



South Canyon
Lutheran Church

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The Canyon

Parish News

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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*

“Go Make Disciples ...”

I recall this was a very popular ministry focus the church had in the 1960's and continued well into the 2000's. However, we have lost “focus” or missional emphasis on this. But I don't want to mislead you into thinking that we need to bring it back. Reality is that our Christian faith and our country's culture has changed in so many ways.

In the Gospel of Matthew, the Resurrection of Jesus includes this verbal command from our Lord to His Inner Circle of Disciples in Galilee ... “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20).

I remember the excitement and energy of “Bring A Friend Sunday.” The first time I experienced this was when I served in Fremont, Nebraska (1998 – 2002). Everyone was given two identical notecards, to write down several names. But they had to have at least one name on the card, whom they would pray over the following week. These were potential people they would invite on the “Bring A Friends Sunday.” With the other card, everyone would walk up and place it into the “prayer box.” The other card they would keep for themselves, to remember and to pray over the names. It was fun and exciting to many people.

One of my pastoral duties was Evangelism. However, they needed to know that person. This was an Evangelism Technique I had picked up going to conferences and Continuing Education. People too often think they have to invite a “stranger,” rather than someone they know. This person may not have a “church family” or is an “inactive member.” It's easier to invite someone whom you know and have a relationship, rather than a “stranger off the street.”

Each generation can remember various kinds of ministry programs that were fun and exciting to them over the years. However, today the Christian Culture in the United States has changed. After COVID so much of our country has changed, and much of it is out of our direct control. We are at a loss of what to do.

I hear many comments like, “I wish people would come back to church.” The reality is that it won't “automatically happen,” like the sunrise every morning. If you want to see people in our congregation; those who have not come back since COVID or any inactive member ... They Have to Be Invited! This is the most basic evangelism technique.

Partner in Ministry,

Paul J. Erdal, Interim Pastor



SIGN UP NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHAT'S HAPPENING

We are so grateful for the smooth transition provided by Pastor Paul J. Erdal as our interim pastor following the resignation of Pastor Chris. The time has come to enter into the call process to find our settled call Pastor. The call committee was formed according to our constitution, and they will work directly with the Synod throughout the process. We ask you to hold them in prayer throughout the search for a new pastor. Your call committee is: Shealyn Johnson, Nichole Morse, Caitlyn Ireland, Eric Porisch, Carrie Churchill, Joleen Wilson, Jim Haar, Tim Shirley, and Larry Thompson.



Free Lunch We are looking forward to serving Free Lunch For Finals to our high school students and staff on Wednesday and Thursday, May 22 and May 23. We have appreciated the help from School of Mines student athletes as they responded to volunteer opportunities, but are eager to welcome our congregation's volunteers to prep and serve on these two days! We will be looking for lots of hands for help and an abundance of desserts both days. A special

request is for a young adult that can run up and down stairs with food as we are grilling both days. Please sign up at the Information Counter, or email Diane at bdtschet@gmail.com. Thank you!

Free Lunch Menus

Wednesday, May 22—Grilled Brats, Mac'n Cheese, veggie trays and desserts

Thursday, May 23—Grilled burgers, tossed salad, nachos and desserts

Semi- Annual Meeting

We invite the congregation to participate in the semi annual meeting on Sunday, May 19 following the 9:00 am worship. We will review and celebrate the many ministries and programs we participate in and support, as well as hold the election of new council members. Following the meeting, the youth will be selling packaged caramel rolls to go.

Pub Theology with South Canyon Lutheran friends

You are invited to Pub Theology, Sunday, May 19th from 5 pm to 6:30 pm, again held at Zymurcracy Beer Co. (4624 Creek Dr). We know the beer is good, and amazing people will be there. (That's you!) We will eat as a large group, and then break into small groups for icebreakers and activities to help us become better acquainted. Discussion topics will be provided, plus whatever you'd like to discuss in a judgment-free space (for example, "Where have you seen God at work?"). We will keep the meal simple with chicken, chips and cookies. There will be a sign-up sheet for planning purposes, and if you would like to bring cookies, please indicate that when you sign up. A basket will be set out at the event to help cover the cost of the meal.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

