



South Canyon Lutheran Church

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IN THE NEWS

November 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:



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 SCLC Connections.

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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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Services are archived for viewing.

Give Thanks At All Times

It is easy to remember to give thanks in November as we look forward to Thanksgiving, a time when some families have the tradition to speak a word of thanks before the food can be eaten. However, Paul reminds the church of the Thessalonians to “give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:18) Sometimes when we are overwhelmed with life we forget there are reasons to give thanks, especially in the hard times. Author Cindi McMenamain offers 17 statements of gratitude as reminders of ways to give thanks in all circumstances:

1. *Thank you, God, for the times You have said "no." They have helped me depend on You so much more.*
2. *Thank you, God, for unanswered prayer. It reminds me that You know what's best for me, even when my opinion differs from Yours.*
3. *Thank You, Lord, for the things you have withheld from me. You have protected me from what I may never realize.*
4. *Thank You, God, for the doors You have closed. They have prevented me from going where You would rather not have me go.*
5. *Thank you, Lord, for the physical pain You've allowed in my life. It has helped me more closely relate to Your sufferings on my behalf.*
6. *Thank you, Lord, for the alone times in my life. Those times have forced me to lean in closer to You.*
7. *Thank you, God, for the uncertainties I've experienced. They have deepened my trust in You.*
8. *Thank You, Lord, for the times You came through for me when I didn't even know I needed a rescue.*
9. *Thank You, Lord, for the losses I have experienced. They have been a reminder that You are my greatest gain.*
10. *Thank You, God, for the tears I have shed. They have kept my heart soft and moldable.*
11. *Thank You, God, for the times I haven't been able to control my circumstances. They have reminded me that You are sovereign and on the throne.*
12. *Thank You, God, for those people in my life whom You have called home to be with You. Their absence from this earth keeps my heart longing for heaven.*
13. *Thank You, God, that I have an inheritance in the heavenly places...something that this world can never steal from me and I could never selfishly squander.*
14. *Thank You, God, for the greatest gift You could ever give me: forgiveness through Your perfect Son's death on the cross.*
15. *Thank You, God, for the righteousness You credited toward me, through the death and resurrection of Jesus. It's a righteousness I could never earn or attain on my own.*
16. *Thank You, Father, that You know me, You hear me, and You see my tears. Remind me through difficult times that You are God, You are on the throne, and You are eternally good.*
17. *And thank You, Lord, not only for my eternal salvation, but for the salvation You afford every day of my life as You save me from myself, my foolishness, my own limited insights, and my frailties in light of Your power and strength.*

May you find reasons this month and every month to give thanks in all circumstances.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Pastor Deb Grismer

Youth & Milestones



YOUTH

Saturday Night Supper



Feeding South Dakota

We're very pleased to report that with the completion of our fourth distribution weekend on Oct. 11-12, we have now distributed 655 food boxes to senior citizens who are in need in our community. We are incredibly grateful to our willing volunteers who have made these distributions possible. 53 members (almost half of our volunteer list) have already served at a distribution, and 29 of these volunteers have already served at more than one distribution. Please know that our collective work on this vital ministry has been greatly appreciated by both our recipients as well as our partners at Feeding South Dakota.

If you've not had the opportunity yet to volunteer, our sign-up sheets for November, December and January are currently available in the Koinonia Room. These sheets also have a description of the various roles that we need help with at each distribution. If you have any questions in the meantime, please talk to either Diane Tschetter or Tim Shirley. We hope to see you soon at an upcoming distribution!



Ministry of the Month – The Circle

Helping Youth Move from Homelessness to Hope

Family Connections Center, Inc. works to break the cycle of homelessness for youth and young adults ages 18–24 by providing safe shelter, long-term housing, and compassionate support. Through programs like **The Circle Transitional Housing Center** and the **Safe Place Youth Shelter**, the organization empowers vulnerable youth to move toward stability and independence.

