



South Canyon Lutheran Church

700 44th Street

Rapid City, SD 57702

605-343-4887

Office Hours:

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

Fridays: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

info@sclc-rc.org



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

IN THE NEWS June 2025

Worship Service Times

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

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.



Dust off your Bibles!! The B90 Challenge Is On!!

The ***Bible in 90 Days (B90) Whole-Church Challenge*** is about to begin!! I am so excited! Beginning June 14 & 15, 2025, the whole congregation and beyond is invited to read the entire Bible in 90 days using a pre-determined specific reading plan. This challenge will end in a big celebration on September 13 & 14! This whole-church challenge will shape our worship services and include weekly small group Bible studies, prayer groups, reading guides and other tools to assist you along the way.

Top 10 Benefits of Joining this Challenge

1. A deepened relationship with God.
2. It helps achieve a long-held goal (to read the entire Bible).
3. Provides an excellent overview of the sweeping story of scripture.
4. Starts a pattern of Bible reading that becomes a habit in your lives.
5. Enhances your understanding of what you are hearing in worship services and Bible studies.
6. It's a Bible *reading* program, not a study: no doctrinal controversies.
7. Gain Biblical knowledge and understanding that builds confidence and faith.
8. It's 90 days (not a year), which helps participants remember to connect key historical persons, events, and more from Genesis to Revelation.
9. B90 groups build relationships, which contributes to a higher success rate of completing the readings.

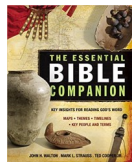
10. Transformational: it's God's Word!

Children can join in by reading Bibles printed at their level or by being read to by others or by reading 90 Bible stories. If reading through the whole Bible is overwhelming, you can choose to read 90 Bible stories instead. You can take your Bible with you when you travel to keep up with your reading, knowing others are reading right along with you reminding you that we are all part of one family of faith.

Tools to Help You Along the Way (Available for purchase at SCLC)



Participants Guide
Helpful information
\$8.00



Essential Bible Companion: Key Insights for Reading God's Word
\$8.00

*(These items may also be available to purchase and read on your electronic devices.)
More free tools available at SCLC, including bookmarks and a B90 journal for children or adults!*

Small Group Opportunities (Beginning week of June 15)

Wednesdays at Noon in the Reformation Room at SCLC

Monday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Reformation Room at SCLC

Would you like to be a part of a small group Bible study but these times don't work? Get a couple of friends to join you and ask Pastor Deb about meeting at another time!

Interested in being a part of a prayer group? Please contact Pastor Deb for more information!

Let the challenge begin!



You are invited to brunch and conversation!

When: Saturday, June 14 at 10:00 am

Where: South Canyon Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Who: Worshipers who are new to SCLC and those who have recently joined SCLC but have not been formally recognized in worship

Join Pastor Deb and staff members for a meal and conversation about what it means to be a Christian who is Lutheran and a member of South Canyon Lutheran Church. Learn if SCLC is a right fit for you. If you would like to join SCLC, we will be welcoming new members during worship on June 14 & 15.

Please call the church (605-343-4887) office to register for the gathering and/or to let us know you wish to join SCLC!

Upcoming Distribution for Feeding South Dakota



Feeding South Dakota – First Distribution Now July 12-13

In April, we announced that we will be partnering with Feeding South Dakota (FSD) to distribute food boxes each month to around 300 low-income senior citizens in the Rapid City area. Originally, our first distribution was scheduled for June, however, we've been asked by Feeding South Dakota to move this distribution to July in order to allow more time to notify recipients of the new location/dates/times for these distributions. We are currently reaching out to our June volunteers to see if they are willing/able to shift to the July dates; we'll then fill in any gaps via sign-up sheets in the Koinonia Coffee Bar. We continue to be excited as we approach our first distribution, which will be held on Saturday, July 12 from 9 am-3 pm, and Sunday, July 13 from 1-3 pm in the church parking lot.

