



South Canyon
Lutheran Church

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The Canyon

Parish News

OCTOBER 2023



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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

Wednesday Nights

- 5:00 pm — Meal
- 6:00 pm — Worship
- 6:35 — Faith Formation
- 7:10 pm — Adult Choir Rehearsal

Weekly Events

Monday Noon Bible Study

Mondays at Noon (through October 2)— 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

Adult Choir Rehearsal

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

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 .

How to Get Connected

Social Media:



[facebook.com/south canyon lutheran](https://www.facebook.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](https://www.facebook.com/southcanyonlutheran)

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!

NEED TO CATCH UP?

Catch all the livestream and videos on our website or on YouTube at any time. Go to our website: sclc-rc.org and click on box to join us online.

Services are archived for viewing.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CHRIS BAESLER



Luke 24:30-35... “When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us? That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘the LORD has risen indeed and has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.”

Dear Friends in Christ,

The story about the disciples and the resurrected Jesus on the Road to Emmaus comes to mind these days. This story reminds me that the LORD walks with us always, even as we move in new directions. What seems important to me is that the disciples are on the move, walking from a space of change, grief, and loss towards resurrection and new life, but they don’t know it. We don’t often know what the road ahead of us is going to bring other than that both challenges and blessings will come. We do know that the LORD is walking with us providing strength and sustaining us along the way. It is at the table, when Jesus blesses the food and feeds them that the disciples see this truth. We are walking on new, albeit separate roads, now and I trust that Jesus is walking with us, leading us towards new blessings. We are connected through the bread and wine, the body and blood of Christ, as our LORD invites us to come to the table and be strengthened for the journey ahead.

I am grateful for our relationship and ministry together. It has been an honor and privilege to be your pastor. Thank you to the staff and church leaders— your faithfulness hasn’t gone unnoticed. I have been blessed by your commitment and passion. Thank you to church leadership, leading the congregation hasn’t been easy as society and church communities have changed. Thank you for your dedication and willingness to serve and sacrifice in leadership roles. And to those of you volunteering time and talents, publicly or working behind the scenes serving mostly unnoticed. Thank you. Your dedication is an inspiration and blessing to God’s work.

Walking with Christ,

Pastor Chris.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ‘S MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Christ,

Ecclesiastes 3 – For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.

We are saddened by the news that Pastor Chris will be leaving us, but we are eternally grateful and thankful for his ministry and time with us. We respect and honor his decision to complete his masters degree in mental health counseling, and understand that Pastor Chris feels called in a new direction.

Pastor Chris’s last Sunday will be October 15. After worship, you are invited to a light brunch in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate our ministry together and say good-bye to Pastor Chris and his family. We offer prayers of gratitude, thanksgiving and a card shower is planned for those of you who would like to express words of appreciation, special memories, or stories. We know these will be very meaningful to Pastor Chris. If you would like to contribute something towards a farewell gift, please do so through the church office.

Pastor Renee Splichal Larson, Associate to the Bishop, will join us in worship on October 15th, and will be meeting with the church council. The Synod staff have been in close contact with the council, and we appreciate their assistance and support during this time of transition. We know that Christ walks with us and will not abandon His people. As the next steps become clear moving forward, we will keep the congregation informed. Please keep South Canyon Lutheran and our leadership in your prayers.

Blessings,

Diane Tschetter, Council President

WHAT'S HAPPENING

STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM UPDATE

As Pastor Chris mentioned, Council has designated a Strategic Planning Team to organize the thoughts that were shared during the recent listening sessions and follow-up surveys, and make recommendations based on the findings.

Based on your feedback, the team has recommended an initial focus on the following ministry areas:

- Youth – Programming, education and activities
- Children – Programming, education and activities
- Fellowship – Member engagement & activities, small groups
- Membership – Visitor hospitality, new member outreach/orientation/integration, inactive member outreach.

While there are other ministry areas that will be addressed in the future, we have prioritized these areas for initial attention, based on your feedback.

