



South Canyon
Lutheran Church

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The Canyon

Parish News

NOVEMBER 2023

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at SCLC

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

Men's Bible Study at Hardees

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

Adult Choir Rehearsal

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

Piecemakers Quilting Group

Every Thursday at 9:00 am (Fellowship Hall)

Children's Choir Rehearsal

Weekly on Fridays at 3:30 pm (Sanctuary)

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

The Alleluia Ringers

Weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

How to Get Connected

Social Media:



facebook.com/south canyon lutheran
<https://onrealm.org/SouthCanyonLuth>

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!

Call or Email our Main Office:

Main Office: 605.343.4887
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Services Online

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



South Canyon Lutheran YouTube



facebook.com/south canyon lutheran

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 PAUL J. ERDAL, *Interim Pastor*

Ephesians 2:8-10

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.”

My name is Pastor Paul J. Erdal. I have served in many different capacities in my twenty-eight years as a pastor, serving as the assistant to the bishop for Northwestern Minnesota Synod, several larger congregations, as well as solo pastor in rural and small towns. For the last five years, I served as interim pastor helping the Northeastern Minnesota Synod. Most recently, I served as the Interim Pastor at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in International Falls, Minnesota.

I am excited to walk alongside you; to serve as your Interim Pastor! I will draw upon my various experiences in very large congregations, to moderate sized, and even a small rural farming community. I thank God for placing me in my various ministry settings. I also thank God for the faith and fruitful people in these ministries. They have helped me to know that God is always in charge of God’s Church!

Here is a little information about me. First, you may notice that I am Korean by birth. I was adopted by Norris and Alyce Erdal on August 30, 1973. To this day, I am grateful for Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota for bringing us together.

My ex-wife (Stacy) and daughters (Lily and Claire) have played a supportive role in my ministry for about 26 years. Stacy teaches elementary vocal music in the Brainerd, Minnesota school system. Lily is 27 years old and in her second year of residency in Internal Medicine in Blacksburg, Virginia. Claire is 17 years old and enjoys school, music, and tennis in her senior year of high school.

I am delighted to be a partner in ministry with you. We will be church together! And with Jesus Christ in the center, ahead, behind, left, and right ... we will be God’s people, doing God’s work together!

In Christ’s Service,

Pastor Paul J. Erdal, *Interim Pastor*



Please share your celebrations and achievements with us. We’d love to post them on our bulletin board!



WHAT'S HAPPENING

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW PASTOR

We are blessed and thankful to have Pastor Paul J. Erdal as our Interim Pastor. Please find a time to invite Pastor Paul for a coffee or a meal at church, at your home, or at a restaurant. Call the office to arrange a time. Pastor Paul is excited to be a partner in ministry with us, and looks forward to getting to know you.

IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES

Thank you to all who stopped by at the Harvest Festival and indicated interest in new small groups. We are looking for lay ministry leadership to pilot two of the activities that received the most interest: a hiking group, and Pub Theology for OWLS – older, wiser Lutherans. If you are willing to offer some assistance to help get these small groups started, please let the church office know.

FREE LUNCH



With the holiday season approaching, we will host Free Lunch for high school students and staff early in November and December. Dates are Tuesday, November 7th, and Tuesday, December 5th.

November menu includes chili with all the toppings, chicken noodle soup, veggie trays and cinnamon rolls. Volunteer bakers, you get a break this month. Thanks for the amazing help that supports this awesome ministry!

SEMI - ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars for South Canyon Lutheran Church's Semi – Annual Meeting to be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 10 AM following worship. Council reports will be on the agenda and the 2024 Budget (Mission Plan) will be presented for approval. A light brunch will be served.

BOOKS WANTED

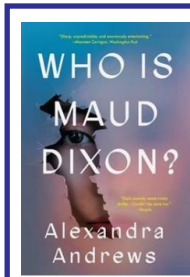
Books wanted! Novels, children's books, teen books, books and books and books!

We are collecting books and offering them for a donation of any amount as a fundraising opportunity for the Middle and High School Youth Activities.