The Circle Transitional Housing Center

- Up to 24 months of supportive housing for ages 18–24
- Focus on education, employment, and life skills
- A Housing First, trauma-informed approach
- Goal: transition to permanent, independent living

Safe Place Youth Shelter

- Emergency overnight shelter (11 PM–8 AM) for youth in crisis
- Up to 7 days of safe housing and case management
- Support for long-term housing or safe family reunification

Support Services

- Case management and life skills training
- Education and workforce development
- Connections to permanent housing and community resources

A Mission Born from Compassion

Family Connections Center was founded after co-founder Joe Barb encountered a homeless youth seeking warmth one winter day—a moment that inspired him to take action. Today, the organization continues to serve youth and survivors of violence and trafficking with dignity, compassion, and hope for a better future.

We will be collecting adult hats/gloves, adult blankets/throws in addition to Walmart gift cards (purchased in the church office available in \$25 and \$100 increments). These allow The Circle to provide essentials as the needs arise (i.e., coats in the correct size) for each individual. Storage space is limited. Please see the office for purchase of Walmart gift cards.



This ministry will also serve as our Christmas Servant Event. A Giving Tree will be up in early November with tags listing items needed by The Circle - Family Connections Center. Some of these include items for young adults - hats, gloves, socks -throws and wraps. We invite you to take a tag and help bless these young adults with gifts this Christmas season.

We would love to donate grocery gift cards (available in the office for \$25, \$50, \$100) to support their cooking and meal-preparation programs as these young adults learn important life skills. Many of them have never experienced a home-cooked meal, especially one they have prepared themselves. Additionally, if you purchase Walmart gift cards from the office, other household items and supplies can be purchased as needed.

Every season, our Family of Faith shows generosity and compassion by supporting our chosen ministry partners. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving and for showing the love of Jesus to those who may not yet know Him.



WHAT'S HAPPENING



Free Lunch

Thanks to the great group of volunteers and bakers as we offered another wonderful Free Lunch to our neighboring students and staff. We served 444 Meals! We will be serving walking tacos on Tuesday, November 18th.

This ministry is greatly appreciated by all who attend, as we hear many words of thanks and gratitude. Please add your name to the sign up sheet and help support this outreach ministry by volunteering for a shift or donating baked goods. The shifts available are 10:00 am to noon, 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 bring baked goods by 9:45 am on the 18th. Baked goods can be labeled Free Lunch and dropped off Sunday or Monday as well. Thank you in advance for your amazing support.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

November 23, 2025

10:15am In the Sanctuary

Agenda to include:

- **Approval of Minutes from the May and September Meetings**
- **Leadership Reports**
- **Call Committee Update**
- **2025 Financial Reports**
- **Approval of 2026 Financial Mission Plan**



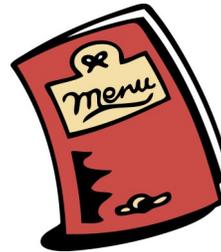
Wednesday Meals

5:00-5:45pm

November 5– Bob's Meatloaf

November 12– Mexican Night

November 19– Turkey Dinner



SOUPER Saturday Supper

November 15 at 6:30 pm

Menu: Soup

Join the Fellowship Committee for food, fellowship and fun. Food will be provided. You just

bring yourself and a friend or two if you desire. If you worship at a different service, please still come for supper. The goal of the Fellowship Committee is to host supper the third Saturday of each month. This will be one way we can build better relationships with each other.

Young Adults
Small Group

November 6
6pm
At SCLC in the
Fellowship Hall

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.



Help Decorate for Advent & Christmas!

We need helping hands to make our church beautiful for the Advent and Christmas season! Join us **Sunday, November 23, right after the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting**, as we deck the halls together.

Everyone is welcome—and to thank our volunteers, **pizza will be provided!**

Come for the meeting, stay for the decorating, and kick off the season with fellowship, fun and pizza!



