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NEWS

March 2025

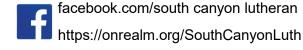


Worship Service Times

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

How to Get Connected

Social Media:



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.

Let's go to camp!



"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart."

Romans 10:9

Bible Camp Registration Is Now Open!!!

Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota (LOSD) is dedicated to quality faith experiences and hospitality for all, and has been for more than 70 years. Christian camping allows each person to explore and experience Christ's love in community and creation. Campers live and play in a nurturing environment, which in turn leads them to build a stronger faith foundation, discover personal gifts and develop new skills, as well as connecting

with others and building life-long relationships. Campers also have the opportunity to practice controlled independence, make friends with positive role models in the staff and encounter God in a safe space filled with nature and away from the distractions of home life, sibling squabbles, or pressure from school.

I have been taking children to camp for many years. It is amazing to me to see God working through their time at camp as I watch them grow and learn, make new friends and deepen their faith in an environment that is different from home. I watched nervous first-time campers become the biggest advocates for attending camp the next summer. I have had siblings anxiously counting the years until they could go to camp as well - "Just two more years, Pastor Deb, and I can go with you."

Camp is a place where faith becomes life. Research has shown the benefits of children and youth attending one week of a Christian-based camp are numerous - far outweighing the cost of the camp. Many of our church leaders, including pastors, have been Bible campers and/or counselors. We currently have two past camp counselors serving on our Council (Nichole & Halima). One of my life goals is to make sure that every child has the opportunity to attend at least one week of camp in their lifetime.

You have the opportunity to experience a little bit of camp right here at SCLC. Outlaw staff will be a part of worship on March 12, 15 and 16. We will sing some camp songs and hear more about our LO camps. We are also excited to announce we have started a "Campership Fund" at SCLC to which worshipers can donate money to help send campers to camp. Funds raised will be used for camperships given to children and youth involved with SCLC who are attending a LOSD camp this summer (Outlaw, Klein Ranch or NeSoDak).

To learn more about camp, see camp dates and/or register your child for camp, check out losd.org. Early bird rates end on April 15th so get registered right away for the best price!

God bless,

Pastor Deb Grismer

PS - I would love to take some campers to NeSoDak for a week this summer. I would drive campers to camp, stay at camp the week and bring them home. If your child or youth is interested, please reach out to me to talk possible dates.



Congratulations, SCLC Worshipers!

Your donations of \$660 for the LuMin: The Hills Soup-er Chili Cookoff allowed us to bring home the top giving church trophy.

Congratulations, Mark & Sam
Their potato soup entry received
1st place in the soup category!

Congratulations, LuMin: The Hills at SDSMT on the successful fundraiser which raised over \$1000 for your ministry.



Ministry of the Month - VETERAN'S MINISTRY

THE CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION

Many veterans are housed at Cornerstone Rescue Mission at the main facility. Others stay in homeless camps nearby and some are doubled up in motels or other residences.

Case workers provide assistance in replacing birth certificates, photo IDs, arranging for medical services, providing clothing and linking up with other services in the community. Supportive Services for Veterans' Families, also referred to as SSVF, can help with rent, utilities, some deposits, childcare, and some transportation. This is meant to be a brief intervention and connection to long-term support when needed.

Items needed:

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste/brushes
- Razors/shaving cream
- Shampoo, body wash
- Coffee, creamer and sugar are also appreciated for the Veteran's sitting area.

Support Our Veterans! Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of those who have served. Financial donations can be made through Realm (church online giving) or via our website at www.sclc-rc.org. Offering envelopes are also available at the back of the church. Thank you for honoring and supporting veterans through this ministry of compassion, faith, and hope.

Join us for Lent at SCLC

All are invited to participate in worship as we journey through Lent and deepen our faith. Devotional booklets are available to pick up.

Worship: Saturday at 5:30 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am, Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm



Lenten Weekend Worship Series Beginning March 8 & 9

The story of Lent, the story of our faith, is a story of messy middles and nuanced surprises. So this Lent, we are remembering that faith is more complex than this or that, black or white, true or false storytelling. This Lent, we are guided by the Gospel of Luke to find God and to stretch our own understanding beyond the twofold, easy answers our world so often gives. Join us this Lent as we look at everything in between.