This is a small way to help in a big way! Can you help? Drop them off at church (700 S. 44th Street). Stay tuned for more details!



WHAT'S HAPPENING



BOOK CLUB

Who is Maud Dixon?

By Alexandra Andrews

8:30 am November 18th



THANK-YOU'S

"Thank you for all you do to make Clint's funeral and luncheon special, and for the care and support shown to us during Clint's illness and death." Sherry Semmler and family

We, Wes Storm's Family, want to say a BIG THANK YOU to SCLC for their support during Wes's illness and after his passing. A special thank-you to all of you who made chocolate chip cookies, that was Wes's request. Also, a special thank-you to those who participated in his funeral and to all the staff who helped behind the scenes. Wes loved SCLC! May God Bless you all! Gladys Storm



Betty Jansen wishes to express her gratitude to the congregation of SCLC for "helping make her birthday celebration such a wonderful event".

GIVING TUESDAY

November 28, 2023

Save the date for this day
of giving!

Learn more at
www.southdakotagives.org
and
givingtuesday.org

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

ELIZABETH CIRCLE

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

WESTHILLS RUTH CIRCLE

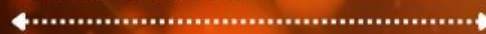
1:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday
Westhills Village

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

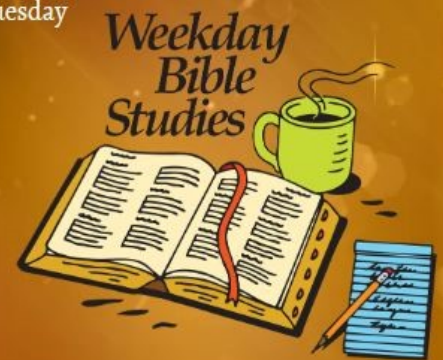


MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

MONDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

Noon on Mondays - Watch here for news
when this Bible Study will resume
Reformation Room



WHAT'S HAPPENING

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 Pop Tarts, regular granola bars, and cereal packets (all in individual one-size servings) would be greatly appreciated

"The harvest is great but the workers are few." (Matthew 35)

Thanks to all who helped with the recent Harvest Festival! MANY good things are happening at SCLC and we wanted to share and bring an awareness to all the wonderful ways Jesus Christ is leading us to show others who He is! We are His hands and feet on this earth!



What do you feel passionate about? What type of giving brings you joy? What gifts has God blessed you with? Do you have just a few hours to spare each week or month with your busy schedules? Or maybe just a few times a year? There's something for everyone!

We will continue to share information about Altar Care, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Music, Giving Center Outreach, Piecemakers Quilting, Buildings and Grounds, Funeral Meal Preparation, Coffee Shop, Counting Offering Envelopes, Newsletter Assembly, Grocery Card Sales, Hospital/ Nursing Home Visits, Worship Ministry (ushers, greeters, communion servers, readers, assisting ministers, technology operators) – and more.

Communication is so important. So please take a few minutes to check out the ongoing information in the newsletter, Facebook, Weekly Connections -- we'll be setting up tables so you can learn more.

As we heard recently, there can be no **CHURCH** without U! We are asking - can you help?



MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE



Pastor Chris & Gizzy



Donation to High School



Pastor Chris' going away gift



Annual Quilt Sale



Harvest Festival



Betty Jansen's 95th Birthday Celebration



Free Lunch



FAITH FORMATION

Sundays

November 5th

Worship: 9:00 am

November 12th

Worship 9:00 am with Communion

Woyatan 11:00 am

November 19th

Worship: 9:00 am

November 26th

Worship 9:00 am with Communion

Wednesday Nights

MEALS

(5:00-6:00 pm)

November 1st—Sloppy Joes

November 8th—Spaghetti Bake

November 15th—Thanksgiving Meal

November 22nd—No Meal

November 29th—Chicken Country Pie

PROGRAMMING

Worship 6:00—6:30 pm

Faith Formation 6:35—7:15 pm

Peer Groups

*4 years to 5th grade

*Middle School

*High School



Decorate the church
Sunday, November 26
after Worship followed
by a fellowship meal

SONS OF NORWAY

LILLE NORGE FEST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8 AM TO 1 PM

Canyon Lake Activity Center

Viking Hall

2900 Canyon Lake Drive

Bake Sale includes Rosettes,
Krumkake and Lefse

SKIP THE TAX!

