



South Canyon
Lutheran Church

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The Canyon

Parish News

JULY

2024

**"...proclaim liberty throughout the
land to all its inhabitants."**

Leviticus 25:10



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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

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
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*
“Are We Truly Free?”



“²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:25-29)

I cannot help but think about our country this time of year. July 4th does this to some of us. I recall with fondness the welcoming hospitality of family and close friends when I was adopted on August 30, 1973 when I was 7 years old. Yes, I remember those early years. As traumatic as the adoption experience was back then ... a strange country, with strange-looking people, and even a stranger language people were speaking ... I still recall with fondness the welcoming embrace of people. Or was it just my childhood memories and romanticizing of my early years? Maybe? It could be that from a young elementary child’s perspective, life has a “differentness” which reflects their rose-colored view of things.

However, I don’t think I’m too far off when I say—many things in our country are different now. Some things are for the better—and some things— not so good. I don’t think it’s just me. I realize I’m getting older. I can see more and more of my parents showing up in me as I age. I used to laugh at older people who were so negative about our country and criticize the younger generation. Well ... am I doing that now?

The Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Galatians that we are no longer governed by a disciplinarian ... but we live “clothed in Christ Jesus.” We don’t need someone watching our every action like a “hallway monitor in school”. We are No Longer “Under the Law” but Free in Jesus Christ.

Are we truly free? In the heavenly kingdom we are truly free. In the earthly kingdom, we still live with laws, rules and regulations that govern our behavior. So—we cannot do whatever we want.

As Christians, we need to remember the Apostle Paul’s encouraging words in today’s devotion. Especially verse 27 ... “As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” As baptized children of God, we have “put on Christ.” This is the new white garment we wear. This is our new identity. God continually is making us a New Creation who live in the world. Amen.

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Shalom

Paul J. Erdal, *Interim Pastor*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Free Lunch Ministry Fun Facts for Free Lunch wrap up: During this past school year, 531 volunteers were involved in greeting, grilling, prepping, serving, cleaning up, and baking desserts for Free Lunch . We served 3,783 meals to Stevens High School students and staff. We hope you were blessed as much as you were a blessing to our neighbors. A special thank you to Linda and Bob for some truly delicious meals. Some of you volunteered almost every month, and others were available one time, but what an amazing contribution from our congregation to this outreach ministry! Thank you!

Pub Theology We're taking Pub Theology on the road on July 21st at 5 PM! We have been invited to Jennifer and Darren Haar's (13950 West Highway 44; two miles past Johnson Siding on the right side of the road.) We will be able to be outside, weather permitting, or inside if necessary. Bring your favorite beverage, and invite your church friends! Bob Thompson has offered to prepare pulled pork sliders. We need a few volunteers to bring coleslaw. We will have chips, and available for purchase will be dessert from The Meltdown Rolled Ice Cream Truck. Your donations will help cover food costs. Please sign up by Friday, July 19th. Sounds like we are in for quite a fun night of food and fellowship! All are welcome!



Tom Pfeifle Memorial Run Thanks to all of you who walked, ran, or volunteered at the 8th Annual Tom Pfeifle Memorial 5k Run/Walk as we honored Tom's memory. He was outgoing, adventurous, a hiker, biker, runner, and one who loved spending time in God's creation with family and friends. Come to Raider Park any time and walk, run, or bike Tom's trails and remember him.



Pastor Renee Splichal Larson, Associate to the Bishop, will be visiting Sunday, July 7th. This is an important time in the life of our congregation! We ask for your presence as Pastor Renee Splichal Larson will be with us; preaching both Saturday and Sunday. Pastor Renee will meet with the congregation immediately after worship Sunday to discuss the call process, and the Ministry Site Profile. It is our opportunity to give input on what qualities we want to see in our new pastor. A light brunch will be served after the meeting. She will also be meeting with the council and call committee.

Join a team! We would like to form a team to have input and oversee outreach ministry, such as Woyaton, Free Lunch, and any ministry the congregation wants to support. It could be something new, or we could bring back a ministry we lost with departing staff.. With willing hearts and teamwork, we can accomplish so much! We are also in need of a stewardship team, and some church members who enjoy fellowship and like to plan, whether it's a girls night out, a congregational Bingo event, a cornhole tournament, summer cookout, a trip to a Broncos game, etc. The sky's the limit. What brings you joy? Want to serve? Please contact a council member, or let the church office know.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

HELP REDUCE FOOD INSECURITY AT STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL

We are collecting snacks for Stevens high school students. Their food pantry is supplied by the teachers out of their own pockets and it gets empty at times.