Midweek Lenten Series

Wednesdays Beginning March 5

Based on a book by Chris Paavola

There is power in touch. Like touching the bread and wine of communion, or touching the waters of baptism, the ash of Ash Wednesday provides an opportunity for us to tangibly interact with our faith. This Lenten season we will interact with the seven Biblical uses and symbols of ash that will both challenge and comfort our faith. The whole community is invited to be a part of these midweek services.



The SCLC Church Council Highlights February 18, 2025 via Zoom

Present: Diane Tschetter, Mandey Tschetter, PJ Haar, Ken Bauman, Gary Johnson, Jona Hagen, Halima Kringen, Bob Thompson, Kelly Whiting, Nichole Morse, Pastor Deb Grismer

Highlights not covered elsewhere in the newsletter.

Property Committee: Washer/dryer and LifeVacs were installed. Dishwasher repairs made. Tile saw sold and removed. Furnace and AC replacement quotes continue to come in. Weekly walkthroughs are occurring and going well.

Education Committee: Meeting postponed due to weather.

Youth Committee: 5th quarter party/lock-in went well. Ice skating was cancelled due to rink issues. Extreme

bowling planned. Conversation held around engaging youth, Day Camp, VBS, and summer activities.

Worship Committee: New cross has been ordered and will be here the beginning of March.

Outreach Committee: Newly reformed committee has put together a committee job description. Events will be planned at next meeting.

Personnel Committee: Position description for second office admin has been completed. One person from the congregation has expressed interest. Interviews will happen soon.

Staff/Pastors Report: The Senior Pastor Retreat went well. Great presenters from DWU's Practical Church Leadership program. I will be looking into that certification. Pastoral care included hospital visits, office visits and long term care facility visits. I am currently leading Bible study and/or communion with Ruth Circle and Elizabeth Circle. I will not have a Saturday morning Bible study during Lent. I will be on vacation March 23 (after worship) - April 1. Pastor Renee Splichal-Larson will be here March 29 & 30.

Other Discussion:

- *Matthew Wilson resigned from Council. It was decided not to replace him at this time as we have no Fellowship Committee yet.
- *Christmas bonuses will not be given to staff. The Council is planning on an appreciation gathering.
- *A practice for pastor pictures on the wall was discussed. More information is needed.
- *Lent invitation postcards will be sent to the congregation.
- *Trailer was inspected and is still usable. We will keep it for another 5 years and then reconsider disposing of it.
- *Discussion held on a different way to pay Michelle to assist her in an easier way to track hours. More information is needed before a decision can be made.

Next Council meeting will be held March 18, 2025 at 6:00 pm.



Financial Update

The Church Council received financial statements for January. More detailed information can be obtained from Pastor Deb, Kristi Wellendorf or Kelly Whiting.

Statement of Financial Position

As of January 31, 2025

Total Revenue for January, 2025: \$55,084.57 Total Revenue for January, 2024: \$45,787.04 Total Expenses for January, 2025: \$47,835.82 Total Expenses for January, 2024:47,948.35 Year-To-Date Financial Mission Plan (Budget) Expenses: \$59,658.33

Net Income/(Loss) for January, 2025: \$7,248.75 Net Income/(Loss) for January, 2024: (\$2,161.31)



Save the Date

May 18, 2025 following worship Reports due to church office by April 25th

Mark your calendar for our semi-annual meeting! We will have a great time learning about all of the ministries of our congregation as well as electing Council members and other fun stuff. Maybe we will even have food to follow. Whoo hoo!!!



Congratulations, Piecemakers

Celebrating 25 Years of Ministry



On February 20, 2025, the Piecemakers and special guests gathered to share memories and photos and numbers as they celebrated 25 years as an organization. Smiles and laughter were shared by all, including some of the original members of the group. The group always welcomes new members to join them on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am. No experience in quilting is necessary. There are lots of pieces to put together with different skills needed. Thank you, Piecemakers, for 25 incredible years of service, creativity, and love. May your ministry continue to bless and inspire for years to come!



Piecemakers' Purpose:

To make quilts for babies, the elderly and those in need in our church, our community and the world. These will be made by using new and old, recyclable materials whenever available.

