



**South Canyon
Lutheran Church**

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Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 9:00am- 4:00 pm

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at **SCLC**

Worship Service Times

- Wednesday at 6:00 pm
- Saturdays at 5:30 pm
- Sundays at 9:00 am
- Communion is offered on the 2nd, 4th & 5th

Wednesday Nights **Resume** **September 18th**

- 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 RESUMING

- * Sanctuary Choir begins August 28
- * Handbell Choir begins September 3
- * Joyful Noise begins September 11
- * Children's Choir begins September 13
- * Worship Band begins September 18

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*



“Gratitude & Generosity”

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)

“Gratitude” is the word that best describes what’s in my heart when I think about the ministry at South Canyon Lutheran Church. The ways in which we show our Caring, Compassion, and Community is evident.

Not only has your Generosity in Giving and Mission Support for South Canyon Lutheran Church, but also your Generosity into community organizations, and into the Rapid City community, has been marvelous.

As we continue for the remainder of 2024 and into the future, your generosity in financial giving needs to continue.

You all know that I am the Interim Pastor. That means I was appointed to help fill the transition time as your Pastor until the New Call Process begins. **I am in the Midst of Discernment** as I am praying over what I will do. I am under contract and have to give at least 30-day notice to church council, when I resign. Same is true for the congregation council; they too have to give at least 30-day notice. I hope to let you know my plans as soon as possible. At this point, I don’t know what the future holds. But I have always trusted in the Lord to open opportunities and bless God’s people.

It is with Deepest Gratitude that I remember the prayers, the concern, and the compassion you showed me as I am still mildly recovering from my major stroke. This major event happened the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend of 2019, and Minnesota was in covid lockdown soon after. Your patience and understanding was appreciated. The Connections with various members was an extreme delight. This “connection” is the main reason I am still in ministry. **Relationships are Important and they Matter.**

I invite you to be in prayerful discernment as you continue in the Call Process. Trust in the Lord. God is faithful, and always has been. God will also use you to become a blessing to others ... that’s what God has always done.

+++

Shalom

In Christ’s Service,

Pastor Paul J Erdal

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Blessed Beginnings

After a break for the summer, we will be firing up our new grills for Free Lunch on Tuesday, September 24th. We will serve grilled hamburgers, chips and salad, and the amazing variety of desserts donated by our congregation's wonderful cooks. The Stevens principal mentioned to me what a wonderful community connection we have.



Students and staff are always commenting on how welcoming and friendly we are when they come to eat. The Free Lunch is open to all high school students in the Rapid City area. Please look for the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center to help support this outreach ministry by volunteering for a shift or donating baked goods. The shifts available are 9:45 am to 11:45 am, and 11:45 am to 1:45 pm. You can also email Diane at bdtschet@gmail.com with your availability and preferred shift, and/or your willingness to be one of 20 volunteers to bring baked goods by 9:45 am on the 24th. Baked

goods can be labeled Free Lunch and dropped off Sunday or Monday as well. Thank you in advance for your ongoing wonderful support. October's Free Lunch will be on Tuesday, October 22nd.

What brings you joy? What are your gifts? Do you enjoy planning an event, serving others, or visiting church members? We've been discussing Teams at Church Council and we have Council liaisons ready to connect with you. Many Teams would like to have more members. New Teams needed to be started have an asterisk by them. Please reach out to any of your church council members if you are interested in any of the Teams listed below:

President – Diane Tschetter

Vice President – Mandey Tschetter

Secretary – Ken Bauman

Treasurer – PJ Haar

*Fellowship – Matthew Wilson

*Outreach – Jona Hagen

Property & Grounds – Bob Thompson

Care Corps – Gary Johnson

Education – Nichole Morse

Youth – Halima Kringen

Worship – Debra Watson

Budget & Finance – Byron Mutschelknaus

*Stewardship – Is this your gift?



We also have openings on Personnel, Audit, and Ministry of the Month teams. We can help you make a connection.

Your talents could be used as new Teams are formed, and additions to current Teams are needed! If serving brings you joy, please contact a council member. You can choose a Team that matches your passion and skills! Thanks in advance for considering this opportunity.

Diane Tschetter, Council President



WEDNESDAY MEALS

September 18: Pizza Party

September 25: Grilled burgers

WHAT'S HAPPENING



HELP REDUCE FOOD INSECURITY

AT STEVENS & CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOLS

We are collecting snacks for Stevens & Central high school students. Their food pantries are supplied by the teachers out of their own pockets and they get empty at times.

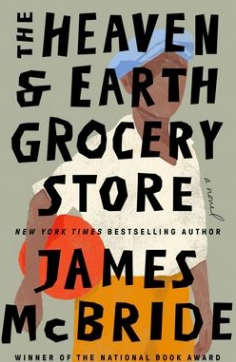
We are collecting individually wrapped grab-and-go snacks such as:

- * Pop Tarts
- * Trail Mix
- * granola bars
- * fruit snacks
- * cookies
- * cheese & crackers
- * peanut butter crackers



Thanks

to the
Newsletter
Assembly
Crew for
getting the
August
Newsletter out
on time!



