



**South Canyon**  
Lutheran Church

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# The Canyon

## Parish News

# FEBRUARY 2024

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## Worship Service Times

- Wednesdays at 6:00 pm (September-April)
- 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

### Piecemakers Quilting Group

Every Thursday at 9:00 am (Fellowship Hall)

**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 3:45 pm (Sanctuary)

### The Alleluia Ringers - Bell Choir

Weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm  
(Sanctuary Loft)

## How to Get Connected

### Social Media:



facebook.com/south canyon lutheran  
<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

### 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](mailto:info@sclc-rc.org)

### 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](http://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*

### The Forty-Day Lenten Journey

<sup>12</sup> “And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.” (Mark 1:12-13)

The Gospel of Mark tells us that “the Spirit immediately drove him into the wilderness.” We also know from Mark’s version of the story that “[Jesus] he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.” This is all we know about Jesus’ time in the wilderness.

Typically, Lent is a forty-day journey beginning with Ash Wednesday. The Imposition of Ashes and the spoken words, “remember you are dust and to dust you shall return,” are poignant reminders of our humanity. This year it falls on February 14th. Lent continues through Holy Week. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the Lenten Season. Sundays are days that celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

In other Gospel versions of the story, Jesus fasted forty days. In Luke 4:2 it says, “He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.” Matthew’s version is a bit more concise: “He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.”

What is the longest you went without food? Do you remember fasting in Lent? What are your fond memories of Lent?

When I think about Lent, I am often drawn to my favorite childhood memory ... Friday Lenten suppers at St. Anne’s Catholic Church. For a reasonable price, I recall receiving two large pieces of beer-battered cod on a plate full of homemade fries. In addition, there was coleslaw and homemade pie. What a meal!

Imagine if there was no Lent? No Lenten traditions nor routines!? Wow. I recently heard a parishioner inform me that they know of a church who does not observe a church calendar ... no Advent, Epiphany, Lent, etc. I cannot imagine that! It is part of my DNA to follow my faith in a Church Calendar Year. There is a rhythm to this faith journey.

Lent is a forty-day journey. We sojourn together to the cross of Jesus Christ on Good Friday and to Easter Sunday; the day of Resurrection and Life in Christ!

We will continue to gather as a Christian community remembering with gratitude our traditions and practices. We will remember God leads us into the future faithfully. Let us continue to be sojourners who are committed to “Sharing God’s Grace.”

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

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Ash Wednesday Worship Service February 14th at Noon & 6:00 pm



We will have the **Imposition of Ashes** for those who would like it. It reminds us that, *"Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."* In our mortal and imperfect nature, we ultimately rely on God's grace in Jesus Christ. In addition we will celebrate Holy Communion around the railing. As we gather around The Table you are welcome to kneel or stand.

**Midweek Wednesdays Worship in Lent** will follow after Ash Wednesday. Beginning at noon, there is a 30-minute worship/education time with Pastor Paul for five Wednesdays (February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th). Pastor Paul will focus on the Story of Jonah and the Whale. You may think this is a children's story, however, as soon as you "dig into the Bible" there is much more to the story. Come join us for this fascinating study followed by a soup lunch in the Fellowship Hall.



**Lenten Devotions** We have ordered the Lenten Devotional Booklets again this year and are asking for volunteers to read and pray a daily devotion that we will post on our Facebook page and YouTube channel just like last year! It was so wonderful and heartwarming to see and hear fellow congregation members each morning! We will again video the devotions at church ahead of the date of airing. If you'd like to participate, please contact the office to sign up. The devotional books are available to pick up at the church.



## FIRST COMMUNION

**First Communion Instruction** for the entire family will be offered on Saturday, March 16th, from 10:00 am to noon for all youth in 3rd through 5th grades. Anyone who has NOT had communion instruction, please contact the church office. Louise French will teach the kids how to make communion bread, which we will use at our worship service. While the bread is baking, Pastor Paul will teach about the Lord's Supper. We will conclude with a lunch for the entire family. Childcare will be provided in the nursery, as well as activities for younger children. Please contact the church if you are attending. The official "First Communion" day will be on Maundy Thursday, March 28th, at the 7:00 pm Worship Service. The families will be able to commune together around the railing.