Also, with the recent changes in staffing at the church, we will be more reliant than ever on the help of volunteers to move our ministries forward. At the upcoming Harvest Festival, we will have representatives from our current groups and ministries available to answer your questions. We will be following up on this event with a time and talent survey which will give you an overview of current and future opportunities, and help you determine where you might feel called to serve or participate in the life of the church. As we move forward to the next chapter of our ministry together as a church family, we encourage you to prayerfully consider the ministries and activities that God is calling you to. We look forward to building the future of this church together!

SOUTH CANYON CELEBRATES 64 YEARS!



God has richly blessed our church over the years and we thank all of you for your faithfulness in serving and supporting this congregation with your time, talents, and gifts. Photos, albums, and historical information will be on display at the church later this month. We will be sharing memories! Stop by and go down memory lane with us! Follow us on Facebook for posts on the history of SCLC.

On October 4, 1959, the first service of South Canyon Lutheran Church was held in the parsonage on 44th Street, with 21 people attending. We've grown over the years and we plan to See, Grow, and Serve to the Glory of God for many years to come! Praise God for his faithfulness!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE LUNCH

A heart-felt thank you to the many hands that helped prepare, serve, clean up and bake for 260 appreciative high school students and staff as they enjoyed a Burger Bash for Free Lunch. It's a privilege to care for our neighbors and welcome them into our church. You are invited to participate in the next Free Lunch on Tuesday, October 24th when we serve Walking Tacos. There's a sign up sheet at the Information Counter just waiting for your signature!

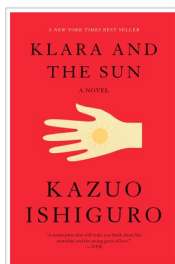
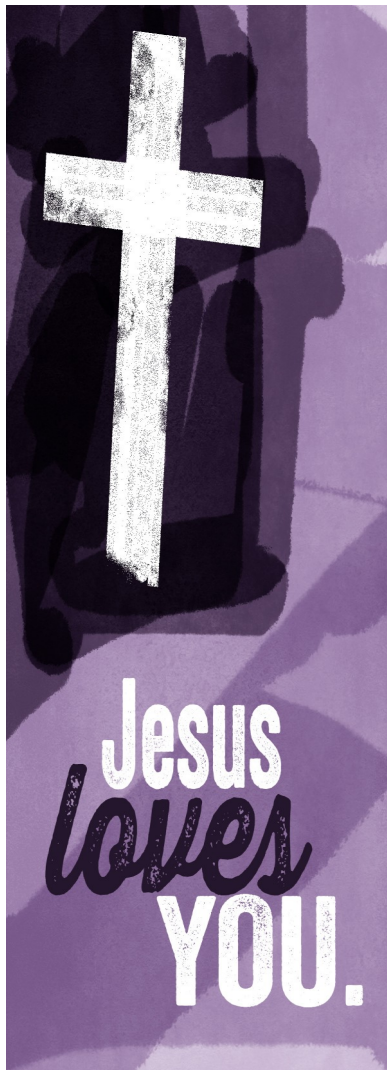


TIDLOS CONCERT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2
SOUTH CANYON
LUTHERAN CHURCH
6:30 PM

NO ADMISSION

Coffee & refreshments
following concert in
Koinonia Kafe



BOOK CLUB

Klara and the Sun

By Kazuo Ishiguro

8:30 am October 21st



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

ELIZABETH CIRCLE

9:00 am on the 1st Tuesday
Koinonia Kafe
Leader-Barb Nelson

WESTHILLS RUTH CIRCLE

1:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday
Westhills Village

EUNICE CIRCLE

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

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

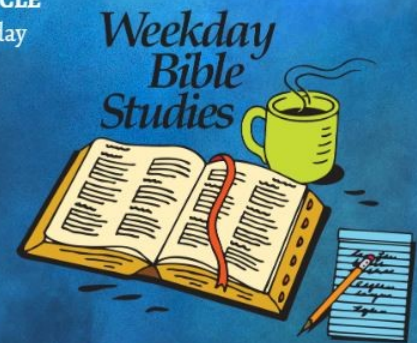
7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday
via Zoom
Leader-Carol Davies