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thank you

Thank you for the generous school supply donation. We are so grateful!
~Meadowbrook Staff



*My SCLC Family,
How wonderful it is to hear from you! Thank you for the card and your well wishes. I am so grateful for the financial gift. Seminary has been a ROLLER COASTER. I'm surrounded by loving classmates and professors, and I'm hearing and seeing God in ways I have never experienced before. Every new day is a new chance to worship and every study session is like a prayer. I would not be here without my foundation at South Canyon and the congregation and Holy Spirit which raised me (and continues to raise me). Playing the drums here at PTS makes me miss playing in the intergenerational band. I carry memories from the past into the ones I make here, and I know God is present in both. Your support and care means so much to me. I hope I can make it back for Christmas; either way, I know we'll be celebrating Christ's birth together! Please send my thanks to all of SCLC!
With Thanksgiving & Peace, Sammie Kross*

Dear Community of Faith,
Thank you so much for the cards, gifts and words of appreciation you showered upon me during Pastor Appreciation Month. As I begin my second year as your senior pastor, I am so grateful to be here and part of this wonderful congregation.
God bless, Pastor Deb Grismer



Thank you for your generous donations to Black Hills Center for Aging. Here's a picture of our donations at the Black Hills Center for Aging. Our monetary donations were: \$1035.34, Thank you!



Grief Support Group
November 6 at 6:30pm

All who have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited to gather for conversation and learning. We will pray together and walk with one another as we grieve.

The Grief Support Group will meet the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in the Mercy Room.

Care Givers Support Group
Not meeting in Nov and Dec



The group is taking a break for November and December. If you have questions or need someone to visit with, call Gladys Storm at 605-415-3185 or Gary Johnson at 605-342-3694.



New at South Canyon Lutheran Church

Faith and Life Adult Discussion
Sundays following worship
Reformation Room at SCLC
Facilitated by Craig Alberty



All are welcome to be a part of the conversations!

Director of Worship



October Musical Offerings! – (includes Kid’s Choir, Rhyan Tschetter, Bell Choir, DCU concert, Praise Band and Adult Choir)

It’s hard to believe, but it’s time - Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 23 immediately following the semi-annual congregational meeting to help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. Many hands make for light work and we could use many hands! We’ll have the decorations and trees staged in the Narthex, Koinonia Room and Fellowship Hall. We just need your help to assemble, fluff and decorate. Please consider helping prepare our church for the coming of the Lord! Plus we will have pizza for our volunteers!



Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

November Activities



Mona Drolc
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Spark Sunday: 10:05 - 10:45am

Pre-K (4-5 yr. olds) to 5th Grade

November:

2nd-Zacchaeus

9th-The Sadducees' Question

16th-God's Loves is Forever

23rd-The Day Jesus Dies

30th-God Will Bring Peace (Advent)

Whirly Wednesday: 6:40 - 7:15pm

Pre-K (4-5 yr. olds) to 5th Grade

November:

5th-Jesus and Zacchaeus

12th-The Sadducees' Question

19th-Working Together

26th-NO CLASSES Thanksgiving Break

Middle School Youth Group: 6:40 - 7:15pm Wednesday

6th to 8th Grade

November:

5th-Connect Faith Formation

12th-Caring Conversations

19th-Prayer Journals

26th-NO CLASSES Thanksgiving Break



Milestones for November

mark your calendars

~ Sunday & Wednesday,
November 2nd & 5th
Kindergarten
Lord's Prayer

~ Sunday & Wednesday,
November 16th & 19th
1st Grade
10 Commandments

December Special Events

Sunday, December 7th
Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 7th
Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 14th
Kids Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 17th
Kids Christmas Program

High School Youth Group: 6:40 - 7:15pm Wednesday

9th to 12th Grade

November:

1st-Extreme Bowling 10pm-Midnight

5th-Bible Study

12th-Caring Conversations

19th-Bible Study

26th-NO CLASSES Thanksgiving Break



Confirmation: 6:40 - 7:15pm Wednesday

8th and 9th Grader

November:

5th-Confirmation - For Both 8th & 9th

12th-with Youth Groups

19th-9th Grade Mentor Night

26th-NO CLASSES Thanksgiving Break



Future Upcoming Events: Mark your Calendars

Sunday, November 23rd **Hanging of the Greens**

Wednesday, November 26th **NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES**

Sunday, November 30th **Advent Begins**

December 21 to January 5th Christmas Break, classes resume Wednesday, January 7th



Congratulations to our First Communicants: Justin, Waverly, Skylie, Henry, Stella

On October 25th, the 1st Communicants and their families gathered for a meal and to learn about Holy Communion as well as decorate their chalices and make bread. Thank you to everyone who helped with this important Milestone.



