



South Canyon
Lutheran Church

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The Canyon

Parish News

APRIL 2024

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Caring for God's Creation



at **SCLC**

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 thru May 1st

- 5:00 pm — Meal
- 6:00 pm — Worship
- 6:35 pm — 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/southcanyonlutheran](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/southcanyonlutheran](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!

Call or Email our Main Office:

Main Office: 605.343.4887
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 and click on box to join us online.

Services are archived for viewing.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAUL J. ERDAL, *Interim Pastor*

“To Be a Church Community”

When I consider the word “Church,” automatically I am reminded of my childhood. It’s a finger play I learned ... “Here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people.”

Since COVID-19, I am worried what this means for the Church. **Church has always been the people.** I am concerned how we are going to be a “Faith Community.” We need to stay connected. We need active brothers and sisters in Christ living out their faith.

South Canyon Lutheran Church has a long history of excellent programs. Unfortunately, our staff have a challenge. We are needing to rely more on volunteers. This helps tremendously. However, we also need to remember that programs are tools for ministry. Our goal in ministry has always been engaging people. **People are the most important!**

This spring and summer are going to be a very important time for our congregation. I am asking you consider a few things:

1) I am asking you to STUDY. The Book of Acts is a marvelous place to begin. It tells of the early followers of Jesus Christ. It is the beginning stages of the early Christian Church.

2) I am asking for PRAYER. A faith community gathering for prayer whether they are together or not, is a marvelous thing. No matter where you are, you can pray for our government, nation, aftermath of COVID-19, health care workers, disasters, the afflicted, etc. There are many needs. A reminder that God’s care and mercy through Jesus Christ is always a helpful reminder. When we pray the Lord’s Prayer, what do we mean by “Thy Kingdom Come” and “Thy Will Be Done?” Do we trust that God will take care of His Kingdom? Do we trust in God’s will being done in the world? Praying the Lord’s Prayer is always appropriate.

3) I am asking for DISCERNMENT. Our mission statement can be said in summary: *See, Grow, Serve to the Glory of God.* More than ever, we need active study, prayer, and dialogue as a faith community ... Together!

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING



First Communion The official “First Communion” day will be on Sunday, April 14th. The families will be able to commune together around the railing.

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. This special time is for everyone who has joined or started attending in the last few years.

New Member Sunday is the following day, on April 14th at the 9:00 AM Worship Service. We hope you are able to attend both these celebration events. We will have caramel rolls after Worship as we welcome you into our church family.



Free Lunch on April 16 will be our last Free Lunch before finals. The menu includes chicken enchilada casserole, tossed salad, beverages, and desserts. If you are able to contribute a dessert, please sign up at the information counter. The past variety of homemade desserts has been fantastic, and such a treat for high school students and staff. Thank you bakers! Free Lunch for Finals will be on Wednesday, May 22, and Thursday, May 23.

Semi- Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19 after worship. The focus of the semi- annual meeting is for program review and election of officers to the council. More details to come. The youth will be selling caramel rolls to go.

Teams (Committees)

Many teams have been formed in the past several months and congregational members are working diligently in many areas. We will have reports from teams at the semi annual meeting, but we would especially like to thank the personnel team, the audit team, the trust fund team, and the nominating committee for their hard work. We have many wonderful, dedicated volunteers, and more teams will be formed in the near future. If you would like to be involved in the ministry of education, outreach, fellowship, or stewardship, the nominating committee would be happy to hear from you. The committee members are Mary Bauman, Lorys Eiesland, Pete Jensen, Caitlyn Ireland, and Joel Petersen.

Your Church Council

New Event! Pub Theology with South Canyon Lutheran friends

Do you love good beer shared with amazing people over thought-provoking conversation? Are you thirsty for some perspective on the challenges facing society today? Please come and add your thoughts and voice to the discussion! Pub Theology will be a low-key and judgment-free space for community and conversation. The goal is to have fun, enjoy a beer or soda, and have some crafted faith conversations.

Our first gathering was at Zymurcracy Beer Company (4624 Creek Drive) on Sunday, April 7th, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. We had a great crowd and will continue next month, Sunday, May 19 at 5pm again at Zymurcracy Beer Co. Plan to join in the great fellowship and conversation. We hope to see you there!

