



South Canyon
Lutheran Church

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The Canyon

Parish News

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at **SCLC**

Worship Service Times

- Saturdays at 5:30 pm
- Sundays at 9:00 am
- Communion is offered on the 2nd, 4th & 5th weekends

Wednesday Nights thru May 1st

Resuming in the Fall

- 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

Music Ensembles on Summer Break

- **Adult Choir Rehearsal**
- **Children's Choir Rehearsal**
- **The Alleluia Ringers - Bell Choir**

Watch for start up dates for the fall

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
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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* "The Growing Season"

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:15-17)

This is one of my favorite Scripture passages ... "... Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ..." Just about every word in this passage from Colossians is rich and nurturing for our faith.

The first Sunday after Pentecost marks the beginning of our "Growing Season" in the church calendar year. The color for this season is green, to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ. Some assemblies use different shades of green throughout the Sundays after Pentecost, a lighter green in summer and a darker green in fall.

This growing season is also part of our spring and summer. Colorful flowers, perennials, annuals, shrubs, trees, vegetables and fruits all thrive in this season of growing. With plenty of sunshine, moisture, and fertilizer we pray for a bountiful harvest. When I was serving in the rural small communities of Minnesota where there were beautiful rows of beans, corn, sugar beets, etc., we counted on good rain at appropriate times ... at least once a week.

In these beautiful spring and summer months, may you consider the "growing season" and the words from Colossians 3:15-17 ...

Remain Thankful to God

Let the word of Christ dwell within you

Sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him

Shalom +++

Paul J Erdal, *Interim Pastor*



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Semi-Annual Meeting Thank you to all that attended the Semi-Annual Meeting in May! Congratulations to your newly elected Church Council members. They are: Gary Johnson, Bob Thompson, Halima Kringen, Deborah Watson, Jona Hagen, Nichole Morse, and Ken Bauman. Ken was also elected Council Secretary. Serving another term on the council are: Mandey Tschetter, Byron Mutschelknaus, Matthew Wilson, PJ Haar, and Diane Tschetter. With deep gratitude we thank leaving council members: Joel Petersen, Janet Carter, Caitlyn Ireland and Ken Walker for their dedication, commitment, and service on the Council.

Free Lunch A heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped prep, serve and clean up after Free Lunch for high school students and staff this year. We are extremely grateful for all of the desserts that have been faithfully provided from so many of you. According to Stevens principal, Jocelyn Hafner, Free Lunch has had a powerful impact on the Raider community. We also appreciate all who have provided a Thrivent Action Grant of \$250 for every free lunch we have served.



Pub Theology You are all welcome to attend the next gathering of Pub Theology on Sunday, June 30 from 5 PM to 6:30 PM at Zymurcracy Beer company. The group enjoys a meal, a favorite beverage, and is having a wonderful time getting better acquainted with their church family through icebreakers, and lively conversation in small groups. Please sign up and invite your congregational friends to come as well. We are tentatively planning on having food trucks this month, and will keep you posted.

Tom Pfeifle Memorial Run Please join us for the 8th Annual Tom Pfeifle Memorial 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, June 22, beginning at 8:30 AM at Raider Park. As we honor Tom's memory, and his passion for outdoor activities, we remember how he loved spending time with family and friends. We're fortunate to have the talented Stevens Raider Drumline at the event, wonderful post race food, and the opportunity to win one of many valuable raffle baskets through a ticket purchase. You may register online without a shirt option at www.tompfeifle5k.org until June 21. Walk-ins are welcome.



Visiting Pastor Renee Splichal Larson Please mark your calendars for the weekend of July 6 & 7 as Pastor Renee Splichal Larson, Associate to the Bishop from the Synod office, will be joining us. She will be preaching both days, and on Sunday will meet with the congregation after worship to explain the call process and lead us in a discussion of the Ministry Site Profile. This will be your opportunity to have input on what qualities you would like to see in our future settled call pastor. A brunch will be served after the meeting. It is a holiday weekend, but we'd be very grateful for your attendance in worship. Thank you in advance!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A GIVE-BACK PROJECT



Ethan Holland is working toward his Eagle-Scout Rank with Troop 131. He plans to build a wooden outdoor kitchen and bench for Friend-Ship Preschool's playground. Ethan attended the preschool and wants to give back to the church and preschool. You can leave donations at the church office to support Ethan's project.



MEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

June 11	8 pm	West Field	Fountain springs 3
	9 pm	West Field	Hills view Green
June 18	7 pm	West Field	Fountain Springs 1
	8 pm	West Field	Cathedral
June 25	7 pm	West Field	Bethel
	9 pm	West Field	First UCC
July 2	7 pm	West Field	Hills View Silver
July 9	8 pm	West Field	Hills View Silver
	9 pm	East Field	Hills View Green
July 16	8 pm	West Field	Hills View Silver
	9 pm	West Field	Fountain Springs 1



GO CHEER THEM ON!

PRAYER BEAR MINISTRY

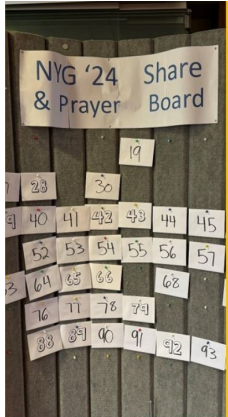
Thanks to all who supported this new ministry with donations, purchases and prayers – and stuffing the bears!

The Friend-Ship Preschool Graduation Class of 2024 was blessed with Prayer Bears and also prayer booklets. We hope this becomes an annual tradition. Prayer Bear sales will begin again in the fall. If you sew and are interested in supporting this ministry, please call 605-343-4887. Diane Forsyth will teach you how to sew the bears. In the meantime, there are a few bears available to purchase in the Koinonia Kafe.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AND THEIR ACTIVITIES



SUPPORT OUR YOUTH FOR THE 2024 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Select an envelope from the board and give the amount shown to the office or place in the offering plate



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4-8 pm

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Register now for Vacation Bible School

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JUNE 17th-20th

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Support our youth



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

MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE



**MISS MONA
WITH
LIZZY AND GIZZY**



KID'S CHOIR



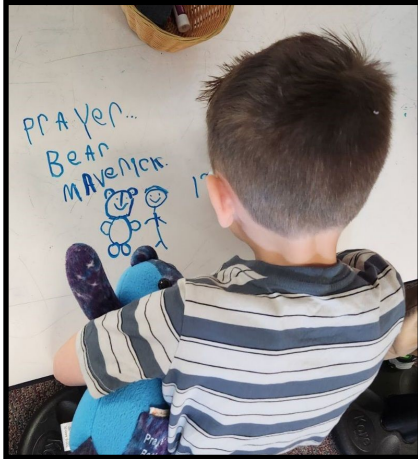
GRADUATES' BREAKFAST

GRADUATES' BLESSING



MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE

PRAYER BEAR RECIPIENT



FUTURE PARISHIONERS



MONA & UNCLE ZIPPY



PRAYER BEARS FOR SALE



FREE LUNCH FOR FINALS



OUR FEARLESS TEAM OF FREE LUNCH WORKERS



Special Offering for May

CHAPEL IN THE HILLS

Nestled at the foot of the Black Hills, on the western edge of Rapid City, SD, the Chapel in the Hills is a quiet retreat open to all visitors. As a special ministry of the South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Chapel reaches out to vacationers and local residents alike, who look for a place to experience God's peace in their busy lives.

The Chapel in the Hills was built in 1969 and a dream come true for the preacher of the Lutheran Vespers radio hour, Dr. Harry Gregerson. The Chapel is an exact replica of the Borgund Stavkirke Church in Norway and over 25,000 visitors stop each year to see the church, museum, gift shop, and the grounds.



The purpose of the church is to spread the gospel through sermons, music, weddings, and vow renewals along with other special events. Thirty-minute worship services are held on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings at 7:30 PM in June, July, and August. Each summer, local pastors and ELCA pastors from all around the country spend a few weeks serving as pastors-in-residence.

