



**South Canyon
Lutheran Church**

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Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs: 9:00am- 4:00 pm
Fridays: 9:00 am-12:00 pm
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IN THE NEWS


January 2025

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 Sundays & prior

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.

Faith Resolutions for 2025?

Yep, I said it. A new year is upon us. A time for new beginnings. A time to acknowledge the past while looking ahead to new possibilities, new dreams and new adventures. A time to make resolutions as we ponder what we want to leave behind, what we want to stay the same and what we want to change. Do your resolutions contain any ways to live out or deepen your faith?



On December 18, 21 & 22, I was formally installed as your senior pastor. Installation, for me, is a reminder of what I have been called to do and be as a pastor in your congregation. In the presence of those present, I promised to:

- *Commit myself to this new trust and responsibility as your senior pastor, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church.
- *Preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church.
- *Carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- *Be diligent in my study of the holy scriptures and faithful in the use of the means of grace.
- *Love, serve, and pray for God's people, (that includes all of you) nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by my own example in faithful service and holy living.
- *Give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that I do.

In doing these things, I not only fulfill my call as your pastor but I deepen my own faith and my relationship with God as well. As I have been pondering these promises, I acknowledged there are areas in which I need to improve. Those areas have become my faith resolutions for the new year.

But I was not the only one making promises at those worship services. You, the people of SCLC, made promises as well. These were the questions asked of you:

- *People of God, will you receive Pastor Deb as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?
- *Will you regard Pastor Deb as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?
- *Will you pray for Pastor Deb?
- *Will you help and honor Pastor Deb in carrying out this ministry?
- *In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

You, who were gathered, responded: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

These promises are a reminder for me that I am not alone in this ministry. This is your congregation and you have been given gifts and talents to carry out the ministry to which we have been called. As we work together our faith will deepen and relationships will be built.

As you make your resolutions for 2025, I challenge you to take a look at your own faith and the promises you made during my installation. Are there faith resolutions you can make to aid in your faith growth? Maybe become more engaged and involved in the ministry of your church? Maybe increase your offerings? Maybe spend more time in prayer each day or immersed in God's Word? The possibilities are endless. If you are looking for a way to be involved or a new resolution, don't hesitate to reach out to me. I would love to visit with you and see if we can come up with a way for you to connect with God, others or our mission in the world this year.

Pastor Deb Grismer

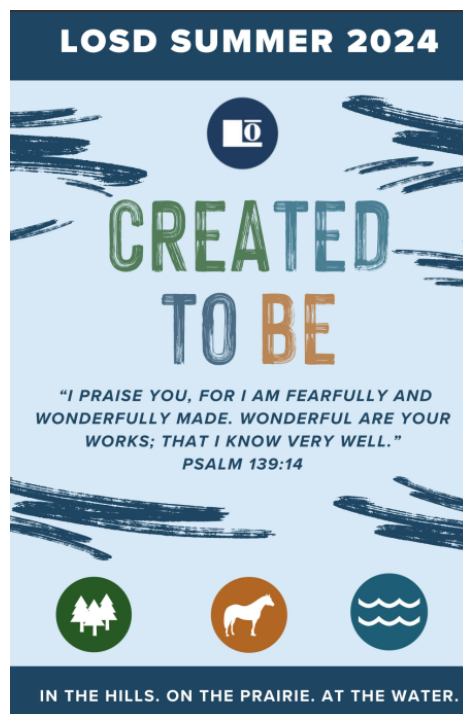
WHAT'S HAPPENING

Registration is open!

WEDNESDAY MEALS

- January 8 - Mexican Hot Dish, Mexican Rice, Refried beans
- January 15 - Pot Roast, potatoes, carrots
- January 22 - Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole
- January 29 - Mac n Cheese and brats

Each week we will have salad, veggies, desserts, and hot dogs.



The spirit of Christmas was on full display as we hosted Free Lunch for Finals on back to back days less than a week before



Christmas. This congregation blew me away as their giving, generosity, and serving with joy was on full display. I was concerned when finals were changed from January to a time considered the busiest of the year. Would enough volunteers be found and where would all the needed desserts come from, when

everyone was already busy baking for the holidays? Every volunteer slot filled, and the flow of beautiful desserts into the kitchen was nothing short of amazing! Desserts came from people that didn't even sign up to bring them, so we were also able to bless the Stevens Staff, Women & Children's shelter and the Mission with some holiday treats. Thank you, thank you, thank you to this congregation for stepping up and showing up as we fed 675 students and staff in two days. A special thank you goes to Michelle, our fantastic new cook, who certainly knows how to prepare delicious food, and handle a crowd.