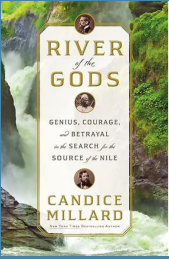


WHAT'S HAPPENING



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 have any questions, please contact Kristi at the church office at 605-343-



BOOK CLUB

River of the Gods
Candice Millard
April 20 - 8:30 am

NEW MEMBERS!

Be ready to welcome our new members!
Orientation class is April 13 and a welcome reception after worship with caramel rolls is April 14.




We are blessed with a number of prayer shawls. If you know of anyone in need of a little TLC, please pick one up at the office, or Ellen can get one to you when you are at worship.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

(5:00—5:55 pm)

April 3rd—Deconstructed Cordon Bleu
April 10th—Beef Stroganoff
April 17th—Pulled Pork & Beans
April 24th—Italian Night



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

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Thru April 23rd

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>



All commissions on orders placed on this link between April 1 and May 29 will be donated to South Canyon Lutheran Youth Ministries:

<https://tinyurl.com/SCLCyouth>

THIRTY One
INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT



Youth Ministries Book Sale!

Watch out for the book sale coming in the fall! It's a great way to repurpose books, and share with others, plus support the Youth Ministry that is growing at SCLC!

Pick the amount you want to pay, fill the corresponding envelope and give it to a staff member or put in an offering plate

SPONSOR
BOARD
FUNDRAISER IN
SANCTUARY

PANCHEROS MEXICAN GRILL

Youth Fundraiser
Mondays, April 22nd
& May 13th
4-8 pm

We get 20% back!

Pancheros participants



CARAMEL/CINNAMON ROLL SALE

MAY 19TH
(Semi-Annual Meeting)

To support our Youth Ministry



Financials

Financials as of February 2024:

Actual Contributions for month\$61,935

Actual Expenses for month\$50,708

Net:\$11,227

Total Budgeted Expenses for 2024\$662,061.44

Account Balances as of January 2024

General Fund\$246,738

Building Fund\$109,506

Savings Fund\$132,527

Good Samaritan Fund\$1,812

Food Certificates\$9,819



ALLELUIA!

He Is Risen!

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Meeting Highlights for February 2024

January Minutes: Presented and Approved

Financials: Treasurer's report presented and approved. See Financials Chart.

Property & Grounds: Joel Petersen submitted a written report. The committee met on January 27 to discuss and prioritize building tasks and repairs.

Pastor Paul: Pastor Paul thanked staff and council for their hard work and help. He noted the shrinking staff since Covid. He discussed the book by Dave Daubert, Living Lutheran: Renewing your Congregation. All are encouraged to read the book, and Pastor Paul could lead small group discussions concerning the book and leading into Ministry Needs.

Old Business:

Teams – task force (Pastor Paul, Mandey, PJ, Joel) are working on bullet descriptions for: Personnel Team. Constitution and by-laws, Care Corps Team, Mutual Ministry Team.

Kitchen Team Update: Council approved \$6000 for them.

Audit Team Update: The team is meeting and they would like to have a report for the semiannual meeting in May but they can't guarantee.

Task Force for Pictorial Directory: Diane Tschetter brought up discussion of doing an online directory and that Realm might have capability for this. Caitlyn Ireland will do a write up for the newsletter, bulletin, & social media to request volunteers for this task force.

New Business:

Imagine the Possibilities:

Diane discussed the events that were hosted in the past and the 2 with the most interest were Pub Theology and Hiking.

Direction for Nominating committee: Discussed what size of council we wanted, 12 was decided. The current areas were outlined: worship, education, stewardship, evangelism, youth, lay, outreach, budget and finance.

Pastor parking signs: The Pastor Parking signs that no longer exist. There was discussion that they could possibly be used in the future for visitor parking. No decision was made at this time.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Special Offering for March



LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES (LSS)

During April, all donations to LSS will be matched up until April 28th! That includes online giving on SouthDakotaCARES.org and any checks received before that date. So your donation is doubled! There are envelopes available in the back of the church if you are interested.