The Chapel also has an online store where Jon Crane Watercolor Chapel prints, hardanger items, wood carvings (Nordic Gnomes, crosses, and nativity sets) as well as other items can be purchased. Sales of these items, rental fees for the events, and donations support this ministry.

This year, the Chapel has been chosen as the recipient of the Huether & Associates Thrivent Matching Grant Program. For every \$2 donated to the Chapel through this online campaign, Thrivent will match \$1, up to an total match of \$3,000. To donate, you can visit <https://bit.ly/give2chapel> or scan the QR Code below. You can also donate by using the offering envelopes located in the back of our church, and regular online donations can be made on Realm. Contact the church at 605-343-4887 with questions.



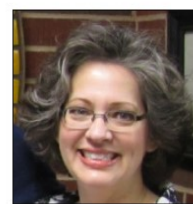
For more information about the Chapel, check out their website at: <https://www.chapel-in-the-hills.org/index.html> or current events on their Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChapelintheHillsSD>

Director of Worship



SUMMER MUSIC The summer Pop-Up Choir is back! This is a fun and easy way to sing with the choir. Music will be handed out at the morning rehearsal; we will have 30 minutes to learn the music and then we will sing it in worship that morning. This year the Pop-Up Choir will be moving to the second Sunday of each month to accommodate schedules, so join us **June 9, July 14, and Aug 11!**



Ellen Shirley
ellen@sclc-rc.org

SCLC FAMILY OF FAITH – Ellen Shirley's Story

What brought you to SCLC? We moved to Rapid City 8 years ago and began looking at different churches in the area. We had tried several different churches, but when we walked into South Canyon our younger son knew a friend from school. This friend's family welcomed us and made us feel at home and we have been here ever since.

What brings you JOY about being part of SCLC? I am blessed to interact with all ages at SCLC. I work with the preschool children (ages 4–5), Kid's Choir (ages 4-13), Intergenerational Wednesday Worship Band (middle school, high school age and beyond,) Bell Choir, Joyful Noise, and Sanctuary Choir (again, mostly beyond high school). Where else can someone sing "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" in the morning and then ring 4 octaves of bells in the evening? Or program a Christmas anthem that includes grandchildren singing with their grandparent? Or have a grandparent who plays accordion play alongside a grandson who is playing the bassoon? I Love This Job! Music aside, the congregation, the smiles of fellowship, coming together to worship – all of this brings me JOY!

Do you have a favorite memory of SCLC? The sound of the congregation singing together their first Sunday back after Covid. It was beautiful. Thank you!

What excites you about the church and all the changes moving forward? Watching us get back to pre-pandemic activities. It is like watching a flower unfold in all its splendor and beauty.

Do you have a favorite Bible verse? Micah 6:8 ..."And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Tell us about your family. Tim and I met in band at Peoria High School in Peoria, IL. We will celebrate 37 years of marriage this summer. We have two grown children, John, who is married to Jessye and lives in Brookings, and Brian, who will finish a Bachelor of Musical Arts and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree next spring at USD. Tim works at Black Hills Energy in Human Resources.

What are some of your hobbies and interests? I have the privilege and honor of serving as the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Dakota Choral Union. Next fall will begin my 3rd season. Working with this group is another great JOY in my life. I also make hardanger embroidered ornaments to sell at the Chapel in the Hills.

What do you enjoy most about living in the Black Hills? Tim and I have lived in IL – a lot of corn; OH – quite beautiful; IA – a lot of corn; TX – hot, humid and no seasons; and CA – the desert part. We love the hills and the seasons; we've even become accustomed to hail. We are big National Park fans (we've visited 37 of them so far), so it's a joy to live in an area that holds so much beauty.

From the Office



Have some time on your hands? A few hours a week or a month? Join the Volunteer Office Team!