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study
7:30 am Wednesdays- weekly
Hardees on Haines Ave. by Applebees
Leader-Clint Semmler/Larry Thompson

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR CHRIS

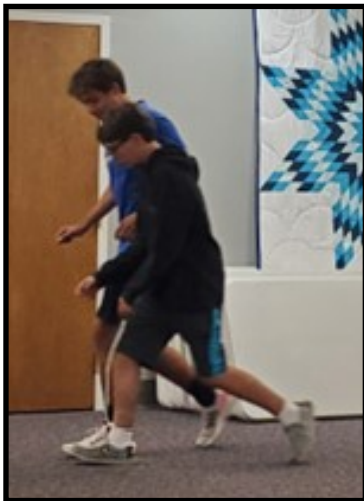
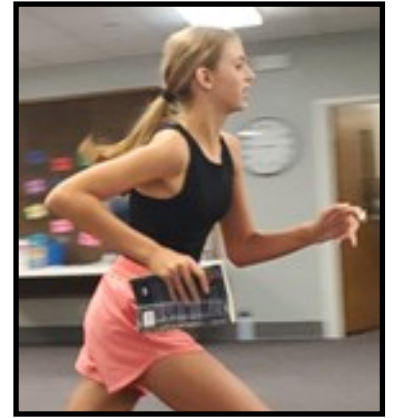
Noon on Mondays
Reformation Room
* Last class is October 2



COMMUNITY CARE

Help us fill the shopping cart with snacks for students to help with food insecurity. It's a small thing, but helps in a big way as many teachers and counselors are purchasing these to give to the kids in their classrooms. Donations of granola bars, fruit snacks and crackers (all in individual one-size servings) would be greatly appreciated.

MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE



**First
Youth Group
Gathering**



Pastor Chris and Gizzy



Parent Brunch

MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE



FREE LUNCH September 19



FAITH FORMATION

Sundays

October 1st

Worship 9:00 am

October 8th

Worship 9:00 am with Communion

Parent Brunch 10:00 am (Nursery available)

Woyatan 11:00 am

October 15th

Worship: 9:00 am

October 22nd

Worship 9:00 am with Communion

October 29th

Worship 9:00 am with Communion

Wednesday Nights

MEALS

(5:00-6:00 pm)

October 4th—Ham and scalloped potatoes

October 11th—Reconstructed cordon bleu

October 18th—Tater tot casserole

October 25th—Meat loaf

PROGRAMMING

Worship 6:00-6:30 pm

Faith Formation 6:35-7:15 pm

Peer Groups

*4 yrs to 5th grade

*Middle School

*High School

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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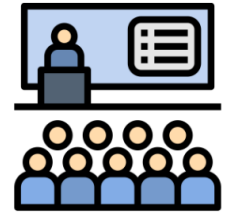
MYLE
Young
Adult
Gathering

CREATED TO BE BRAVE, AUTHENTIC, FREE,
DISRUPTIVE DISCIPLES

8th - 12th grade
NEW Young Adult 18-25yrs

NEW ORLEANS JULY 16-20, 2024

Council Meeting Highlights for August 2023



- Financials: See Financial Report
- Congregation Listening Sessions: valuable information was shared, many commented on our excellent music. A Strategic Planning Team is being formed to look at the surveys, generate themes, and report back to council.
- A mutual ministries committee is being formed to provide support for staffing, pastor, personnel, and salaries.
- Constitution and By-law Change: A task force has been activated.
- Staffing changes: Sarah Storm and Michelle Baesler resigned mid-August and Linda Black will retire end of August.
- Acting youth director is Mona Drolc, she will be helping with confirmation, youth group and youth gathering.

Meeting Adjourned.