\*NOTE: Each child, along with their parents, decide when they are ready for Holy Communion. Please talk with Pastor Paul.

**New Member Orientation** is set for April 13th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. If you wish to become a member of South Canyon Lutheran Church, please join us to meet the Staff and Church Council members. It is always good to meet and get to know one another in a church family. We will end our time with lunch in the Fellowship Hall.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

ASH WEDNESDAY  
SERVICES  
February 14, 2024

Noon & 6:00 pm Services-  
Communion &  
Imposition of Ashes  
Soup after Noon Service  
Regular Meal at 5:00 pm

Sanctuary Choir  
Easter Cantata

Sunday, March 24, 9:00 am  
Ellen Shirley - Director  
Mary Weidenbach - Accompanist

LENT SERVICES

February 21 - March 20

Worship: 12:00 pm

Light Lunch: 12:30 pm

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY: 7:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## MEET, GREET, & EAT



### Fellowship Opportunity!

We are bringing back an old favorite activity with a new name. Meet, Greet, & Eat offers the chance to get to know each other over a meal. Our first event will be February 18th in the evening. We will meet at the church at 5pm for appetizers and then find out what location you will be dining at and who your dinner companions will be. Both hosts and guests are needed. You may be asked to contribute part of the meal.

Sign up here:

[https://onrealm.org/SouthCanyonLuth/  
PublicRegistrations/Event?  
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counter by Feb 9th.

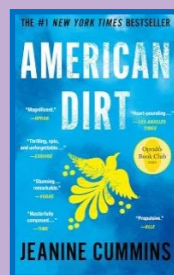
If you have questions, contact Carrie Churchill at 605-430-6190, Kerry Britton at 605-393-5599, or Janet Peterson at 605-391-2152.

Many thanks to Joel  
Petersen, Brad  
Wellendorf, Kelly  
Whiting and Mike  
Carter for helping us.  
Peggy and Loren Schaller



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** - Thank you for your direction of Choice Dollars to South Canyon Lutheran Church and to Friend-Ship Preschool. These designated dollars have been used to help with larger purchases and scholarships for preschool and help with camperships for kids going to a Lutherans Outdoor camp and other youth programs. If you still have 2023 dollars to designate – please consider sending them to SCLC – the deadline is March 31, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi at the church office.



## BOOK CLUB

**American Dirt by  
Jeanine Cummins**

**February 17th 8:30 am**



Note the new date



### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

#### **ELIZABETH CIRCLE**

9:00 am on the 2nd Wednesday  
Koinonia Kafe  
Leader-Barb Nelson

#### **EUNICE CIRCLE**

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

#### **WESTHILLS RUTH CIRCLE**

1:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday  
Westhills Village

#### **PRISCILLA CIRCLE**

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

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**7:30 am Wednesdays**

Hardees on Haines Ave. by Applebees  
Leader-Larry Thompson



## BIBLE STUDIES

Welcome to flight #2024 Be prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Attitude and Blessings are secured and locked in an upright position. All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away. Should we lose Altitude under pressure, during the flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated you can assist other passengers. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. The Captain (GOD) has cleared us for takeoff. Destination GREATNESS...



## Rapid City!

Eat to support

**South Canyon Lutheran Church**



♥ 20% Donated Back

📅 Monday, March 11th / 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

📄 RSVP below

[groupraise.com/events/271485](https://groupraise.com/events/271485)

Pancheros Mexican Grill

1221 W. Omaha, Rapid City

## YOUTH MINISTRIES FUNDRAISERS

### NOODLES FOR A CAUSE

When you order a Noodles for a Cause meal from their Campaign Promotion Page, 50% goes back to South Canyon Lutheran Church Youth Ministries.

<https://groupraise.com/oc/37898-noodlesandco>



**\*\*See additional fundraising opportunities on Page 12\*\***

### FREE LUNCH for FINALS





## Souper Bowl Sunday – AND a Souper Month of Giving

Last year over 100 cans of soup were put in the grocery cart during the month of the Super Bowl! Can you help fill the grocery cart again this year? Or purchase a Grocery Gift Card in the office and we'll do the shopping. Thank you!