25 years of numbers

9,074 total quilts made (plus other items)
Over \$83,500 donated to various causes



Who has received these quilts?

SCLC Confirmands, SCLC Baby Quilts, SCLC Christmas Servant Event, SCLC Mission Trips, LWR, WellFully, LSS, Cornerstone Mission, Woyatan, One Heart, YFS, Love INC, Mommy's Closet, Daisy House, Homeless, Passages Transitional Living, LO, BrightStart, VA, Clarkson, St. Martins Serenity, Other Nursing Homes, Pine Ridge, Boys Club, CMN, WAAVI, Abbott House, Cystic Fibrosis, Women's & Children's Mission









WHAT'S HAPPENING

WEDNESDAY MEALS 5:00 - 5:45pm

- March 5 Ash Wednesday Chicken Alfredo
- March 12 Shepherds Pie
- March 19 BBQ Pork Sandwiches
- March 26 Breakfast Cakes & Sausage

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

Meals on Wednesday nights is a time to reconnect with your family, church family and meet new people! Come join us!!!

Save the Dates!!!!

VBS - June 16-19

Open to children Preschool through 5th grade *Many volunteers also needed. Contact Miss Mona for more information



LOSD SUMMER 2025 GOD'S WORD COMES NEAR

LO Day Camp is returning to SCLC

July 7 - 9 - All Day

Open to children K - 5th Grade

1/2 Day Preschool option also available

Thank You!

To all of the volunteers who help in our kitchen.

Whether you are providing desserts, prepping veggies, or setting up or cleaning afterwards.

You are all appreciated and I know I could not do this job without you.

Thank you again!
Michelle, Kitchen Coordinator

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High School Free Lunch Tuesday, March 25

Sign up to volunteer to help or donate Fruits at the Welcome Table

South Canyon Lutheran is serving breakfast for lunch to all high school students and staff on

Tuesday, March 25th. The Free Lunch menu includes pancake "cakes," maple syrup, link sausages, blueberries, strawberries, bananas, and a variety of juices. We are looking **to borrow** two small crock pots for maple syrup.

Needed: people to donate the following:

- 3 lbs. blueberries, washed (8 people)
- 3 lbs. strawberries, washed (8 people)
- 3 lbs. bananas (8 people)

You can sign up at the welcome center, or email Diane at bdtschet@gmail.com. Thank you, congregation, for your ongoing wonderful support of this outreach ministry.

Second Saturday Supper & Games Saturday, March 8 at 6:30 pm SCLC Fellowship Hall

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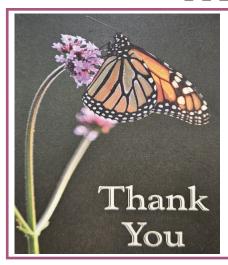
Trying something different for the meal

We are looking for two or more volunteers to prepare, serve and clean-up the meal each month.

For those eating, we will gather a freewill donation (up to \$5.00 per person/\$15.00 per family). The money will go to the volunteers who prepared the meal to help cover the food costs.

March Hosts: Pastor Deb & Gloria Olawsky
March Meal: Hamburger Bar & Sides
Come for worship at 5:30 pm and stay for the fun following worship or come for the food and fun at 6:30 pm. This event is open to all ages from all over the community.
Invite your friends to come as we connect with each other and build relationships.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



To the wonderful members of SCLC.

Thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers in memory of our dear mom. Words cannot express how comforting it was to see so many SCLC members at her service. She enjoyed getting to know and work alongside such great people. You were like family to her.

In Christ, the family of Linda Jensen

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Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars, be sure to do this prior to March 31. As always, if you want to chose South Canyon, thank you very much! They can go to church or Friend-Ship Preschool.

Thrivent Community Action Cards

Did you know that most Thrivent members have two opportunities to help their community in a year? These might include helping with snacks for area schools, yarn for prayer shawls, free lunch supplies, VBS and many other ideas. Please check in with Kristi or Pastor Deb on the various ideas to help with events at church too!







Pinewood Derby 2025 for Pak 2 Boy Scouts!

Pak 2 meets at South Canyon Lutheran Church on Tuesdays during the school year. We are their Charter sponsor!