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 as of August 2023:

Actual Contributions for month	\$39,970.20
Actual Expenses for month	<u>\$57,589.51</u>
Net:	\$-17,619.31
YTD Contributions	\$471,176.30
YTD Actual Expenses	<u>\$483,388.05</u>
YTD Net:	\$-12,211.75
Total Budgeted Expenses for 2023	\$898,433.00

Account Balances as of August 2023

General Fund	\$151,193
Building Fund	\$117,054

Financials as of August 2022:

Actual Contributions for month.....	\$37,406.01
Actual Expenses for month	<u>\$66,545.92</u>
Net:	\$-29,139.91
YTD Contributions	\$526,921.73
YTD Actual Expenses.....	\$502,417.78
YTD Net:	\$ 24,503.95
Total Budgeted Expenses for 2022	\$898,433.00

Special Offering for October

WORKING AGAINST VIOLENCE, INC. — WAVI

In June of 1978, three visionary women met to discuss the need for assistance to victims of domestic violence. To this day, WAVI is committed to this same mission. Program services have grown to include a specialized Sexual Assault Program and a Children's Program.

WAVI's 13-bedroom shelter for women, children, and men is ADA compliant and drug and alcohol free. They provide safe, temporary shelter, 24-hour staff support, and advocacy to those who utilize these shelter services, helping them through difficult and uncertain life transitions.

With our area's rapid growth and increase in homelessness due to domestic violence, WAVI is expanding their services. They are continually asking for volunteers to help with childcare, grounds maintenance, and assistance in their donation room. Call 605-341-4808 for more information or visit their website at <https://www.wavi.org/about-wavi>. Their 24-hour crisis numbers are 605-341-4808 and 1-888-716-9284.

Offering envelopes are in the back of the church and online donations can also be made on Realm.



WAVI Needs List

Leggings and sweatpants—all sizes
Plain t-shirts—all sizes
New ladies' underwear—all sizes
New full size: shampoo and conditioner
Deodorant
Razors
Paper products and cleaning supplies
Sanitation wipes
Canned food (not expired), boxed food, cereal
Fresh fruit/veggies
Extra-long twin sheets/bedding
\$10 coffee/tea gift cards
Walmart, Sam's Club, Target, Family Fare, & Safeway gift cards



God is good!

From the Office



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Woyatan Lutheran Church

SCLC will serve the meal and worship with their members on Sunday, October 8th. Meet at Woyatan at 11:00 a.m.

Director of Worship

DAKOTA Choral UNION presents

SING!

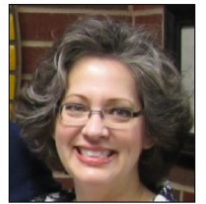
DCU FALL CONCERT

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR *ELLEN SHIRLEY*
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR *LINDSEY TORGERSON*
COLLABORATIVE PIANIST *ANDREW BELSAAS*

3:00 PM, OCTOBER 22
SOUTH CANYON LUTHERAN CHURCH
700 S 44TH ST, RAPID CITY, SD
\$10 ADMISSION. FREE FOR CHILDREN AND STUDENTS WITH SCHOOL ID.

DAKOTACHORALUNION.ORG

This project is partially funded by The Rapid City Arts Council in partnership with the City of Rapid City



Ellen Shirley
ellen@sclc-rc.org



Many of you already know this, but I have the honor of conducting the Dakota Choral Union. The Choral Union is in their 28th year of sharing their love of singing with the Black Hills. Former DCU Directors include SCLC's Caroline Brown and current organist, Dr. Charles Canaan. This is my second year as the Artistic Director and Conductor. There are seven members of our church who sing with the Choral Union, who also sing in our Sanctuary Choir. Our seven join their voices with approximately 55 other people who have a passion for singing, and it truly is a glorious sound.