Diane Tschetter

What is Lutherans Outdoors?

Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota provides camping and retreating programs for people of all ages and all abilities. Lutherans Outdoors is a ministry of the congregations of the South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and is open to people of all denominations of faith.

Mission Statement

Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota welcomes all to explore and experience Christ's love in community and creation.

Vision Statement

To be your first choice for dynamic and innovative Christ-centered ministry experiences; In the Hills, On the Prairie, At the Water.

Core Values

- We promise to:
1. Explore Faith
 2. Welcome All
 3. Build Leaders
 4. Care for ALL Creation

Why Attend A Lutherans Outdoors Camp?

Five Fundamental Characteristics of Christian Camp

- Camp is relational
- Camp is participatory
- Camp is different from home
- Camp is a safe space
- Camp is faith-centered

The LO Experience

Studies show safety is a priority & fun is a necessity! LOSD is dedicated to camping for youth and adults and has been for more than 70 years.

Camp allows people of all ages to explore and grow in a nurturing environment, which leads them to develop a strong faith foundation, discover personal gifts, grow in leadership and build relationships in community.

- Staff are well-trained & offer signature hospitality
- Camps include diverse sites and programs
- Programs promote spiritual and personal growth

Ministry of the Month - January

ABBOTT HOUSE



Abbott House has been transforming the lives of South Dakota youth for over 80 years, helping individuals aged 7–21 overcome trauma, abuse, and behavioral challenges. Through residential treatment, therapeutic foster care, and independent living services, Abbott House empowers youth and their families with opportunities for a brighter future.

To meet the growing demand for therapeutic foster care in Western South Dakota, Abbott House expanded to Rapid City in 2015. Today, they operate four Bridges Therapeutic Foster Homes in Rapid City, along with four Larson Independent Living Apartments designed to support young adults transitioning to independence.

Childhood is a critical, formative time, yet many face abuse and neglect within their homes. These hardships often go unnoticed, affecting children in our neighborhoods, schools, and communities. For youth facing the unimaginable, they offer a safe haven while working with the South Dakota Department of Social Services, Department of Corrections, and other agencies to provide hope and healing.

Financial donations may be given directly on our website, offering envelopes or envelopes at the back of the sanctuary.

Items we are collecting to donate include: shampoo, deodorant, tissues, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper.

CHURCH RESPONSE GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Did you know you can purchase grocery gift cards from the office & why it's an awesome thing to do?

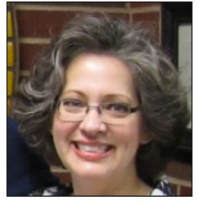
- You purchase a gift card for \$25, \$50 or \$100 at face value to use at Family Fare, Safeway, or Walmart/Sam's Club.
- South Canyon AND Church Response both purchase them at a discount -- sharing up to 5% to split on each gift card sold!
- It's a win-win-win! You can help SCLC and Church Response. **Give it a try.**



Youth Ministries Book Sale!

The book sale has created a great space to buy new to you books and donate your books you won't be reading again! Come check out the selections - it keeps changing. Money donated is supporting the growing Youth Ministry at SCLC!

Director of Worship



Ellen Shirley
ellen@sclc-rc.org

Happy New Year! Need a New Year Resolution? Why not join one of our musical groups in 2025. We are always in need of substitute Hand Bell ringers, and currently we have an opening for another ringer. We meet on Tuesday evenings in the sanctuary balcony from 6:30-7:30 throughout the program year.

The Kid's Choir is always welcoming new members! This is a fun, high-energy group that meets on Fridays. We practice in the sanctuary at **1:45 on the first Friday** of the month and at **3:45 on all other Fridays**. These kids LOVE to sing and will welcome anyone into their fold who shares their passion for singing!

The Wednesday Worship Intergenerational Band provides music for the Wednesday Worship service. If you have an instrument in the closet that hasn't been played for a while, pull it out and join us. We run through the service music (which is always ready the week before) at 5:45 each Wednesday. We welcome singers as well! Please join us.

The Sanctuary Choir is one of the best church choirs in the area! We are always welcoming new members. We may not be quite as high-energy as the Kid's Choir, but we do enjoy a lot of fellowship when we get together and we manage to get some singing done in the process! We rehearse every Wednesday in the sanctuary balcony from 7:10 – 8:15. We'd love to have you join us!