No experience required. You'd help with answering the phone and door, assisting members, filing, copying, and other simple easy-to-do tasks that will greatly help SCLC. Call 605-343-4887 or email info@sclc-rc.org



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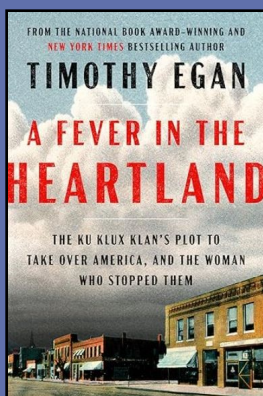
Check out the Piecemaker's display in the entryway on the way downstairs. There's lots of interesting information about quilting and an opportunity to help out. There are bundles of fabric to take home and cut into squares that will become beautiful quilts. There are also bags with pre-cut squares ready to be sewn together and brought back for the group to finish. If you have any questions, you can contact the church office, a member of the Piecemaker quilting group, or come visit any Thursday morning from 9- 11am.

PIECEMAKERS



BOOK CLUB

June 15, 8:30 am
**A FEVER
IN THE HEARTLAND**



Do you like to clean?
We need a custodian
while ours is out for
surgery. Please call
the church office.



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 or email info@sclc-rc.org.

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

June Activities for Youth

June 5

6:00 pm Youth Group Board Meeting

6:30 pm National Youth Gathering Meeting with Parents

June 6

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Swimming at Jimmy Hilton with Calvary Lutheran Church. This is FREE but RSVP is required by using the QR Code or the form link below :

[Jimmy Hilton Pool - June 6 \(Thursday\), 6:30-8:30 pm RSVP \(calvaryrapidcity.org\)](https://calvaryrapidcity.org)

June 17- 20:

9:00 am - 12:00 pm **Vacation Bible School Camp Firelight** for ages 4yrs old to 5th grade. Open Registration is now available until June 1st. Use QR code to register online, request a registration form or follow the link in the Weekly Connections.

June 17:

4:00 - 8:00 pm Pancheros Fundraiser for SCLC Youth.



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**Register now
for
Vacation
Bible
School**

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JUNE 17th-20th

9:00 am - 12:00 pm



SWIMMING TIME
JIMMY HILTON POOL (SHERIDAN LAKE ROAD)

FREE

**June 6th
(Thursday)
6:30 to
8:30 pm**



**FREE, but an
RSVP is Required**

*Pool Night is sponsored by the Sauter family
in memory of their mother, Shirley Matzen. Thank you!*

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:30pm Worship
2	3	4 5pm Church Golf	5 7:30am Men's Bible Study 6pm—Youth Board Mtg 6:30pm—Nat'l Youth Gathering Mtg	6 9am Piecemakers 6:30am Swimming at Jimmy Hilton Pool with Calvary	7	8 8am—DCU rehearsal 5:30pm Worship with communion
9 9am Worship with communion Pop-Up Choir (live streamed)	10	11 5pm Church Golf	12 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am—Elizabeth Circle	13 9am Piecemakers	14	15 8:30am Book Club 5:30pm Worship
16 FATHER'S DAY 9am Worship (live streamed)	17 9am— VBS begins 4pm Pancheros Fundraiser	18 9am VBS 1:30pm Eunice Circle 5pm Church Golf 7pm Priscilla Circle at Church	19 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9am VBS	20 9am VBS	21	22 8:30am Tom Pfeifle Memorial 5K Run/Walk 5:30pm Worship with communion
23 9am Worship with communion (live streamed)	24	25 5pm Church Golf 6pm - Church Council	26 7:30am Men's Bible Study	27 9am Piecemakers	28	29 5:30pm Worship with communion
30 9am Worship with communion (live streamed) 5pm— Pub Theology	ALL CIRCLES WORSHIP AT THE CHAPEL IN THE HILLS ON JULY 16 AT 6:30 PM					



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Vacant, Director of Pastoral Care

Linda Jensen, Kitchen Coordinator

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Lori Brey, Nursery Attendant

Mark Meier, Custodian

Friend-Ship Preschool

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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:

CHAPEL IN THE HILLS



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THIS NEWSLETTER
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