If you haven't taken your RMD yet this year, consider doing so prior to year's end. Charitable Contributions from your IRA, RMD gifts to South Canyon Lutheran Church benefit both you and your church! Consider a donation to church in this way, contact your tax or financial advisor for more information. We appreciate all who have already given this year.



PANCAKE FEED FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 10:00 AM

Proceeds support our youth attending the
National Youth Gathering

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boxes are available in the sanctuary.

The box contains instructions on
how and what to pack in the box.

Please bring the box and \$9.00 back
by the week of November 14th.



Church Business

COUNCIL MINUTES— September

Council Meeting Highlights for September 11, 2023

August Minutes were approved.

Financials – see chart/report, concern was raised about running in the red for too many more months

Strategic Planning Team: Mandey Tschetter reported that the team has met several times. They have reviewed notes from listening sessions and surveys. They are working to identify three or four strategic initiatives as a proposal for investment in the future. Youth and education stood out.

Harvest Festival: Dates set, the theme is “Harvest is plentiful, workers are few.” Tables will be set up to celebrate everything the church offers. Also will have an area of “Imagine the possibilities” – what do we not have that is wanted?

Budget & Finance Committee: Prepare budget for Annual Meeting in November. Tentative date is November 12. Committee will consider what cut backs might be needed in the face of inflation and other factors.



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 September 2023:

Actual Contributions for month\$38,879
Actual Expenses for month\$48,289
Net:\$-9,410

YTD Contributions.....\$472,093
YTD Actual Expenses\$493,715
YTD Net: .. -\$21,622

Total Budgeted Expenses for 2023\$898,433.00

Account Balances as of September 2023

General Fund\$147,893
Building Fund\$112,037
Savings Fund\$135,054
Pastor Disc Fund\$1,812
Food Certificates\$9,044

Financials as of September 2022:

Actual Contributions for month..... \$45,591.91
Actual Expenses for month \$ 62,724.90
Net: \$-17,132.99
YTD Contributions \$572,536.19
YTD Actual Expenses..... \$580,393.27
YTD Net: \$-7,857.08
Total Budgeted Expenses for 2022..... \$898,433.00

