



South Canyon
Lutheran Church

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The Canyon

Parish News

JANUARY 2024

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HAPPY
New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
name
forever;
may the whole
earth be filled
with his glory.

Psalms 72:19, NIV





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 & Youth Group
- 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 3:45 pm (Sanctuary)

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

The Alleluia Ringers - Bell Choir

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

info@sclc-rc.org

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*

To Reveal” or “To Make Known”

This year **Epiphany Day is on Saturday, January 6th**. It always falls on January 6th. The Twelve Days of Christmas comes to an end, and we begin the Epiphany season. **Epiphany means “to show” or “to make known” or even “to reveal.”** In Western churches, it celebrates the coming of the magi or wise men, visiting and bringing gifts to the Christ child, who by doing so “reveals” Jesus to the world as Lord and King. The season of Epiphany ends with Transfiguration Sunday, on February 11th.

It is not biblical, but legend has it that there were **Three wise men** (magi) who brought gifts for our Lord ... *“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,”* (Matthew 2:11). **People thought it was three because of the treasure chests offered, “gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”**

Biblical scholarship would agree that these **magi from the East traveled weeks, not days!** They would have needed animals that travelled well in various climates and terrain. The supplies needed for such a journey would have been immense. It must have included a caravan of people.

These Magi from the East were not Israelites! They were non-Jewish people, foreigners to the Jewish faith. Could gentiles be a part of God’s plans? Could God use gentiles to accomplish God’s divine plan? Could it be that God “revealed” or “made himself known” to non-Jews to proclaim, *“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”*

In Matthew, this is the birth story of our Lord! Yes, God does use non-Jewish people, gentiles, to announce the birth of our Lord. Imagine the implications! What does this birth story from Matthew, inform us about our God?

Your Partner in Ministry,
Paul J Erdal, *Interim Pastor*

Financials



Financials as of November 2023:

Actual Contributions for month\$44,023

Actual Expenses for month\$57,937

Net:**\$-13,950**

YTD Contributions.....\$613,609

YTD Actual Expenses\$613,813

YTD Net:**\$-204**

Total Budgeted Expenses for 2023\$898,433.00

Account Balances as of November 2023

General Fund\$178,203

Building Fund\$112,472

Savings Fund\$132,590

Good Samaritan Fund\$1,812

Food Certificates\$9,044

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PASSAGES WOMEN'S TRANSITIONAL LIVING CHRISTMAS SERVICE EVENT

With deep gratitude, heart-felt thanks and overwhelming joy, Passages picked up the extraordinary abundance that SCLC collected for them this holiday season. Tears flowed! Knowing someone hears the needs, cares enough to help, and shares of the blessings the Lord gives us – means so very much to these ladies. The Piecemakers also supplied a dozen beautiful quilts for reaching specific program goals.



There are many opportunities to continually support this ministry through mentoring, meals, and prayers. If this touches your heart or you'd like to visit them to see and hear how God is working there, call them at 605-791-0273.

FREE LUNCH



The New Year brings us many opportunities to serve our neighbors. Free Lunch for finals comes to mind. We will be serving two back to back days as students take final exams; Tuesday, January 9th and Wednesday, January 10th. Whether this is a new ministry for you to consider, or you are a regular volunteer, we would truly appreciate your help; either working a shift, and/or baking for these hungry and appreciative high school students and staff. Did you know that we served 1304 meals last fall and had 146 volunteers? (Some enjoy serving every month, while others may have served or baked once or twice, but we are extremely grateful to all who make this ministry happen.) We are blessed to be a blessing. Are you able to help?

The menu for Free Lunch Finals is Walking Tacos and desserts on January 9th and Sloppy Joes, tossed salad, chips, and desserts on January 10th.

PRAYER BEARS!

Prayer is powerful and life-changing. Prayer brings peace, comfort and focus, moving us closer to God. Given as gifts for birthdays, holidays, during a time of life change, a time of grief, or of celebration – these precious bears can bring unique ways to teach about prayer and remind all of us that prayer is critical to our faith walk!

Will you help support our new Prayer Bear Ministry? All donations will be used for more supplies and other outreach opportunities. Thrivent Action Grants are another way to help us. These grants cost nothing, only a few minutes to complete an application.

We are hopeful for donations of stuffing, fleece, AND time to help to make, cut out, or stuff them. We are so anxious to see how the Lord will use this to bless others and plant seeds of faith! Thank you!



WHAT'S HAPPENING

BOOK CLUB

January 20th 8:30 am: Reader's Choice

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

ELIZABETH CIRCLE

9:00 am on the 2nd Wednesday
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- resumes Jan 10
Hardees on Haines Ave. by Applebees
Leader-Larry Thompson

MONDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

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



Note new time for Elizabeth Circle!



LoveINC

LoveINC (Love In the Name of Christ) is coming to South Canyon Lutheran! That means we all have the opportunity to volunteer in our own Church home, working with LoveINC to help alleviate poverty right here in our own neighborhood. Did you know that LoveINC is a non-denominational organization whose mission is to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ? One of the primary avenues for completing this mission is for local churches to host a LoveINC campus (LifeINC). LoveINC will provide instruction to participants regarding basic finances, behavior classes, marriage classes, or parenting classes. We as a church get to host, providing volunteers to welcome participants, conduct meal prep and clean up, and other activities. We would love to have you help out, just as our Church did in 2020, the last time we hosted LoveINC. Please look for sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities. The



campus will be at SCLC for only eight Mondays in a row starting the evening of January 15th. Meals are at 5:30 pm and classes begin at 6 pm.