Joyful Noise has a more specific schedule. We provide music for Saturday and Sunday worship once a month. If you play a guitar or love to sing, please consider joining our group. If you have an interest or any questions about this or any of the other groups, please talk with Ellen



Two opportunities led by Pastor Deb available to gather together to explore God's Word and build relationships

Wednesdays at 12:10 (Everyone)

*Beginning January 8th
Reformation Room at SCLC*

Those gathered will determine what we will study.

Saturdays at 10:00 am (Women)

*Beginning January 18th
Koinonia Room at SCLC*

Women of all ages are invited to this study of the book of Esther.

**Check out the Circle groups and Men's group for study opportunities. *Is there another time a group would like to meet? Visit with Pastor Deb!*



FLAG

www.flag-intl.org

HOST A SHORT TERM EXCHANGE STUDENT

Impact a Culture Change a Life

Host families are needed for international teens coming to Rapid City June 26 - July 24 through FLAG's Short Term Exchange Program.

WHY HOST? *You have within you the opportunity, the strength, the patience, and the passion to change an international teen's life. When you open your heart and home, you're not only offering a kind gesture, you're changing the world through global diplomacy, through pursuit, through action. Your choice to host can change everything!*

Don't worry. You won't be doing this alone. The local coordinator, Kerry Britton will be with you every step of the way.

More information can be found at the welcome desk, online or by contacting Kerry directly at

605-393-5599.

Children, Youth, & Family Ministries



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Children Youth & Family Ministries

January Activities

Spark Sunday - 10:05am

Pre-K (4 yrs old) to 5th Grade

January 5th - OFF

12th - Jesus' Baptism

19th - Wedding at Cana

26th - Jesus Goes to Nazareth

Whirly Wednesday - 6:40pm

Pre-K (4 yrs old) to 5th Grade

January 8th - A Comforting Message

15th - John Baptizes Jesus

22nd - Water to Wine

29th - One Body, Many Parts

Middle School Youth Group - 6:40pm Wednesday

(6th - 8th Grade)

January 8th - Campfire Conversations

15th - Games

22nd - Prayer Journals

26th - Deliver Hats, Scarves, & Gloves

29th - Love Thy Neighbor Project: Making Valentines

High School Youth Group - 6:40 Wednesday

(9th - 12th Grade)

January 8th - Bible Scavenger Hunt/Youth Board Meeting 7:30pm

15th - Bible Study

22nd - Games

29th - Campfire Conversations

31st - 5th Quarter Party/HS Lock-in (Friday pm - Saturday am)

9th Grade Confirmation - 6:40 Wednesday

You will participate in all High School Youth Group activities except on January 15th - you will meet with your Mentor that night.

SPECIAL EVENT: For entire Congregation

January 12th Rush Hockey Faith & Family Night 4:00pm

Future Upcoming Dates:

February 5th: Re-Boot Youth Group Meeting 7:30pm

February 7th-9th: Faith Fest in Sioux Falls for Middle School

February 22nd-23th: Brunch and Class for First Communion

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy New Year! Office & Building Closed	2 9am-Piecemakers 2pm - Funeral for Linda Jensen at First Wesleyan Church	3	4 10 - Funeral Service for Roberta "Bert" Brugger 5:30pm-Worship
5 9am-Worship (live streamed) No Sunday School	6 11am - 12pm Staff Meeting 6pm-DCU practice	7 6:30pm-Bell Choir	8 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 9am-Elizabeth Circle Bible 12noon - Bible Study 5pm-Meal 6pm - Worship 6:40pm-Whirly Wednesday 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	9 9am-Piecemakers	10 3:45 - Kid's Choir	11 Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby - FH 5:30pm-Worship with communion
12 9am-Worship with communion (Live Streamed) 10am-Spark Sunday 4pm - Rush Game Faith & Family Night	13 11am - 12pm Staff Meeting 6pm-DCU practice	14 6:30pm-Bell Choir	15 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 12noon - Bible Study 5pm-Meal 6pm - Worship 6:40pm-Whirly Wednesday 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	16 9am-Piecemakers	17 3:45 - Kid's Choir	18 8:30am-Book Club 10am - Women's Bible Study - Esther 5:30pm-Worship
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Pastor Deb Grismer, Senior Pastor

Ellen Shirley, Director of Worship & Music

Kristi Wellendorf, Office Manager

Mona Drolc, Children, Youth & Family Ministry

Teri Belton, Admin Assistant

Michelle Gab, Kitchen Coordinator

CONTACT information



Marsha Mertes, Pianist

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

Abbott House

January 2025

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