Special Offering for November

PASSAGES – WOMEN’S TRANSITIONAL LIVING

Christmas Giving Tree



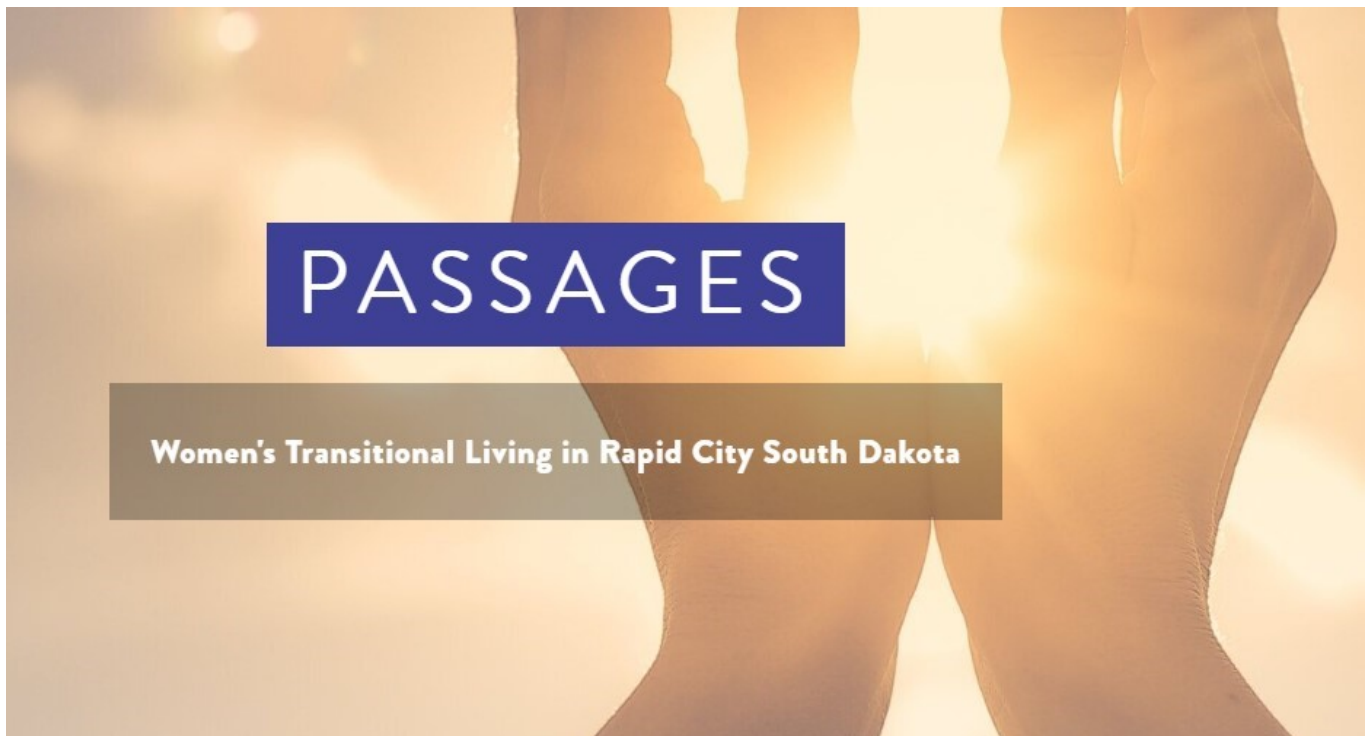
The Christmas Giving Tree in the narthex will soon be filled with paper ornaments of items needed by Passages. You can take an ornament and place your donation – unwrapped – under the tree by December 15th.

Those items include (all sizes) slippers, housecoats, scarves, hats, mittens, fuzzy socks, adult coloring books with markers/gel pens, devotionals, blankets, pillows, towels and **Grocery Gift Cards (available in the office)**. Bins will be set up for donations of cleaning supplies, paper products, baking supplies, and food items. We are excited that Friend-Ship Preschool is participating this year and will bring cake mixes. In the spirit of UNITY, several other small groups are supporting this year’s giving!

What is Passages? Passages is a faith-based, residential re-entry program to guide and support women transitioning from incarceration or homelessness into positive sustainable life patterns. At Passages, women whose lives were shattered due to drugs, alcohol or abuse learn to build right relationships with God, themselves, and others. Initiated in 2008, with the first residents housed in 2013, Passages' loving home environment replaces the lies women believe about themselves with the truth that they are valued human beings: providing hope, opportunity and skills to reach their full potential.

For more information on their mentoring program or providing a meal, please call Passages at 605-791-0275.

There are envelopes in the back of the church for gifts of cash. You can also give on Realm or directly on their website <https://www.passagesliving.com/>



From the Office



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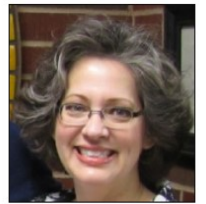
Sheila Hoyer
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Woyatan Lutheran Church

SCLC will serve the meal and worship with their members on Sunday, November 12th. Meet at Woyatan at 11:00 a.m.

Director of Worship



Ellen Shirley
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Altar Care Annual Meeting will take place Saturday, November 4 at 10:00 AM in the Koinonia Kafe. All current members and anyone interested in serving on Altar care are encouraged to attend. We will introduce the Altar Care teams to Pastor Paul and share with him the weekly and seasonal responsibilities of the group.