LSS is in need of the following food items for their various programs: Ready to eat stews/soups/meals, tuna/chicken salad snack packs, cup noodles, cracker packs, fruit snacks, fruit cups, peanut butter packets, cookie packages, apple sauce cups. This is also an opportunity for Thrivent members to utilize Thrivent grants. If you need help with the application, please call the church at 605-343-4887.

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) is one of the largest private non-profit human services agencies in South Dakota. The ELCA Lutheran church has played an important role in the inception of the agency. LSS was created over 100 years ago to be the hand and feet of the ELCA Lutheran church. The

mission of LSS is: Inspired by God's love, we care for, support, and strengthen individuals, families, and communities.

LSS hosts an annual statewide day of giving, South Dakota CARES, which features opportunities for gifts to be matched. South Dakota CARES brings all South Dakotans together simultaneously to learn about the difference made through donations, celebrate stories of positive change, and generate financial support for our children, families, and communities in South Dakota. Locally in the Black Hills, LSS operates 12 different service lines from 5 locations; from providing affordable access to mental health care, to offering alternatives to detention, and helping young adults who transition from foster care to live independently.



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MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE



DYEING EASTER EGGS



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FIRST COMMUNION TRAINING WITH PASTOR PAUL



MAKING COMMUNION BREAD



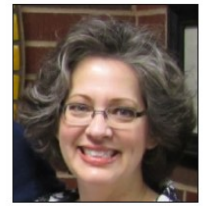
YOUTH GROUP PANCAKE BREAKFAST



FIRST COMMUNION CHALICES & STOLES



Director of Worship



Ellen Shirley
ellen@sclc-rc.org

We are blessed as a church to have so many talented and dedicated musicians that share their gifts with us in worship. Thank you to ALL our musicians for another fantastic month of music and for making our Lenten Journey and our Easter Celebration even more meaningful.

Thank You Altar Care members for your continued service and for making Palm Sunday very green and Easter bright and beautiful.

We have a newly formed Ministry of Worship Team. Congregation members include Deb Jensen, Nicole Schulz, Tim Shirley, Gordon Swanson, Deb Watson, and Lindsey Wellendorf. These members represent attendance at the Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday worship services, participation in musical ensembles, newer members, and members who have been worshipping here for many years. According to our By-Laws, this team is “responsible for everything pertaining to the worship life of this congregation” which includes supervision of “...all helpers at worship, worship planning, and music.”

At our March meeting we discussed the need to restart the Worship Service Teams for greeting, ushering, and assisting with communion for the different worship services. With that said, we would like to re-invent the Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John Worship Teams, being mindful of the different worship services.

For Saturday and Sunday worship: The Matthew Teams will serve in January, May, and September. The Mark Teams will serve in February, June, and October. The Luke Teams will serve in March, July, and November and the John Teams will serve in April, August, and December.

Our youth will be responsible for the Wednesday Worship Service Teams. Ms Mona will coordinate them.

Sign-up sheets will be placed on the Information Counter and on the table that holds the bulletins in the narthex. We will need a volunteer to take the role of Team Leader for each of the teams for communication and safety purposes. If the sheets don't fill up quickly, I will be walking around before and after worship to *lovingly* ask you to serve. Your help will be greatly appreciated!!

Mark your calendars for a very musical event this week at SCLC!

The Dakota Choral Union Concert Sunday, April 21st at 3:00 pm. The first half of the program will feature DCU's small ensemble, Kantorei, as well as the three talented student winners of the Young Vocal Artist Competition that was held at South Canyon on March 2nd. The second half of the program will feature the drum circle from Woyatan Lutheran Church followed by a performance of Bob Chilcotte's CircleSong, a multi-movement work for SATB choir and treble chorus based on 13 Native American poems that represent the cycle of life from birth through death. The performance will include narration by Jeff Not Help Him and features Central High School's Freshmen Treble Choir. Tickets for this concert are \$10 at the door.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 17-20, 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

From the Office



Kristi Wellendorf
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605.343.4887



Sheila Hoyer
sheila@sclc-rc.org
605.343.4887



Woyatan Lutheran Church

SCLC will serve the meal with our partners in ministry on Sunday, April 14th at 11:00 am.

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



LUTHERANS OUTDOORS

The LO Early Bird Rate for Youth Camps ended on April 15th, but you can still register. A LO representative will be at worship on May 4th, 5th, and Wednesday May 8th to talk about Lutherans Outdoors and their program opportunities.