It's Call Process Time Again

The Council has approved moving forward in calling an Associate Pastor to serve at SCLC. Thank you to those who have agreed to serve on the Call Committee: Tim Shirley, Larry Thompson, Jim Haar, Joleen Wilson, Eric Porisch, Nichole Morse and Pastor Deb. They will be installed in March. Pastor Renee Spichal-Larson, Associate to the Bishop, will be at SCLC March 29 & 30. She will be meeting with the congregation following worship on March 30. A brunch will be served following the congregation conversation.

Director of Worship

Usher and Greeter Training will be Sunday, March 2, in the sanctuary shortly after worship.

Ash Wednesday services with imposition of ashes and communion are **Wednesday**, **March 5**, **at 12:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.** There will be a meal following the noon worship service and the regular Wednesday evening meal is 5:00 p.m. followed by worship. There will be no education programming this evening.





Wednesday Lenten services at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. will be based on the series by the Rev. Chris Paavola from St. Mark Lutheran Church in Battle Creek, Michigan. His series is *The Seven Symbols of Ash* and reflects on the themes of loss, mortality, emptiness, weakness, repentance, shame and purity. The noon service will be followed by a meal in the Fellowship Hall and our regular Wednesday evening meals continue at 5:00 p.m. prior to the 6:00 worship service. Join us for this reflective Lenten journey.

The University of South Dakota premier vocal ensemble, the USD Chamber Singers, is performing at SCLC on Thursday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. This will be a fantastic choral concert and it is free to the public. Please mark this program on your calendar and bring a friend. I would love to have a good SCLC audience for these singers who have been named the 2nd place winner of the American Prize in Choral Music. It is an honor to be able to host them. And, speaking of "hosting," I am still in need of host families for the students following the concert. The program will be approximately 2 hours long, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Host families will house the students for the night and bring them back to church by 7:00 a.m. the next morning. I will have fruit and doughnuts for the students, so you wouldn't need to feed them breakfast. Please let me know if you are able to host.



The Dakota Choral Union's Young Vocal Artist Competition is Saturday, March 22, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at South Canyon Lutheran Church. Area high school students will compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place cash awards in the upper division and honorable mention in the lower division. Each student receives feedback from the judges immediately following their performance. The entire experience is a learning opportunity for everyone involved. The competition is open to the public. Everyone is welcome to come and listen to these talented young vocalists.



Something New Coming to SCLC ...and it is super exciting!

A new cross is coming to our sanctuary. Memorial money is being used to purchase this traditional, year-round symbol of our Christian faith. This cross, made of domestic hardwood, brings a visual focal point, easily recognized by anyone who enters, of our call to focus on God. The multiple layers of different wood offers texture and movement and unifies the rest of the wood in our building.

Don't worry Jesus (the Ascension statue) and the Road to Damascus painting have not left the building. One is hanging in the Reformation Room and the other is in the Koinonia Room continuing to bring life to our building. For those who are wondering why we didn't use the old hanging cross, it was too big for this space. It is hanging in the Reformation room.



Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

March Activities



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

March 2nd - The Transfiguration

Lent Season 9th - 23rd

Everything [in] Between

Outlaw Ranch will be here March 12, 15, & 16 to visit

Whirly Wednesday - 6:40pm

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

March 5th - Ash Wednesday - No Classes

Lent Season 12th - 26th

Everything [in] Between

Outlaw Ranch will be here March 12, 15, & 16 to visit



March 5th - Ash Wednesday - No Classes

12th - Campfire Conversations

19th - Games

26th - Prayer Journals

Lutheran Outdoors (Outlaw Ranch) will be here March 12, 15, 16 to visit.

High School Youth Group - 6:40 Wednesday (9th - 12th Grade)

March 5th - Ash Wednesday - No Classes

12th - Campfire Conversations

16th - Chili Cook-off

19th - Bible Study

26th - Games

28th - Game Night 7:00pm

Lutheran Outdoors will be here March 12, 15, 16 to visit about summer camp opportunities



9th Grade Confirmation - 6:40 Wednesday

Your meeting times for March are: NO Class on the 5th, the 12th is Faith Formation with Mentor, the 19th is Learning Night with Eric. Other nights are HS Youth Group. Chili Cook-off is March 16th.