### Fellowship Opportunities

YOU ARE the CHURCH! Have you checked out the many opportunities at the Information Center? From helping with Sunday services, lending a hand a once a month at Free Lunch, baking for Woyatan monthly meals, helping with kitchen cleanup on Wednesday nights, helping in the office, purchasing Grocery Gift Cards – there are so many things we can do together! Will you help?



### FREE LUNCH

The next Free Lunch is **February 27**. Please mark your calendars if you'd like to be involved with this ministry to high school youth. During two days of finals in January, 735 delicious meals were served. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all who participated in this outreach ministry. Many bakers went above and beyond by bringing anywhere from 2-6 dozen baked goods. We were able to share this abundant blessing with Wednesday night meals, Woyatan, and our LifeINC campus guests. We are also very grateful for the support of Thrivent Action grants, which help defray the cost of this ministry.

## Special Offering for February

### Ministry of the Month – Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin)

Let's match the generosity of South Canyon from last year! Through your giving of grocery items, we stocked their empty food pantry at School of Mines and also collected a total of \$692.

This college campus ministry serves at Black Hills State University and School of Mines and strives to build community, deepen faith, expand minds, and inspire service. They participate in Thanksgiving Basket deliveries, MLK Day of Service, stocking campus food shelves, crocheting caps and scarves for the downtown statues, supporting the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center, hosting retreats at Outlaw Ranch, and other opportunities to do God's work.

Each week, they seek to feed their members, both physically and spiritually, and grow together in faith. They meet at both The Room in Spearfish and the Luther House in Rapid City for meals, fellowship, and project planning.

Offering envelopes are in the back of the sanctuary, and online donations can be made on Realm. Contact the church office at 605-343-4887 with questions.

For more information on LuMin, check out their website at <https://www.luminthehills.org/>





# MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE

Many thanks to those who helped “un-decorate” the church!



**Blanket Tying and HS Sleepover**



# FAITH FORMATION

## Sundays

### February 4th

Worship: 9:00 am

### February 11th

Worship 9:00 am with communion

### February 18th

Worship: 9:00 am

### February 25th

Worship: 9:00 am with communion

## Wednesday Nights

### MEALS

(5:00-6:00 pm)

February 7th—Lasagna

February 14th—Meat Loaf

February 21st—Chicken Pot Pie

February 28th—German Night

### 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

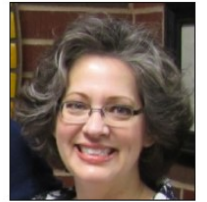
\*High School

## Director of Worship



### Bell Choir

All music groups at South Canyon are up and running. We have an opening for a new member to ring the two highest bells in the Handbell Choir. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know. We rehearse Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary balcony.



Ellen Shirley  
ellen@sclc-rc.org

The Sanctuary Choir has already begun working on the Palm/Passion Sunday Cantata for March 24th. This year's cantata traces the path of Jesus' triumphant ride into Jerusalem through his teachings in the temple that turn him from -the one who has come to "save" the people to the one who must be put to death. The following Sunday, March 31st, we will celebrate God's Plan that is revealed to us through His Son's rising.



I would really love to see our Kid's Choir grow this year. We've bumped the time back from 3:30 to 3:45 p.m. on Fridays to help navigate traffic and school dismissal times. Kid's Choir is much more than learning faith songs and good singing habits. It also serves as a ministry time with Bible Stories and Fellowship. Please consider joining us or if you know someone with young children, please encourage them to join us.

Blessings to all - Ellen



# From the Office

# Financials



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Sheila Hoyer  
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## Woyatan Lutheran Church

SCLC will serve the meal with our partners in ministry on Sunday, Feb. 11th.

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.

## COUNCIL MINUTES

### Council Meeting Highlights for December 19, 2023

**Guest Presentation:** Mona Drolc presented her plan for Confirmation.

Council approved the Confirmation Plan.

**November 2023 Minutes:** Presented and approved.

**Financials:** Treasurer's Report presented and approved. Byron reported we are doing well with budget numbers. See Financials Chart.