LSS Day of Giving: South Dakota CARES

Donations Matched Now Through April 27

The inception of our day of giving was 103 years ago, when 100 women held a donation day and prepared supplies for the opening of the House of Mercy, the first of many LSS services.

In honor of that memorable day, we host South Dakota CARES, a statewide day of giving that brings all South Dakotans together simultaneously to learn about the difference made through donations, celebrate stories of positive change, and generate financial support for children, families, and communities in South Dakota.

Last year, more than 300 South Dakotans came together to raise more than \$323,000 in support of LSS services!

Your generosity goes further during South Dakota CARES thanks to generous donor match and challenge gifts.

Donate now at: <https://www.southdakotacares.org/search>

Slide operators are needed for Saturday night worship services. No experience is needed—we will train you (it is easy!). Contact the office if you are interested at 605-343-4887.



Children, Youth, & Family Ministry



Mona Drolc
mona@sccl-rc.org
605-343-4887

APRIL

April 3 –

- 6:35-7:15 4yrs – 5th Faith Formation
- 6:35-7:30 MS – HS Faith Adventure Created to Be (FACT-b)
- 6:35-7:30 First Communion Painting of Chalice
- 7:30-8:00 Youth Group Board Meeting

April 6 –

- 9:00 Clean-up Day at Chapel in the Hills

April 10 –

- 6:35-7:15 4yrs – 5th Faith Formation
- 6:35-7:30 First Communion Making of Stoles
- 6:35-7:30 MS – HS Faith Adventure Created to Be (FACT-b)
- 6:35-7:30 HS Confirmation Mentor Class

April 14 –

- 9:00 First Communion Celebration Service

April 16 –

- 11:00 High School Free Lunch

April 17 –

- 6:35-7:15 4yrs – 5th Faith Formation
- 6:35-7:30 MS – HS Faith Adventure Created to Be (FACT-b)

April 22 –

- 4:00-8:00 Pancheros Fundraiser

April 24 –

- 6:35 -7:30 Love Thy Neighbor Community Care Project



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



SENIOR BREAKFAST CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 5th

- 8:30 am** - Open House for the congregation with Seniors
- 9:00 am** - Graduation Blessing during Worship
- 10:00 am** - Breakfast Celebration for Seniors & their families

Please join us at the Open House to celebrate our graduating Seniors of 2024!



APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 3:45pm NO Kid's Choir	6 5:30pm Worship
7 9am Worship	8	9 6:30pm Bell Choir	10 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am—Elizabeth Circle 5pm Meal 6pm Worship 6:40pm Joyful Noise 6:35pm Programming 7:10pm Choir Practice	11 9am Piecemakers	12 3:45pm Kid's Choir	13 10:00 am New Member Class 5:30pm Worship with communion
14 9am Worship with communion First Communion (live streamed) 10am New Member Reception 11 am Woyaton	15	16 Bear Butte Conference 11:00am FREE LUNCH 1:30pm Eunice Circle 6:30pm Bell Choir	17 7:30am Men's Bible Study 5pm Meal 6pm Worship with communion 6:35pm Programming 7:10pm Choir Practice	18 9am Piecemakers	19 3:45pm Kid's Choir	20 8:30am Book Club 5:30pm Worship
21 9am Worship 3pm Dakota Choral Union Concert	22 4:00pm Youth Group Fundraiser at Pancheros 7pm Priscilla Circle (Zoom)	23 6pm - Church Council	24 7:30am Men's Bible Study 5pm Meal 6pm Worship 6:35pm Programming 7:10pm Choir Practice	25 9am Piecemakers	26 3:45pm NO Kid's Choir	27 5:30pm Worship with communion
28 9am Worship with communion	29	30	May 1st - May Day! Last Wednesday Night Dinner, Worship & Faith Formation until fall. 5pm - Dinner - Gizzy's Pizza & Bubble Gum Party			



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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
Andrea Wager, Bookkeeper

Friend-Ship Preschool

Phone: 605-343-4887
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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:

Lutheran Social Services (LSS)



 **DAKOTA Choral UNION**
presents their
Spring Concert
3:00 pm, Sunday April 21
South Canyon Lutheran Church
\$10.00 at the door