SPECIAL EVENT: Chili Cook-off and Lutheran Outdoors

Sunday, March 16th - get your best Chili recipe out and bring for the cook-off. Fundraiser for Youth Ministries. ALL are invited to participate!! Outlaw Ranch will be here March 12, 15, 16 to visit about summer camps for Lutheran Outdoors.



Future Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, April 6th: Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am Sunday, April 13th: Pancake Breakfast 10:00am Sunday, April 27th: Affirmation of Baptism 9:00am Wednesday, April 30th: Last Wednesday GIZZY Pizza Party

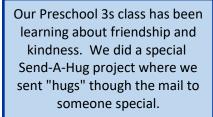
Greetings from Friend-Ship Preschool! Here are some things we have been up to for the month of February:



Our Pre-K classes have been learning all about dinosaurs and dinosaur fossils that have been found right here in South Dakota! We are also continuing to learn how to write numbers and letters through our Learning Without Tears program.















Friend-Ship Preschool is registering for the 2025-2026 school year!! Please check out our website. www.friendshippreschoolsclc.com for additional information on registering. To set up a tour, please call the church office. We look forward to meeting you!



Youth Ministries Chili Cook-off

and Fundraiser

Sunday, March 16th 4:00pm Arrival and Set-up

Chili Meal with fixings at 5:00pm



March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 12noon - Lent Worship 5pm-Meal 6pm - Worship 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	6 9am-Piecemakers	7 1:45 - Kid's Choir	1 5:30pm-Worship 8 5:30 Worship 6:30pm - Potluck 8 Game night for everyone
9 Spring Ahead 9am–Worship (live streamed) 10am - Spark Sunday School	10 11am - 12:30pm Staff Meeting 6pm-DCU practice	11 6:30pm-Bell Chair	12 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 9am-Elizabeth Circle Bible 12noon - Lent Worship 5pm-Meal 6pm - Worship 6:40pm-Whirly Wednesday 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	13 9am-Piecemakers 7:00 - USD Chamber Choir Concert	1:45 - Kid's Chair	15 8:30am-Book Club 5:30pm-Worship with communion
16 9am-Worship with communion (Live Streamed) 10am-Spark Sunday 4:00pm SCLC HS Chili Cook-off	17 Nam - 12:30pm Staff Meeting Gpm-DCU practice	18 Gpm - Church Council Meeting G:30pm-Bell Choir	19 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 12noon - Lent Worship 5pm-Meal 6pm - Worship (Communion) 6:40pm - Joyful Noise 6:40pm-Whirly Wednesday 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	20 9am-Piecemakers	21	22 5:30pm-Worship
23 9am–Worship (Live Streamed) 10am - Spark Sunday	24 Ham - 12:30pm Staff Meeting Gpm-DCU practice	25 Free Lunch 6:30pm-Bell Choir	26 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 12noon - Lent Worship 5pm-Meal 6pm - Worship 6:40pm-Whirly Wednesday 6:40pm - Joyful Noise 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	27 9am-Piecemakers	28 3:45 - Kid's Choir 7pm - HS Youth Group - Game Night at SCLC	29 5:30pm-Worship with Joyful Noise, communion
30 9 am-Worship (live streamed) with Joyful Noise communion 10am - Spark Sunday 10am - Cong Meeting & Brunch	31 11am - 12:30pm Staff Meeting 6pm-DCU practice		Pastor Deb on vacation			
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Mona Drolc, Children, Youth & Family Ministry

Teri Belton, Admin Assistant

Michelle Gab, Kitchen Coordinator



Marsha Mertes, Pianist
Mary Weidenbach, Choir Accompanist
Lori Brey, Nursery Attendant
Mark Meier, Custodian

Friend-Ship Preschool

Phone: 605-343-4887 Fax: 605-355-0435 info@sclc-rc.org

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

Veteran's Ministry at Cornerstone

March 2025

Items collecting:
deodorant, toothpaste/brushes,
razors/shaving cream, shampoo,
body wash. Donations of coffee,
creamer and sugar for the Veteran's
sitting area

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