BOOK CLUB

Saturday,
September 21
8:30 AM

Youth Gathering Dinner & Presentation

Sunday, September 15
4:30 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIENDSHIP PRESCHOOL

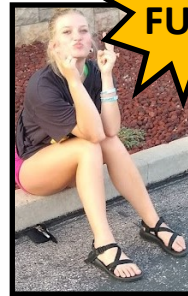
FriendShip Preschool has a couple spots left for the 2024-2025 school year. Check out our website at friendshippreschoolsclc.com. For more information or to schedule a tour please contact the church office at 605-343-4887 or email Rana Holland at friendship@sclc-rc.org. We look forward to meeting you!



MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE



YOUTH FUN NIGHT



SERVING LUNCH TO STEVENS MARCHING BAND



MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE



GIZZY...IS BACK!



**BLESSING OF OUR NEW
POP MACHINE**



**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING
2024 PRESENTATION**



**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS,
BOOK BAGS, AND BRIEFCASES**

Special Offering for September



MINISTRY OF THE MONTH COMMUNITY CARE

This month, we're addressing just a few of the many needs within our community. We so appreciate your faithfulness and support month-after-month. What a blessing it is to be a blessing!

College Care Cards: Given the increasing food allergies and preferences, along with the rising cost of postage, we will be collecting funds to purchase gift cards for our college students. Along with gift cards, our youth groups will create handmade cards to add a personal touch. We hope to continue a mail ministry for these college students throughout the school year. We invite all members of the congregation to join in this effort by writing a special note, prayer, words of encouragement from SCLC to include in our mailing.

School Supplies: It's that time of year again where school supplies are readily available. We will be collecting them from now until the end of the year and plan to deliver to our neighborhood in December – as we did last year. What a surprise that was for the schools we visited as their supplies were depleted by the end of the year!

Adult Day Care of the Black Hills: They are in need of Kleenex, toilet paper, paper plates and paper towels. This non-profit provides a place for caregivers to take their loved ones while they grocery shop and run errands. The Center provides games and activities.

Nursing Homes: We'd love to plan some visits to members in our congregation who would love to see us! If you are interested in participating, sign up at the Welcome Center in the Koinonia Room, or you can call the office at 605-343-4887.

Connecting Community: Do you have a college student who needs a car? Do you have a car to sell? Looking for a washer and dryer – or have one to donate? Stay tuned for more...

Your generosity in contributing to these efforts makes a significant difference. Let's come together to support sharing God's love through our actions.

Things to Bring:

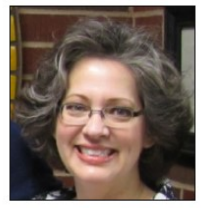
- school supplies
- toilet paper
- Kleenex
- paper plates
- paper towels

Things to Do:

- deliver supplies to agencies
- visit nursing homes
- write notes to college students

Director of Worship

CONNECTING COMMUNITY



Ellen Shirley
ellen@scll-rc.org

This is a beautiful story about connecting community and what being in fellowship with each other is all about. A grandson wanted a practice marimba to be able to practice at home, but unfortunately, practice marimbas are very expensive, and the grandson couldn't afford one. The grandson was fortunate enough to have a grandma who knew lots of musical people, and so the grandma began asking her friends if they knew of anyone who had a used practice marimba, but no one did. One came available on Facebook, but it sold very quickly. After a while another one came available and it looked like it was in an accessible location, so the grandma quickly contacted the sellers and worked with her grandson to raise the funds to purchase the marimba. Everyone was excited, but then the grandma found out it was not as



accessible as she thought, and all spirits were dampened. The grandma told a church friend her sad story, that the marimba was in another state, and they wouldn't be able to go get it. But the church friend knew of another church friend who was going to, as it turned out, that exact place in a couple of weeks. The connections were made, and friends helped friends, and now the grandson is a proud owner of a practice marimba!

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Rehearsal begins after the Ice-Cream Social on Wednesday, August 28th at 7:10 pm.

KID'S CHOIR

The Waiting Is Almost Over!! - Kid's Choir begins Friday, September 13th from 3:45 – 4:30 pm, and I am so excited about the new program year! We have had Orff instruments (one octave xylophones, etc.) in a balcony closet that have been gathering dust ever since I've been here, and I have finally had a revelation on how to use them! This year, as your children learn "do, re, mi," they will reinforce that learning using the Orff instruments! I am also excited about the Kid's Choir's participation in the Christmas Cantata on December 8th! They are going to love singing with the adult choir! We have lots of good things to look forward to, and there is always room for more friends. Kid's Choir is open to everyone 4 yrs – 8th grade. I know that sounds crazy, but somehow it all works! We have wonderful kids.