**Property & Grounds:** The elevator has been fixed. Furnaces have been inspected and maintained. One furnace was replaced. Furnace upgrades will be completed in 2025.

#### Old Business:

1. **Teams:** The Following Teams will be formed: Personnel, Constitution & By-Laws, and Care Corps.

2. **LoveINC:** LifeINC Campus will begin at South Canyon on Monday, January 15th and continue for 8 weeks.

3. **Organ bill:** The amount of \$1039 will be taken from the Mission Investment Fund, which is designated for the organ.

#### New Business

**Set semi-annual meeting date:** May 19, 2024

# 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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WAYS to  
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- \* offering envelopes
- \* online giving
- \* text to give

MAKING ASHES



#### Financials as of December 2023:

Actual Contributions for month .....	\$95,440
Actual Expenses for month .....	\$51,712
Net: .....	\$43,729

YTD Contributions.....	\$708,994
YTD Actual Expenses .....	\$668,366
YTD Net: .....	\$40,628

Total Budgeted Expenses for 2023 .....\$898,433.00

#### Account Balances as of December 2023

General Fund .....	\$218,780
Building Fund .....	\$110,604
Savings Fund .....	\$132,590
Good Samaritan Fund .....	\$1,812
Food Certificates .....	\$9,857



# Children, Youth, & Family



Mona Drolc  
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605-343-4887

## FEBRUARY

### February 7:

6:35—7:30 pm: 4yrs—5th grade - Faith Formation  
MS - Confirmation/Small Groups  
HS - Youth Group

### February 14: No activities

### February 17: Chili Cook-Off

### February 21:

6:35—7:30 pm: 4yrs—5th grade - Faith Formation  
MS - Youth Group  
HS - Faith For Teens/Small Group

### February 28:

6:35—7:30 pm: 4yrs—5th grade - Faith Formation  
MS/HS - Love Thy Neighbor  
Community Care Project  
HS - Confirmation Mentor Meeting



## SPONSOR BOARD YOUTH FUNDRAISER

-- COMING SOON --



## CHILI COOK-OFF YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Saturday,  
February 17th

Judging 4:30 - 5:00  
Worship 5:30  
Meal 6:00



## Wanted: Donations of Books for Youth Ministries Book Sale!

The Youth are having a donation book sale this month. ANY donation of books or DVDs would be greatly appreciated. It's a great way to repurpose books, clean out your stash, share with others, and support the Youth Ministry that is growing at SCLC!







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 17-20, 2024</div>				1 9am Piecemakers	2	3  5:30pm Worship
4 9am Worship	5  5:30pm LifeINC meal 6pm LifeINC classes	6  6:30pm Bell Choir	7 7:30am Men's Bible Study  5pm Meal 6pm Worship 6:35pm Programming	8 9am Piecemakers	9  3:45pm Kid's Choir	10  5:30pm Worship with communion
11 9am Worship with communion 10am Parent Brunch 11 am Woyaton	12  5:30pm LifeINC meal 6pm LifeINC classes	13  6:30pm Bell Choir	14 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30am Men's Bible Study 5pm Meal 9am Elizabeth Circle 12pm Ash Wed. Worship 6pm Worship with communion 7:10pm Choir Practice	15 9am Piecemakers	16  3:45pm Kid's Choir	17 8:30am Book Club 4:30 Chili Cook-Off 5:30pm Worship 6:00pm Chili Supper
18 9am Worship  5pm Meet., Greet & Eat	19 5:30pm Life INC meal 6pm LifeINC classes 7pm Priscilla Circle (Zoom)	20 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  1:30pm Eunice Circle  6:30pm Bell Choir	21 7:30am Men's Bible Study 12pm Lent Worship 12:30pm Soup Meal 5pm Meal 6pm Worship 6:35pm Programming 6:40pm Joyful Noise 7:10pm Choir Practice	22 9am Piecemakers	23  3:45pm Kid's Choir	24  5:30pm Worship with communion
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**Pastor Paul J. Erdal**, Interim Pastor

**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

[info@sclc-rc.org](mailto:info@sclc-rc.org)

**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:



### Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin)