We are collecting individually wrapped grab-and-go snacks such as:



- ♦ Pop tarts
- ♦ granola bars
- ♦ fruit snacks
- ♦ cookies
- ♦ cheese & crackers
- ♦ peanut butter crackers



Help us fill the bins in the entryway!

MEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

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!



CAMP FIRELIGHT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIEND-SHIP PRESCHOOL



Friend-ship Preschool still has a few spots left in our 5-day Pre-K program and in our Preschool 3's program!

Friend-ship Preschool is a Christian- based preschool located at South Canyon Lutheran Church. Friendship Preschool follows the South Dakota Early Childhood Learning guidelines through theme-based learning. Check out our website at



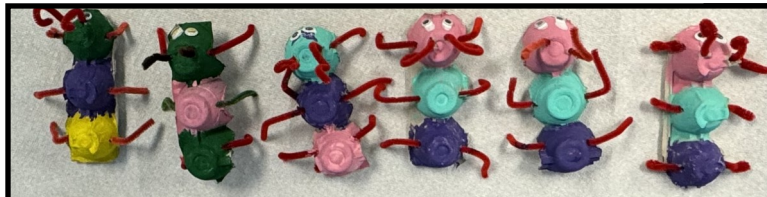
friendshippreschoolsclc.com. If you would like more information please contact the church office at 605-343-4887 or email Rana Holland at friendship@sclc-rc.org. We look forward to meeting you!



MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE



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CAMP FIRELIGHT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE



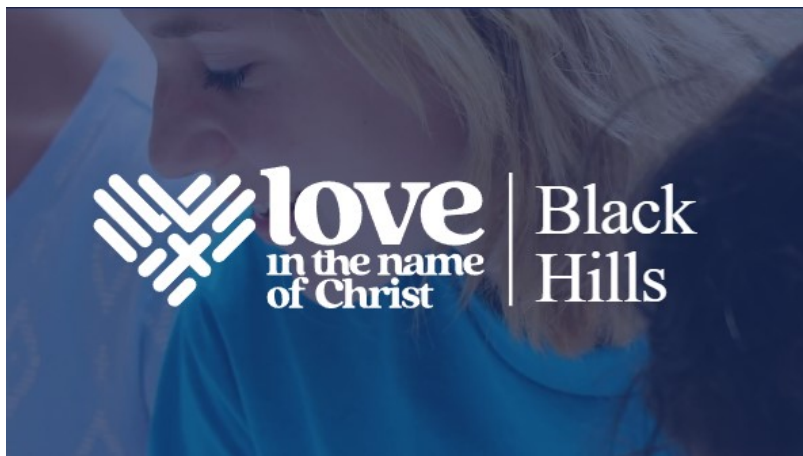
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Special Offering for July

Ministry of the Month – Love Inc. (Love In the Name of Christ)

Love, Inc. walks alongside people on their journey to wholeness through mutual service, education, friendship and prayer. Their vision is to see people thriving in healthy relationships, knowing their value, purpose, place in Christ and our community. Involving local churches, they offer a hand-up with many service opportunities and classes.

Through Life, Inc., classes are offered on parenting, finances, nutrition and cooking, mentoring, children's ministry, Christianity and dealing with trauma. The Connection Center takes requests for help and referrals to local agencies. With the RISE program, participants restore furniture for sale in their store and Thrive volunteers also restore bikes for sale. Linens, bedding and kitchen items are earned by those in need and foster families in their GAP ministry. In addition, furniture and diapers are earned by program participants.



Let's show our support by collecting diapers for Love, Inc.

They appreciate all donations of new or gently used kitchenware, bedding, blankets, towels, sporting goods, and bikes (please drop them off at 414 E Omaha Street). If you have donations of furniture or washers/dryers, call 605-718-5683 to schedule a pickup.

For more information on Love, Inc. or to donate, check out their website at <https://loveinonline.com/>. Donations can also be made on our website using Realm or with envelopes at the back of the church.

Director of Worship



Ellen Shirley
ellen@sclc-rc.org

We welcome Pastor Renee Splichal Larson, Associate to the Bishop, as our guest preacher July 6th and 7th. Gizzy will be taking some time out of her travels to stop by on Sunday the 7th to help explain the Call Process. We ask that you wear patriotic colors that weekend as we continue to celebrate our great country's independence through music and song.

Pop-Up Choir is Sunday, July 14th. We will practice "Simply Alleluia" and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" beginning at 8:30am. (I'm starting 10 minutes later because the June Pop-Up choir was so good!) If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts with the congregation this summer, just let me know!

CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee has been busy preparing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which is the initial step in the Call process. The MSP is a document that provides a profile/demographics of our Church and the surrounding area. It provides information to prospective pastoral candidates. Our MSP will be presented to the Congregation by Pastor Renee Splichal Larson, Assistant Bishop of the SD Synod, following worship service on Sunday, July 7. Everyone is encouraged to attend and ask questions and/or make suggestions on the Call process.

Obviously, we do not have any candidates currently. The Call Committee will continue to work through the process and will keep you informed of our progress. While we do not have a deadline to place a Call, we are working expeditiously and hope to make a Call before Pastor Paul's time with us ends. If you have any questions/suggestions please pass them on to any Call Committee member: Carrie Churchill, Jim Haar, Caitlyn Ireland, Shealyn Johnson, Nichole Morse, Eric Porisch, Tim Shirley, Joleen Wilson or Larry Thompson.

OUR CALL COMMITTEE



From the Office



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



Kristi Wellendorf
kristi@sclc-rc.org
605.343.4887



Sheila Hoyer
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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

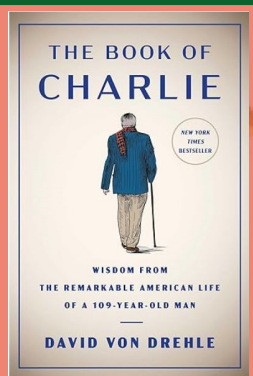
Check out the Piecemaker's display in the entryway on the way downstairs. There's lots of interesting information about quilting and an opportunity to help out. There are bundles of fabric to take home and cut into squares that will become beautiful quilts. There are also bags with pre-cut squares ready 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

July 20, 8:30 am
THE BOOK OF CHARLIE
David Von Drehle



PANCHEROS MEXICAN GRILL

Have dinner and raise funds for SCLC Youth!

Youth Fundraisers
Monday,
July 8
4-8 pm

We get 20% back!



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

JULY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

July 4-Happy 4th of July!

July 10-Youth Gathering meeting and ice-cream social

July 15-21: ELCA YOUTH GATHERING in New Orleans

July 31: Youth Fun Night



Mona Drolc
mona@sclic-rc.org
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COMING IN AUGUST: Fun With God

August 5-8

Ages: 4 years to 5th grade

9:00AM—4 and 5 year olds

10:00AM—Kindergarten and 1st grade

11:00 AM—3rd through 5th grades

Cost: \$5 per day or \$20 for the week

Arts and crafts, science, games, and bible stories!



SELLING QDOBA CARDS



CAMP FIRELIGHT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 5pm-Church Golf 8pm-Men's Softball-W 9pm-Men's Softball-E	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 5:30pm Worship
7 9am-Worship (live streamed) 10am-Brunch with Pastor Renee Splichal Larson	8 4pm-Pancheros Fundraiser	9 5pm-Church Golf 8pm-Men's Softball-W 9pm-Men's Softball-E	10 7:30am-Men's Bible Study	11 9am-Piecemakers	12	13 5:30pm-Worship with communion
14 9am-Worship with communion Pop-Up Choir (live streamed)	15 ELCA Youth Gathering	16 ELCA Youth Gathering 5pm-Church Golf 6:30pm-All Circles at Chapel in the Hills 8pm-Men's Softball-W 9pm-Men's Softball-W	17 ELCA Youth Gathering 7:30am-Men's Bible Study	18 ELCA Youth Gathering 9am-Piecemakers	19 ELCA Youth Gathering	20 8:30am-Book Club 5:30pm-Worship
21 9am-Worship (live streamed) 5pm-Pub Theology	22	23 5pm-Church Golf 6pm-Church Council	24 7:30am-Men's Bible Study	25 9am-Piecemakers	26	27 5:30pm-Worship with communion
28 9am-Worship with communion (live streamed)	29	30 1:30pm-Care Corp Mtg 5pm-Church Golf	31 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 6pm-Youth Fun Night			

**ALL CIRCLES WORSHIP AT THE CHAPEL IN THE HILLS
ON JULY 16 AT 6:30 PM**



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Sheila Hoyer, Administrative Assistant

Vacant, Director of Pastoral Care

Linda Jensen, Kitchen Coordinator

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Marsha Mertes, Pianist

Mary Weidenbach, Choir Accompanist

Lori Brey, Nursery Attendant

Mark Meier, Custodian

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

Ministry of the Month



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