In the meantime, we have been working behind the scenes to plan and prepare for this first distribution. A few weeks ago, a representative from FSD was onsite to take a look at our facilities and layout for doing the distributions; they are currently working on getting us the equipment and supplies needed for the distribution. The Property team is also working on getting our space ready for these distributions – this includes planning for the storage of supplies, and creating temporary flooring solutions to enable us to easily roll pallets of boxes in and out of the church during distributions. The coordinating team for these distributions also visited the Feeding South Dakota warehouse to observe a distribution in progress, allowing us to better understand traffic flow, sign-in processes, loading operations, etc.

Most importantly, we've been blessed to see so many people who have volunteered to help with these distributions. Thank you all so much for your willingness to help! If you've not yet signed up but have an interest in participating in this or a future distribution, please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the Koinonia Café – there's one sheet for providing your contact information, and a second sheet to sign up for the upcoming month's distribution if you're willing and available. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Diane Tschetter; you can chat with her in person, or reach out to the church office for her contact information.



Thanks once again for being Christ's hands and feet as we look to serve those in need in our community!

- Tim Shirley, Team Lead

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 Grismer.



Thank You

Thank you for your donations to our April Ministry of the Month, Lutheran Social Services. The donation went toward helping LSS find safe and stable Foster Care Homes.

Donation amount: \$1375.00

Plus all the food that was donated was able to help 4 different programs!

Free Lunch



SCLC Youth

**SCLC Youth helping prepare
gardens for the growing season
at Good Samaritan**



Ministry of the Month - Chapel in the Hills

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Our Ministry of the Month for June is Chapel in the Hills. Throughout each month we collect a special offering for an organization in our area that provides services to the community. All the money raised during this month goes directly to the non-profit organization.

Nestled at the foot of the Black Hills, on the western edge of Rapid City, SD, the Chapel in the Hills is a quiet retreat open to all visitors. As a special ministry of the South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Chapel reaches out to vacationers and local residents alike, who look for a place to experience God's peace in their busy lives.



The Chapel in the Hills was built in 1969 and a dream come true for the preacher of the Lutheran Vespers radio hour, Dr. Harry Gregerson. The Chapel is an exact replica of the Borgund Stavkirke Church in Norway and over 25,000 visitors stop each year to see the church, museum, gift shop and the grounds.

The purpose of the church is to spread the gospel through sermons, music, weddings and vow renewals, along with other special events. Worship services are held at the Chapel in the Hills every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday evening at 7:30pm during June, July and August. A tradition from the original ministry of the radio program Lutheran Vespers. (The term "vesper" refers to a worship service held in the evening, or an evening prayer.) Each summer, local pastors and ELCA pastors from all around the country spend a week serving as pastors-in-residence.

The Chapel also has an online store where wood carvings (crosses and nativity sets) as well as other items can be purchased. Sales of these items, rental fees for the events and donations support this ministry. Offering envelopes are in the back of the church and online donations can be made on the church website via Realm. Contact the church office at 605.343.4887 with questions.

For more information the Chapel, check out their website at <https://www.chapel-in-the-hills.org/index.html>

New Addition to SCLC

"Window to the Future" is a hand tufted rug by myself, Gareth Rus, under my small custom rug business, Rugtalk. This piece is dedicated to South Canyon Lutheran Church and to my grandfather, Gordon Paulson, who built many of the wooden structures seen around its halls.

I'll be graduating from Grand Canyon University at the end of the summer. As my final volunteer project needed to graduate, I used the original 1996 blueprints for the large stained glass window sitting above the altar to design the piece with additional inspiration from art seen around the nave.

28 hours and nearly 2,000 yards of yarn later, "Window to the Future" measures four feet in diameter and hangs in the chancel, just below the window of the same name and only a few feet from where I was baptized 21 years ago.



WHAT'S HAPPENING



Tom Pfeifle Memorial 5k *Fun* Run/Walk Saturday, September 6, 2025 Benefit for Raider Park

For Use by Students, Staff, and Community.