There's still time to join either the Sanctuary Choir or the Kid's Choir if you are interested in singing in the Christmas Cantata Sunday, Dec 10. Just let me know if you want to sing with us.

Here's a joy – The number of people interested in ringing in the Hand Bell Choir has grown so much that I have run out of bells for everyone to ring. I am currently looking into procuring additional octaves of bells to grow our collection. If I am unsuccessful (as hand bells are expensive) we will need to look into adding a second hand bell choir. I will keep you updated on my progress.

Here is another joy – I wanted to share with you something that exemplifies what it is to be part of a church family – We have a retired band director who faithfully plays his trumpet each week in the Wednesday Worship Band and we have a young member who is in the 5th grade who has recently joined the band. Being new to their instrument and to playing in an ensemble, the younger student would occasionally lose their place while playing, which is easy to do when you are not playing the melody. However, that younger student continued on, because it did not take long before the retired band director leaned over and pointed to where they were as well as show that student the fingerings for the notes. It was a beautiful example of mentoring and sharing of gifts in the church family.

Children Youth & Family

NOVEMBER:

November 1

6:35—8:00 pm Trunk or Treat and Movie—All Ages

November 8

6:35—7:15 pm: MS & HS Faith Formation

6:35—7:15 pm: 4yrs—5th grade Faith Formation

7:15—8:00 pm: HS Confirmation

November 15

6:35—7:15pm:MS & HS Faith Formation

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November 19

10:00 am: Pancake Feed Fundraiser for NYG

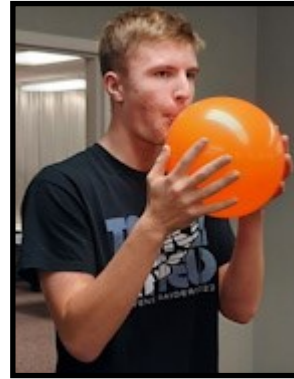
November 22

No activities

November 29

6:00 pm: MS & HS Service Project—Worship

6:35—7:15 pm: 4yrs—5th grade Faith Formation



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2024 ELCA Youth Gathering
CREATED TO BE MYLE
the table Young Adult Gathering

CREATED TO BE BRAVE, AUTHENTIC, FREE,
DISRUPTIVE DISCIPLES

9th - 12th grade
NEW Young Adult 18-25yrs

NEW ORLEANS JULY 16-20, 2024

NOVEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:30am Men's Bible Study 5pm Meal 6pm Worship 6:35pm Trunk or Treat 7:10pm Choir Practice	2 9am Piecemakers	3	4 10am Altar Care Mtg 5:30pm Worship
5 All Saints 9am Worship	6	7 9am Elizabeth Circle 11:00am Free Lunch 6:30pm Bell Choir	8 7:30am Men's Bible Study 5pm Meal 6pm All Saints Worship 6:35pm Programming 7:10pm Choir Practice	9 9am Piecemakers	10 3:30pm Kid's Choir	11 5:30pm Worship with communion
12 9am Worship with communion 10 am Semi Annual Meeting 11 am Woyaton	13	14 6:30pm Bell Choir	15 7:30am Men's Bible Study 5pm Meal 6pm Worship with communion 6:35pm Programming 6:40pm Joyful Noise 7:10pm Choir Practice	16 9am Piecemakers	17 3:30pm Kid's Choir	18 8:30am Book Club 5:30pm Worship
19 9am Worship	20	21 1:30pm Eunice Circle 6:30pm Bell Choir 7pm Priscilla Circle (Zoom)	22 7:30am Men's Bible Study 5pm No Meal or Programming	23 Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving	24 Office Closed	25 5:30pm Worship with communion
26 9am Worship with communion 10am Decorating the Church	27 6pm Council meeting	28 6:30pm Bell Choir	29 7:30am Men's Bible Study 5pm Meal 6pm Youth-Led Worship 6:35pm Programming 7:10pm Choir Practice	30 9am Piecemakers		



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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

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Friend-Ship Preschool

Phone: 605-343-4887
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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:

Special Offering -
Passages