DCU was looking for a concert venue for their 2023-2024 season and Council has kindly granted us permission to hold our fall and spring concerts at South Canyon. We have a fantastic program titled "Sing!" planned for Sunday, October 22 at 3:00 p.m., and I would like to invite you all to attend. We will be singing several spirituals, the Lord's Prayer in Swahili, and many other pieces I've had stuck in my head since June.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and students, and children are free. I am very excited to present this concert at SCLC and would love to share it with all of you. Ellen

Children, Youth, & Family

October:

1: 4 yrs—5th Grade Harvest Festival

1: Middle and High School Serve breakfast at the Harvest Festival

4: 4 yrs—5th Grade Activities, Middle School Activities, High School Activities/
Confirmation 6:35 pm

8: Middle and High School pizza, fire and s'mores 5-8 pm

11, 18, 25: 4 yrs—5th Grade, Middle and High School Activities 6:35 pm



Mona Drolc
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Parent Brunch

this is a once-a-month gathering for parents with
children 5 years old and younger

Brunch for a bunch
♥♥♥

October 8th

Meet after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery services available. If you have questions,
please contact the office or Pastor Chris.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF

Free Lunch

WALK ON OVER FOR WALKING TACOS



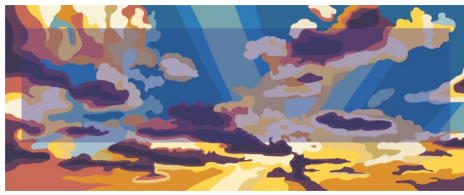
TACO TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 24TH

11:00 am - 12:45 pm



Do you have a student in college? Send us their address so they receive a College Care Package! It doesn't matter if they're on campus somewhere or taking classes online - their church family is thinking of and praying for them!

Send their address to Sheila at info@slc-rc.org



OCTOBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Worship 10 am Harvest Festival	2 12pm Bible Study	3 6:30pm Bell Choir	4 7:30am Men's Bible Study 5pm Meal 6pm Worship 6:35pm Programming 7:10pm Choir Practice	5 9am Piecemakers	6 3:30pm Kid's Choir	7 Quilt Sale 5:30pm Worship
8 Quilt Sale 9am Worship 10am Parent Brunch 11am Woyotan Worship and Lunch 5-8pm MS and HS Pizza Night	9	10 9am Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm Bell Choir	11 Quilt Sale 7:30am Men's Bible Study 5pm Meal 6pm Worship with communion 6:35pm Programming 7:10pm Choir Practice	12 9am Piecemakers	13 3:30pm Kid's Choir	14 5:30pm Worship with communion
15 9am Worship with communion 10am Farewell reception for Pastor Chris 10am Betty Jansen's 95th Birthday Open	16 6pm Council meeting	17 6:30pm Bell Choir	18 7:30am Men's Bible Study 5pm Meal 6pm Worship with communion 6:35pm Programming 6:40pm Joyful Noise 7:10pm Choir Practice	19 9am Piecemakers	20 3:30pm Kid's Choir	21 8:30am Book Club 5:30pm Worship
22 9am Worship 3pm DCU Concert	23	24 11:00am Free Lunch 1:30pm Eunice Circle 6:30pm Bell Choir 7pm Priscilla Circle (Zoom)	25 7:30am Men's Bible Study 5pm Meal 6pm Worship 6:35pm Programming 6:40pm Joyful Noise 6:30pm MS Meeting 7:10pm Choir Practice	26 9am Piecemakers	27 3:30pm Kid's Choir	28 5:30pm Worship with communion
29 9am Worship with communion	30	31 6:30pm Bell Choir	1 6:30pm Trunk or Treat			



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Mona Drolc, Youth Group Leader

Sheila Hoyer, Administrative Assistant

Vacant, Director of Pastoral Care

Linda Jensen, Kitchen Coordinator

CONTACT information



Marsha Mertes, Pianist

Mary Weidenbach, Choir Accompanist

Lori Brey, Nursery Attendant

Mark Meier, Custodian

Ken Weybright, Computer Consultant

Andrea Wager, Bookkeeper

Friend-Ship Preschool

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Fax: 605-355-0435

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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:

Working Against
Violence, Inc.



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