- **Race Time:** 9:00 am at Raider Park, Rapid City, SD.
- **Fee:** Donation. Every donation receives a ticket for a door prize drawing. Must be present to win.
- **No Age Limit:** Participants under age 18 will need parental/guardian consent.
- **Pie served following the race.**
- **Stevens Raiders Drumline fun!**
- **Dogs discouraged.** • **Waivers online.**
- **Wear your favorite TPM 5k T-shirt!**



www.tompfeifle5k.org 

Tom Pfeifle Memorial Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Bill & Diane Tschetter, 23697 Mulligan Mile, Rapid City, SD 57702

Tom Pfeifle Memorial 5k *Fun* Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, September 6th at Raider Park. The event begins at 9 am. In honoring Tom's values of reducing, reusing and recycling, we ask you to wear a favorite Tom Pfeifle race shirt from previous years if you have one. There will be no pre-registration or fees involved. All donations will help maintain the Tom Pfeifle trails. All who make a donation will receive a ticket for a door prize drawing. You need to be present to win. Please arrive no later than 8:45am to sign a waiver. We look forward to having the Raider Drumline with us, as they enthusiastically motivate the runners/walkers. Pie will be served following the *Fun* run. Save the date.

Sunday Worship Team Members Needed

We need to add members to our Sunday Church Service Worship Teams

- Each team Serves only 3 months out of the year
- Teams include ushers, greeters, readers, and communion helpers.

(You are not required to do all of these tasks)

Our Teams:

- Matthew Team (serves January, May, September)
- Mark Team (serves February, June, October)
- Luke Team (serves March, July, November)
- John Team (serves April, August, December)

*Sign up in the Koinonia Room or contact the office

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! **And it costs YOU nothing!**
- Contact or stop in to the church office to purchase your grocery gift cards
- It's a win-win-win! With so little effort, you can help SCLC and Church Response. **Please give it a try.**



NIGHT OUT AT OUTLAW

Gala Fundraiser

Saturday, June 28
Activities begin at 3:30 pm
Dinner at 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 Outlaw Ranch 12703 Outlaw Ranch Rd, Custer, SD

\$20 per person or a table of 8 for \$200
Children 5 & under eat free

PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE A STAFF VEHICLE FOR TRAVEL ACROSS SOUTH DAKOTA

Music by Tangled Blue | Pony Rides | Hikes
 Line Dancing | Silent and Live Auctions
 Buffalo meat donated by Sacred Storm

Thank you

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Council President these past two years. I appreciated your support and encouragement, especially during times of transition in leadership. It's been a wonderful experience of learning and growing in faith.
Diane Tschetter

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Senior Small Group June Activities

June 8 at 4pm

Meet at South Canyon Lutheran Church

We will go for a walk at the Tom Pfeifle Trails/Raider Park for those who wish to come

Return to the church around 5:30pm for a light meal

June 28 at 2:15pm

Night Out at Outlaw

Cost: \$20

Meet at church at 2:15pm to carpool to Outlaw Ranch

Event begins at 3:30pm, Dinner at 5:00pm



Free Lunch

We hosted Free Lunch for Finals May 20th and 21st as students took final exams to end their school year. Last May we served 415 students and staff, which was our biggest lunch ever, until this year. The first Finals lunch we served 442 meals, only to be topped by 478 on the second day! What a blessing this congregation has been in embracing this ministry. Volunteers have stepped up willingly to prep, serve, clean up and bake every month. What a joy to see the gratitude on the faces of students and staff, and the camaraderie and fellowship enjoyed by all involved. Thank you to all who have provided a Thrivent Action Grant to help defray the food expense. Thanks for being a blessing! Relax and take the summer off, because we will resume this vibrant ministry in the fall.

Koinonia Coffee Bar is open for Business!

Open Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm, Friday 9am-1pm

Enjoy a great drink, snacks and fellowship!

Present this Free Drink Coupon for a drink on us!

No purchase necessary to come and hang out!



Young Adults
Small Group

Wednesday, June 25

6:00 pm

Meet at Canyon Lake
Shelter by Parking Lot off
Park Drive

All young adults (20s & 30s) are invited to be a part of the new SCLC young adult small group ministry being led by Matthew Wilson and Phil & Nancy Busching. The group will take time for fellowship, fun and conversation around the tough faith and life questions. Invite others to be a part of this group.

