>\$66,545.92</u>				
Net:	\$-29,139.91				
YTD Contributions	\$471,407.52				
YTD Actual Expenses	<u>\$438,938.89</u>				
YTD Net:	\$32,473.63				
Total Budgeted Expenses for 2022	\$898,433.00				
Account Balances as of July 2022					
General Fund	\$214,597.00				

Financials as of July 2023:		
Actual Contributions for month	\$37,851	
Actual Expenses for month	\$45,897	
Net:	-\$8,046	
YTD Contributions	\$431,205	
YTD Actual Expenses	<u>\$418,917</u>	
YTD Net:	\$12,288	
Total Budgeted Expenses for 2023	\$858,731.60	
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Account balances as of July 2023:	
General fund	\$176,354
Building Fund	\$126,954
Savings (Memorial, Thrivent Choice, Piecemakers)	\$136,234
Pastor's Discretionary	\$1,377

Special Offering for September

CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION



The Cornerstone Rescue Mission started with the missionary work of Dave and Cheryl Adams in the early 1980's. They first sheltered the homeless in their own residence and then created the Mission in a house at the corner of 12th and St. Joseph Streets.

Today, Cornerstone is the main provider of shelter and the only ongoing and free source of meals for the many homeless in the Black Hills region. The main facility houses as many as 160 homeless men nightly and feeds twice that many. During the holiday season, this number swells to nearly 500 served.

The Women and Children's Home opened in 2005, providing a safe place for 400 women and

children annually and provides nearly 9,500 overnight stays to their guests. They also provide low-income apartments for qualifying individuals, serve homeless veterans and serve three meals 365 days a year in their kitchen. Each meal is preceded with worship and/or devotion.

For less than \$25 a day, they provide three meals, clothing, shelter, case management and transportation to and from jobs, provision for personal needs items and Biblical counseling. They also manage the Cornerstone Thrift Store (401 11th Street) with proceeds paying for the Women and Children's Home. They accept donations during store hours daily.

Offering envelopes are in the back of the church and online donations can also be made on our website using Realm. Many of the personal items in the Giving Center have been taken to Cornerstone for many years and during the month of September, SCLC will collect toilet paper.

For more information: http://www.cornerstonemission.org/ministries.html

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord Jeremiah 29:11-14a





Pastoral Care

Linda Black linda@sclc-rc.org



Dearest Friends in Christ,

After a great deal of prayer, thought and conversation I have decided to retire at the end of August. Because of all of you, this has been a very difficult decision. But, this is a good time for me to step away, before new things begin, and to have a little more time with my family.

I can't thank you all enough for the trust that you have placed in me over the last 9 years. I have felt called to this place and into ministry with all of you. Our hearts will be forever woven together because of the relationships we have built. I thank you for sharing so much with me, your love, your joys, your sorrows and grief, and your celebrations.

With much love,

Linda Black

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



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



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





Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are a wonderful gift to someone who might be in 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. We are in need of additional shawls.

From the Office



Kristi Wellendorf kristi@sclc-rc.org 605.343.4887



Sheila Hoyer sheila@sclc-rc.org 605.343.4887

Sarah Storm (Worship Coordinator) left the middle of August to be a stay-athome mom. She has been faithfully serving in her role as Worship Coordinator since February 2022. Thank you Sarah for your ministry among us.



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW TASK FORCE.

Church Leadership has discerned that our constitution and by-laws need updates. The purpose of updating at this time is three-fold: 1) to meet necessary ELCA constitutional requirements; 2) to offer more effective church governance practices; and 3) to consider any other bylaw changes that might be considered appropriate and necessary for the present time.

A Task force has been established and needs approximately three more members who will be appointed by the church council per constitution requirements.

If you would be interested in being considered for this important task or would like more information, please reach out to Pastor Chris at 605 999 8068 or pastorchris@sclc-rc.org.

Woyatan Lutheran Church



SCLC will serve the meal and worship with their members on Sunday, September 10th. Meet at Woyatan at 11:00 a.m.

Director of Worship

Our music program at SCLC is back in full swing!

The Sanctuary Choir is already rehearsing, but it's not too late to join us! We practice in the sanctuary balcony on Wednesdays from 7:10 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Bell Choir begins Tuesday, September 5th at 6:30 p.m. We ring for an hour each Tuesday in the sanctuary balcony.

Wednesday Worship Band will play for worship September 6th. Please meet me in the sanctuary at 5:45 p.m. to run through our two pieces for the 6:00 p.m. worship service. Newcomers are always welcome to play or sing with us to lead the service in song.

Kid's Choir begins September 8th at 3:30 p.m. (This is the only ensemble that comes with a snack!) We meet in the sanctuary to sing, play games, and learn bible stories, then head to the Koinonia Kafe to see what snack Ms. Linda has prepared for us to enjoy.

Joyful Noise will practice Wednesdays, September 13th and 20th at 6:40 p.m. in the sanctuary. They will lead us in bluegrass services September 23rd, 24th, and 27th

If you have a talent you would like to share with the congregation in worship, just let me know. I would love to find a place for you to share your gift.



Ellen Shirley ellen@sclc-rc.org

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Children, Youth, & Family

Michelle Baesler has moved on to work as a para-pro at Corral Elementary School. Michelle has faithfully served among us as the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry since January of 2022. Thank you for your ministry among us Michelle!

Welcome our new Youth Group Leader, Mona Drolc! Mona will be organizing fun special events and activities for youth group along with coordinating the trip to the National Youth Gathering in July of 2024 in New Orleans.

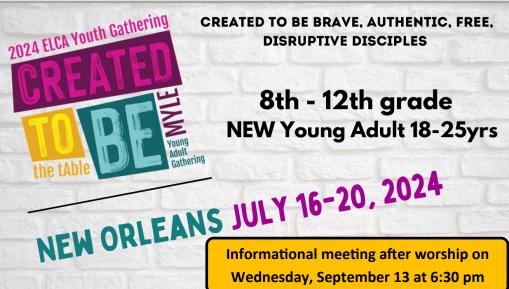


mona @sclc-rc.org 605-343-4887

September: 6 Wednesday Programming begins 10 Parent Brunch 10:00 am 13 High School National Youth Gathering Meeting 6:30 pm 20 Middle School Meeting 6:30 pm









Keep an eye on this page for more information about upcoming events and activities. Students in 9-12th grades will have an informational meeting on September 13 after worship. Students in grades 6-8 will have their informational meeting on September 20th after worship.



YOUTH GRO ACTIVITIES FUN EVENTS POPCORN

Parent Brunc this is a once-a-month gathering for parents with

children 5 years old and younger

Brunch for a bunch v

September 10th

Meet after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery services available. If you have questions, please contact the office or Pastor Chris.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 5:30pm Worship
						Rushmore Bowl— A72 Ramp
3 9am Worship	4	5 9am Elizabeth Circle	6 7:30am Men's Bible Study	7 9am Piecemakers	8	9
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Vacant, Director of Children's Ministry

Sheila Hoyer, Administrative Assistant

Vacant, Director of Pastoral Care

Linda Jensen, Kitchen 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 Dawn Dockter, Preschool Teacher Mission of the Month:

Cornerstone Rescue Mission