BELL CHOIR



Bell Choir begins Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30 pm! If you are interested in ringing with us, please let me know.

INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP BAND

Calling all musicians, singers and instrumentalists – our Wednesday Intergenerational Worship Band will once again provide the music for our Wednesday Worship service. If you play an instrument or sing, please join us Wednesday, September 18 at 5:45 pm in the Sanctuary as we practice the music for the 6:00 pm service. If you have any questions, just let me know!



Ellen

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 easy-to-do tasks that will greatly help SCLC. Call 605-343-4887 or email info@sclc-rc.org

Now Hiring: Kitchen Coordinator (15-20 hours with some flexibility)

Are you passionate about cooking and serving others? Do you have a knack for organizing and managing a kitchen? If you are interested in this opportunity and have the necessary skills, please call 605-343-4887 or email us at info@sclc-rc.org



It's time to order next year's offering envelopes! Please be sure to let us know if you would like your giving envelopes. If you prefer to not receive envelopes, let us know as well. The initial offering covers the cost of the envelope packet, so please order envelopes if you like using them! Questions, contact Kristi at the office: 605-343-4887 or kristi@sclc-rc.org.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Shortly after our Ministry Site Profile was submitted, we received a Rostered Minister Profile. The committee reviewed the profile, scheduled, and held an initial screening interview. While the call committee was working towards scheduling a second interview, that candidate decided to put a hold on the call process on their end.

The committee received another Rostered Minister to review. The call committee is reviewing that profile and will decide if we move forward with an interview soon.

Remember the call process is a process that can be lengthy; a prayerful journey in which we must trust in God's timing.

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry



PANCHEROS MEXICAN GRILL

Have dinner and raise funds for SCLC Youth!

Youth Fundraiser
Monday,
September 16
4-8 pm

We get 20% back!



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SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

- September 4th: 6:00 to 7:00 pm—Teacher Training
6:30 to 7:30 pm—Mentor Session V
- September 8th: 10:00 to 11:00 am—**Rally Sunday**
- September 11th: 5:30 to 7:30 pm—**Rally Wednesday** with hot dogs and Ice Cream Truck
- September 15th: 10:00 to 10:45 am—Spark Sunday Expectations /Norms
- September 15th: 4:30 pm—Youth Gathering Dinner & Presentation
- September 16th: 4:00 to 8:00 pm—CYF Ministry Fundraiser at Pancheros
- September 18th : 6:40 to 7:15 pm— Whirly Wednesday Expectations /Norms
- September 22nd : 10:00 to 10:45 am —Spark Sunday
- PreK through 5th grade—Faith Formation
 - 6th through 8th grades—Acolyte/Usher Training
 - Youth Group—Help with PreK through 5th grade
- September 25th: 6:40 to 7:15 pm—Whirly Wednesday
- PreK through 5th grade—Faith formation
 - 6th through 8th grades —Acolyte/Usher Training
 - 9th grade—Introduction to Confirmation
 - 2024 Confirmation Group—Apostle's Creed
 - Youth Group—Help with PreK through 5th grade
- September 29th: 9:00 am—Worship: **3rd Grade Bible Event**
10:00 to 10:45 am—Spark Sunday
- PreK through 5th grade—Faith formation
 - Youth Group—Help with PreK through 5th grade
 - **Adult Bible Study** in the Reformation Room



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 Friend-Ship Preschool begins 6:30pm-Bell Choir	4 6pm-Teacher Training 6:30pm-Mentor Session 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	5	6	7 5:30pm Worship
8 9am-Worship (live streamed) 10am-RALLY SUNDAY	9 6pm-DCU practice	10 6:30pm-Bell Choir	11 7:30am-Men's Bible Study Study 9am-Elizabeth Circle Bible 5:30 to 7 pm-RALLY WEDNESDAY 6:40-Joyful Noise 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	12 9am-Piecemakers	13 3:45pm-Kid's Choir	14 5:30pm-Worship with communion
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22 9am-Worship with Joyful Noise (live streamed) 10am-Spark Sunday Acolyte Training	23 6pm-DCU practice	24 11:30-Free Lunch 6pm-Council 6:30pm-Bell Choir	25 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 5:30pm-Meal 6:00pm- Worship 6:35pm-Whirly Wednesday Acolyte Training 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	26 9am-Piecemakers	27 3:45pm-Kid's Choir	28 5:30pm-Worship with communion
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Vacant, Director of Pastoral Care

Vacant, Kitchen Coordinator

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Mary Weidenbach, Choir Accompanist

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

Ministry of the Month

COMMUNITY CARE



**Sign Up for
Nursing Home Visits**

**LET US KNOW IF YOU NO
LONGER WISH TO RECEIVE**

THIS NEWSLETTER

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