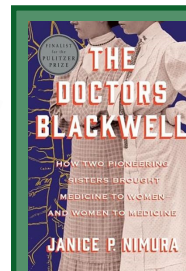


Tom Pfeifle Memorial Run: Please join us as we honor the memory of Tom Pfeifle on Saturday, June 22 At Raider Park. We will again be having the 5K Run/ Walk beginning at 8:30 AM. You may register online at www.tompfeifle5k.org. by June 1, if you'd like an atomic blue long sleeve Sport-Tek T-shirt. For your convenience, we will also offer registration in the Koinonia Room on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5 after worship. Enjoy the Stevens Raider Drumline, post-race food, and the opportunity to win incredible prize baskets by purchasing raffle tickets. Details can be found on posters on the bulletin boards.

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 Lutherans Outdoor camp and other youth programs. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi at the church office at 605-343-4887.

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BOOK CLUB

The Doctors Blackwell

Janice P Nimura

May 18 - 8:30 am

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

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday
Koinonia Kafe
Leader-Carol Davies

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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



Note new location

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

YOUTH MINISTRIES FUNDRAISERS

SPONSOR BOARD FUNDRAISER IN SANCTUARY



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



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



PANCHEROS MEXICAN GRILL

Have dinner and raise funds for SCLC Youth!

Youth Fundraisers
Mondays, May 13th
& June 17
4-8 pm

We get 20% back!

CARAMEL/CINNAMON ROLL SALE

MAY 19TH

(Semi-Annual Meeting)

To support our Youth Ministry



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!

Financials

Financials as of March 2024:

Actual Contributions for month\$46,673

Actual Expenses for month\$43,830

Net:\$2,843

Total Budgeted Expenses for 2024\$662,061.44

Account Balances as of January 2024

General Fund\$248,714

Building Fund\$109,526

Savings Fund\$132,527

Good Samaritan Fund\$1,812

Food Certificates\$9,819



COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Meeting Highlights for March 2024

February Minutes: Presented and Approved

Guests Present: The Personnel team provided a recommendation on the Children, Youth, and Ministry position that was advertised.

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

Children, Youth, and Ministry position: Caitlyn Ireland made a motion to offer the position to Mona Drolc as outlined by the personnel Team. The motion was seconded and approved. Welcome Mona!

Pastor Paul: Pastor Paul provided a written report. He also reported that Paul Hansen will present the May mission of the month which is Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota.

Old Business:

Imagine the Possibilities: Diane reported that Pub Theology will meet on April 7 at Zymurcracy Beer Company.

A hiking group is also of interest.

Nominating committee: Will generate suggestions.

Pastor parking signs: Joel Peterson reported that Visitor Parking signs can be made for \$30 each.

Task force for pictorial directory update: Caitlyn Ireland reported that a request for task force volunteers will be put in the newsletter and on social media as well as generate ideas for doing the directory.

New Business:

Semi-Annual Meeting: May 19, 2024: This falls on Pentecost Sunday which is the birthday of the church. The youth will also be selling caramel rolls to go after the meeting as a fundraiser.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Special Offering for May

Lutherans Outdoors - Outlaw Ranch



Nestled in South Dakota's picturesque Black Hills, Outlaw Ranch welcomes families and campers to our nurturing faith community. Explore the beauty of nature together, bond through shared adventures like hiking and horseback riding, and build lifelong connections.

Join us for an unforgettable camping experience, where the warmth of community and the wonders of the Black Hills come together to create lasting memories.

Outlaw Ranch is located in the southern Black Hills east of Custer and is a beautiful place to spend time with God in his creation. This year we have 13 campers signed up to attend camp at 5 different camps this summer starting June 9th.

Donations can be made directly on their website, on our website, through Realm or using an envelope in back of the church. For more information check out <https://www.losd.org/outlaw>.



NEWS FLASH !



Gizzy is on vacation visiting relatives for a couple months, but look for her Friends to pop up for Sunday Chats with Miss Mona.

MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE



MAY DAY BASKETS



WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER CIRCLE

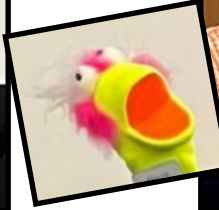


WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORKING GROUPS

MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE



GIZZY & FRIENDS



PRESCHOOL RINGING BELLS WITH MISS ELLEN



WEDNESDAY NIGHT NOISY OFFERING

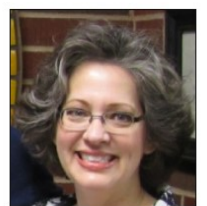


Director of Worship

Our **Worship Service Teams** are up and running. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to serve. We could still use a few more volunteers for certain months. Please contact Ellen for more information. Our goal is to make everyone feel invited, welcomed and helped.

Music Ensembles are winding down for the season. Thank you to all our wonderful, talented members for sharing your gifts with us! It is a blessing to work with all of you!

We will welcome **Bella Voce** on the May 19th in worship and, if all goes well, Brian Shirley will lead the music on the 25th and 26th.



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From the Office



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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, May 5th, and Wednesday May 8th to talk about Lutherans Outdoors and their program opportunities.

Church Clean up Day Saturday May 11 from 8am to 1pm



Come help with many various projects that are needed in and around the church building. Many hands will make for light work, working together as a church community. Questions—please contact the church office or council member Joel.

Piecemakers

The quilting group has been very busy setting up a new display in the entryway on the way downstairs. Be sure to check it out!

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.



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@sclc-rc.org
605-343-4887

MAY

May 1 – May Day!

5:00 pm Youth Serve Dinner – Pizza and
Bubblegum with Gizzy

6:00 pm Youth Worship Service

6:35 pm Last evening of Faith Formation –
all ages!

May 5 – 2024 Graduate Recognition Sunday

8:30 am Open House with the
congregation for the 2024 Graduates

9:00 am Worship with special blessing for
Graduates

10:00 am Breakfast for Graduates & family
members

May 8 – Confirmation/Mentor Fellowship Event and Lutherans Outdoors Guest Speaker

6:30 pm Lutherans Outdoors Speaker

7:00 pm Fellowship Event

May 13 – Pancheros Fundraiser

4-8 pm Come eat and help raise funds for Youth
group

May 19 – Selling of Caramel/Cinnamon Rolls

8:30 am Wrapping of Rolls to sell

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Selling of Rolls to Congregation

Semi-Annual Meeting



GRADUATE BREAKFAST CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 5th

8:30 am - Open House with the
congregation for graduates

9:00 am - Graduation Blessing
during Worship

10:00 am - Breakfast celebration
for graduates & their families

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 May Day! Last Wednesday Night Dinner, Worship & Faith Formation until fall. 5pm - Dinner - Gizzy's Pizza & Bubble Gum Party	2 9am Piecemakers	3 10am Preschool Graduation	4 5:30pm Worship
5 8:30 am 2024 Graduating Seniors Open House 9am Worship with Blessing for Graduates (live streamed) 10 am Graduates Breakfast with Families	6	7	8 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am—Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm Mentor Meeting & Fellowship Event	9 9am Piecemakers	10	11 8:00 am Church Clean-up 5:30pm Worship with communion
12 MOTHER'S DAY 9am Worship with communion (live streamed)	13 4 pm –8 pm Youth Fundraiser at Pancheros	14 1:30pm Eunice Circle	15 7:30am Men's Bible Study	16 9am Piecemakers	17	18 8:30am Book Club 5:30pm Worship
19 9am Worship Bella Voche Singing 10 am Semi-Annual Meeting and Youth Fundraiser Caramel Roll Sale	20	21 5pm Church Golf Starts 7pm Priscilla Circle at Church	22 7:30am Men's Bible Study 11:30 am Free Lunch for Finals	23 9am Piecemakers 11:30 am Free Lunch for Finals	24	25 5:30pm Worship with communion
26 9am Worship with communion	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 6pm - Church Council	29	30 9am Piecemakers	31	



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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

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:

Lutherans Outdoors



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