Pieces of Us

November is upon us and with our annual sale wrapping up, we are on to our next set of commitments and blessings. We hope to give 30 quilts to Wellfully and another 12 to New Alternatives before Christmas. We will then begin creating our quilts to send overseas for Lutheran World Relief. Confirmation comes in April with around 12 receiving our denim quilts upon completion. We continue to provide baby quilts throughout the year for each baptism. We also often donate quilts to other organizations, along with monetary gifts from monies raised at our sale. We are able to do special order requests in between all of this. Though we keep very busy, we still make time for fellowship. We tour various nonprofit organizations, celebrate with a Christmas party, lunch in the summer, and weekly coffee and snack time. The Piecemakers continue to serve those in need with joy and love. We thank you for your support through the past 25 years, from your gifts of fabric, clothing, bedding, and purchases of our sewing projects. We look forward to another 25 years and more. Blessings to all! ~The Piecemakers



New Member Brunch & Conversation

You are invited to brunch and conversation!

When: Saturday, November 8 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 November 8, 9 and 12.

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

Greetings from Friend-Ship Preschool!

What a beautiful October we had at Friend-Ship Preschool. So much learning, exploring, and creating has taken place!

Our Preschool 3's class has been learning all about germs and that germs are not for sharing! To go alongside learning about germs and the importance of handwashing, they made their own homemade bars of goat's milk soap.

In Pre-K, they have been learning all about nocturnal animals, leaves, and doing some fun pumpkin activities. We also began learning our letters, letter sounds and how to write them.

It's been a fantastic month!



November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:30pm-Worship
2 Fall Back 9am-Worship (Live Streamed) 10:05am-Adult discussion group 10:05am- Spark Sunday School	3 1:15pm-2:45pm Staff Meeting	4 1pm- Worship at St. Martin 6:30pm-Handbells	5 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 9:30am- Westhills Communion service 10am. Westhills Ruth Circle 5pm-Meal (Bob's Meatloaf) 6pm - Worship 6:40pm-Whirly Wednesday 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	6 9am-Piecemakers 4:30pm - Fellowship Committee 6pm- Young Adult Group 6:30pm-Grief Support Group 6:30pm-Feeding SD Training	7 1:45pm- Kid's Choir	8 9am-1pm Feeding SD Distribution 10am- New Member Class and Brunch 5:30pm-Worship with communion
9 9am-Worship with communion (Live Streamed) 10:05am-Adult discussion group 10:05am-Spark Sunday School 1pm-3pm-Feeding SD Distribution	10 1:15pm-2:45pm Staff Meeting	11 Veteran's Day 6:30pm-Handbells	12 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 9am- Elizabeth Bible Study 5pm-Meal(Mexican Night) 6pm - Worship 6:40pm-Whirly Wednesday 6:40pm-Joyful Noise 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	13 9am-Piecemakers	14 3:45pm-Kid's Choir	15 8:30am- Book Club 5:30pm- Worship 6:30pm-Saturday Night Supper
16 9am-Worship (Live Streamed) 10:05am-Adult discussion group 10:05am- Spark Sunday School	17 1:15pm-2:45pm Staff Meeting	18 Free Lunch 1:30pm-Eunice Bible Study 6:30pm-Handbells	19 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 5pm-Meal (Turkey Dinner) 6pm - Worship 6:40pm-Whirly Wednesday 6:40pm-Joyful Noise 7:10pm-Sanctuary Choir	20 9am-Piecemakers	21 3:45pm- Kid's Choir	22 8am-12:30pm-Lille Norge Fest (Canyon Lake Ctr) 5:30pm-Worship with Joyful Noise, communion
23 9 am-Worship with Joyful Noise, communion (Live Streamed) 10:05am-Spark Sunday School 10:15am - Semi Annual Mtg 11am-Decorating the Church & pizza	24 1:15pm-2:45pm- Staff Meeting	25 6:30pm-Handbells	26 7:30am-Men's Bible Study No Wednesday Evening meal, worship or activities	27 Thanksgiving Office & Building Closed	28 Office & Building Closed	29 5:30pm-Worship with communion
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Friend-Ship Preschool

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Fax: 605-355-0435

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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

The Circle

November 2025

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