Volunteer for one evening, or for all eight! Don't miss this opportunity to serve others, right here at home! (Questions can be directed to Pete Jensen).

MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE

Thanks so much for those who helped decorate the church!



Free Lunch

FAITH FORMATION

Sundays

January 7th

Worship: 9:00 am

January 14th

Worship 9:00 am with communion

January 21st

Worship: 9:00 am

January 28th

Worship: 9:00 am with communion

Wednesday Nights

MEALS

(5:00-6:00 pm)

January 3rd—Shepherd's Pie

January 10th—Sloppy Joes

January 17th—Ham & Scalloped Potatoes

January 24th—Chicken N' Noodles

January 31st—Chili & Corn Bread

WORSHIP

Worship 6:00—6:30 pm

PROGRAMMING

Faith Formation/Youth Group 6:35—7:30 pm

Peer Groups

*4 years to 5th grade

*Middle School

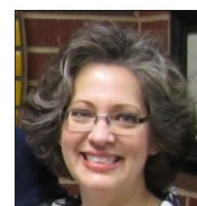
*High School



Director of Worship

A Note from Gizzy

I just wanted to say I hope you all had a great Christmas! I did! I'm away visiting my sister, Dizzy. I'll see you when I get back on Jan 10th. Thanks to my secret Santa for the presents. Happy New Year South Canyon!



Ellen Shirley
ellen@sccl-rc.org

Worship and Music

Music in December was glorious and enjoyed by many both inside and outside the walls of South Canyon. Thank-you to all our musicians, young and older, who sang and played in the Christmas Cantata, led music for Wednesday Worship, and/or shared their gifts with us on Christmas Eve. You made the Advent and Christmas season even more beautiful with your music. Thank-you also to Jane Pfiefler for sharing "The Very First Christmas Letter" with us as part of the Christmas Cantata. In addition to all this, the Bell Choir gave two, 30-minute performances of Christmas Carols and Anthems this December; one at Good Samaritan, and one at Holiday Hills. Both performances were very well done, greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The Bell choir will resume on January 9th, Sanctuary Choir will resume on January 10th, and the Kid's Choir will resume on January 19th.

Blessings for a beautiful and music-filled 2024, Ellen

Special Offering for January

CHURCH RESPONSE

Church Response was founded in 1072, after the Rapid City flood, to provide emergency assistance to people in need.

We all buy groceries! Look at these facts on a great service opportunity that brings hundreds of “free” dollars annually to our church and Church Response: *If every family purchased even just one \$100 card per month as a habit, Church Response would receive ongoing needed funding. AND SCLC could receive thousands of dollars for additional outreach and other ministry opportunities each year. Think of the possibilities!*

- * Purchase grocery gift cards for \$25, \$50, or \$100 – and shop at Safeway, Family Fare, or Walmart or Sam’s Club for your own groceries.
- * Church Response AND South Canyon get cash back -- up to 4% to split on each gift card sold! And it costs YOU nothing!
- * It’s a win-win-win! With so little effort, you can help SCLC and Church Response.
- * Cards (as well as an explanation of how this program works) are available at the Information Counter and the church office. Call the church office at 605-343-4887 for details.



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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PRAYER
 FISHERMEN
 TEACH
 JUDAS
 BOAT
 FOLLOW
 DISCIPLES
 PREACHING
 GALILEE
 BARTHOLOMEW
 SIMON
 PHILIP
 MATTHEW
 THOMAS
 PETER
 ANDREW
 JOHN
 JAMES
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SCLC will serve the meal and worship with our partners in ministry on Sunday, Jan. 14th.

Sign up to bring desserts and to serve at the Information counter or email the church office to get in contact with Heidi who is organizing this wonderful ministry.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



HELP!

Are you available to help out at the church once in awhile? Office help

is needed on various days, afternoons especially, when Sheila or Kristi need to be gone for an appointment, vacation day, or if sick. Help involves answering the phones and doors. If you'd like to come help out at other times, we would love to have you! Please call the office to volunteer.

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- * offering envelopes
- * online giving
- * text to give

Happy New Year

FROM ALL OF US AT SCLC!



Children, Youth, & Family



Mona Droic
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605-343-4887

JANUARY:

January 3:

6:35—7:30 pm: Epiphany Celebration—All Ages

January 10:

6:35—7:30 pm: 4yrs—5th grade Faith Formation

MS Confirmation

HS Youth Group

January 17:

6:35—7:30 pm: 4yrs—5th grade Faith Formation

MS & HS Fellowship (Small Groups)

January :24

6:35—7:30 pm: 4yrs—5th grade Faith Formation

MS Youth group

HS Faith For Teens

January 31:

6:35—7:30 pm: 4yrs—5th grade Faith Formation

MS/HS Love Thy Neighbor Community Care Project



BOWLING

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WILL AND ISAAC WITH GIZZY



JANUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7:30am NO Men's Bible Study 5pm Meal 6pm Worship 6:35pm Programming 7:10pm NO Choir Practice	4 9am Piecemakers	5 3:45pm NO Kid's Choir	6 5:30pm Worship
7 9am Worship	8	9 11:30am FREE LUNCH 6:30pm Bell Choir	10 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9am Elizabeth Circle 11:30am FREE LUNCH 5pm Meal 6pm Worship 6:35pm Programming 7:10pm Choir Practice	11 9am Piecemakers	12 3:45pm NO Kid's Choir	13 5:30pm Worship with communion
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Ellen Shirley, Director of Worship & Music

Kristi Wellendorf, Office Manager

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

Phone: 605-343-4887
Fax: 605-355-0435
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Preschool 3's-8:45 AM 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:

CHURCH RESPONSE