"How Lutherans Interpret the Bible"

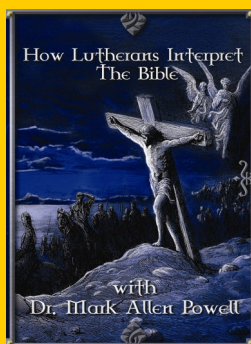
with Dr. Mark Allen Powell

When: Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm-
June 3, 10, 17, 24

Where: South Canyon Lutheran Church Reformation Room

Led by Pastor Deb Grismer

All ages are welcome to gather to learn about a variety of Lutheran perspectives for interpreting the Bible. Through videos, handouts and discussion, we will discover answers to questions you may have had about the Bible. Come the weeks you are able. You are welcome to bring something to eat.



Grief Support Group

Wednesday, June 4

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

SCLC Fellowship Hall

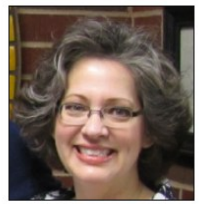
All who are/have experienced loss of a loved one are invited to gather around the table for a meal and conversation. We will begin at 5 pm as we gather to prepare a meal and set the table while we converse. We will eat together, pray together and walk with one another as we grieve. We will make plans for the next gathering based on the needs of those who gather.

Ordination of Rev. Bryce Blank

Sunday, June 8th at 10 am

Bryce will be ordained as an Elder in full connection with the Dakotas Conference of The United Methodist Church. This will happen during a service that will be livestreamed and available to view in real-time or anytime afterward via this link on the Dakotas Conference website: [Livestream - Dakotas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church](#). Bryce would be honored if you choose to tune in and view that service. Bryce's family at SCLC includes Les and Joyce Theiry, Mike and Trish Blank, Tanner and Kiley (Phares) Blank, and Cameron and Hayley Blank). Bryce's address is 455 2nd Ave NE, Valley City, ND 57201.

Director of Worship



Ellen Shirley
ellen@sclc-rc.org

The Kid's Choir is having a year-end celebration at Meadowood Lanes Thursday, June 5 at 1:00.

The **Pop-Up Choir** is singing **June 8** for Pentecost! Everyone is welcome to join us. Come to church ready to sing at 8:30. We are singing *Fill-A Me Up* by Pepper Choplin for worship. Remember to **wear Red or Orange for Pentecost!**



Pastor Deb has chosen **B90: Read the Bible** for our summer series. B90 encourages us to read the entire Bible in 90 days. Our weekly worship will focus on central figures in the Bible, beginning with Abraham and continuing through John. Daily, independent reading of the Bible breaks each of the 90 days down into manageable readings. We start **B90** June 15 and will continue past Labor Day. We hope you accept the **B90** challenge and read the Bible in its entirety with us this summer.

It is the summer, so all of our musical groups are on break. If you are interested in blessing us with special music, please talk with me and we will find a date for you to share your gifts.

Ellen

Council Executive Committee:

President: Mandey Tschetter

Vice President: Nancy Busching

Secretary: Ken Bauman

Treasurer: PJ Haar



Hello South Canyon! I'm Nancy Busching. I'm married to Phil Busching and we have two wonderful boys, Levi and Luther, both of whom are college students at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. I work as an outpatient physical therapist and enjoy biking and hiking. I am part of the Altar Care team, have taught Sunday School and have been a confirmation leader. I am looking forward to serving SCLC as the Vice President on the Church Council.

Semi-Annual Meeting & Council Highlights in Brief

May 18, 2025

- *Staff and Council members shared things they were excited about from the past year and what they were looking forward to in the next year.
- *Election results: Mandy Tschetter, Council President; Nancy Busching, Council Vice President; Nichole Morse, Desyl Petersen, Kristi Wellendorf, Synod Assembly Voting Members; Brent Zeigler, Carrie Churchill, Carol Stiles, Nominating Committee, along with Diane Tschetter and Gary Johnson.
- *Kristi Wellendorf worked hard to determine the Memorial Funds current total of \$50,903.66. A separate money market account has been set up strictly for Memorial Funds.
- *Pastor Deb thanked the Constitution Committee for their hard work. The new constitution is in the hands of the Council and the Synod Office. The Council will address it in June. A special meeting of the congregation will be called after the Council has moved the Constitution forward so the congregation can give the first approval.
- *The Care Corp Ministry members determined this group was not what the congregation needed and so it was dissolved. A Congregational Care Committee will be formed to include the work of the Care Corp team as well as other ministries of the congregation.
- *Pastor Deb explained using the language of Committee, Team and Task Force for organizing ministry groups in our congregation.
- *We continue to operate financially on a positive note as our income continues to exceed our expenses.
- *SCLC will be providing a basket for the "Night Out at Outlaw" fundraiser.

Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

June Activities



2025 Vacation Bible School with SCOUT

Registration Now!

Join us June 23-26 (M-Th) from
9:00 to 12:00pm, ages 4 yrs. old
to 5th Grade (finished).

Sign up online or use the QR Code.

Have some extra time and want to
have fun this summer, come assist
us on this great **ROAD TRIP** with
Scout and God!

Hope to see you, it will be fun...



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There is still time to Sign up for

Summer Camp with Lutheran Outdoors

A super fun way to experience God - God's Word Comes Near!

IN THE HILLS.ON THE PRAIRIE.AT THE WATER.

Outlaw Ranch DAY CAMP!

Is coming BACK to SCLC...

July 7-9 (M-W) from 9:00am-3:00pm

\$50 Registration fee (includes lunch and snacks)

Ages: Kindergarten to 5th Grade (finished)

We will explore and experience God and His love!

It will be full of excitement, it will be refreshing, it will be unique,
it will intentionally show you God's love, and your faith will have a new
energy to grow stronger.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and **WATCH** for more information! Housing will be needed.



All Faith Formation Education classes will resume again in the Fall,
watch your email for information. **Enjoy your Summer break!**

Greetings from Friend-Ship Preschool!

We have had a great last few weeks of school!
We have done some hands-on plant activities
and enjoyed our last few days together!

Friend-Ship Preschool has openings for the
2025-2026 school year. Check out our website,
friendshippreschoolslc.com for information
about our school and how to register.



June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Worship (Live Streamed)	2 1pm-2:30pm Staff Meeting 6 pm—Property Committee Mtg	3 5:30pm- How Lutherans Interpret the Bible	4 7:30am—Men's Bible Study 5pm- Grief Support Group- SCLC Fellowship Hall	5 9am—Piecemakers	6	7 9am-DCU Practice 5:30pm—Worship with communion
8 8:30am- Pop-Up Choir Practice 9am-Worship with communion (Live Streamed) 4pm- Senior fellowship small group activity	9 1pm-2:30pm Staff Meeting 5:45—Education Committee Mtg	10 5:30 pm - How Lutherans Interpret the Bible	11 7:30am—Men's Bible Study 9am- Elizabeth Bible Study	12 9am—Piecemakers	13	14 B90 Challenge begins 10am New Member Brunch 5:30pm—Worship with new member recognition
15 B90 Challenge begins 9am-Worship with new member recognition (Live Streamed)	16 1pm-2:30pm Staff Meeting 6 pm—Bible Study	17 5:30 pm - How Lutherans Interpret the Bible	18 7:30am—Men's Bible Study 12:00 Noon—Bible Study	19 9am—Piecemakers	20 <div>Pastor Deb on vacation</div>	21 8:30am—Book Club 5:30pm- Worship with communion
22 <div>Pr Deb on vacation</div> 9am-Worship with communion (Live Streamed)	23 9am- Vacation Bible School 1pm-2:30pm Staff Meeting 6 pm—Bible Study	24 9am Vacation Bible School 5:30pm- How Lutherans Interpret the Bible	25 7:30am—Men's Bible Study 9am Vacation Bible School NO NOON BIBLE STUDY 6 pm—Young Adults Group meets at Canyon Lake	26 9am- Vacation Bible School	27 10 am—Barb Dreyer Funeral Service	28 2:15pm- Senior small group meeting at church to carpool to Outlaw Ranch 3:30pm- Night out at Outlaw Ranch 5:30pm—Worship with communion
29 9 am-Worship with communion (Live Streamed)	30 1pm-2:30pm- Staff Meeting 6 pm—Bible Study					



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Michelle Gab, 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

Chapel in the Hills

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