



South Canyon Lutheran Church

700 44th Street

Rapid City, SD 57702

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Office Hours:

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

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How to Get Connected

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<https://onrealm.org/SouthCanyonLuth>

Services Online

We are live on Sundays at 9:00 am here:



South Canyon Lutheran YouTube



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IN THE NEWS

June/July 2026

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 SCLC Connections.

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Call or Email our Main Office:

Main Office: 605.343.4887

info@sclc-rc.org

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Services are archived for viewing.



we are chosen

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

"Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love which binds everything together in perfect harmony." Colossians 3:12-14

Happy Summer, Community of Faith,

"We Are Chosen" is the theme for our Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota Bible Camps this summer. The theme verse is one I love because it is packed full of good news, promise and reminders of what it means to live our lives as disciples of Christ.

...as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved...Who doesn't need this reminder, especially in today's society. YOU are chosen by God. YOU are holy. YOU are loved. Just as you are. We don't have to earn this. We don't have to look a certain way or earn a certain amount of money or have certain toys. God doesn't 'unchoose' us if we make a mistake or stray away for awhile. This seems so counter-cultural with what we hear in our society. This promise is true and gives us the freedom to live our lives as Christians.

Therefore, ...clothe yourselves...Every day we think about what we are going to wear. It is summer now so the shorts and summer tops, capris and light weight shirts are moved from the back to the front of the closet. We take the weather into account. We take into account our daily schedule. We might need to determine what is clean. We think about what is appropriate to wear depending on where we are going. Will we need a jacket for later? Does this outfit match? Do I care if it matches?

These verses also remind us to think about every day what characteristics, attributes, or way of life we are going to put on. As Christians, since we are free from worrying about if we are loved and forgiven by God (yes, we are), we can instead focus on how we are going to live our lives. How are we going to show or share God's love and desires for us each day? What are we going to put on?

As I am getting dressed and throughout the day, these verses remind me to think about what else do I need to put on besides my clothes and shoes. Do I need to put on kindness and patience, especially if I am in a sour mood? Do I need to show forgiveness to someone or receive forgiveness from someone? Is my head getting a little too big for my britches (as my grandmother used to say), so I need to be a little more humble? Do I need to wear my Thrivent "Live Generously" shirt to remind myself I am blessed to be a blessing? Who needs to be blessed today? A friend? A stranger? A family member? My congregation by increasing my financial giving or volunteering to help with a ministry without being asked?

Above all, clothe yourselves with love...Yes, this is a reminder I need every day. God's love does bind everything together in perfect harmony. When I put on God's love, it is easier for me to show that same love to all of God's chosen people, holy and beloved. God doesn't keep God's love from me. I clothe myself with that love daily as a reminder that we are **all chosen**.

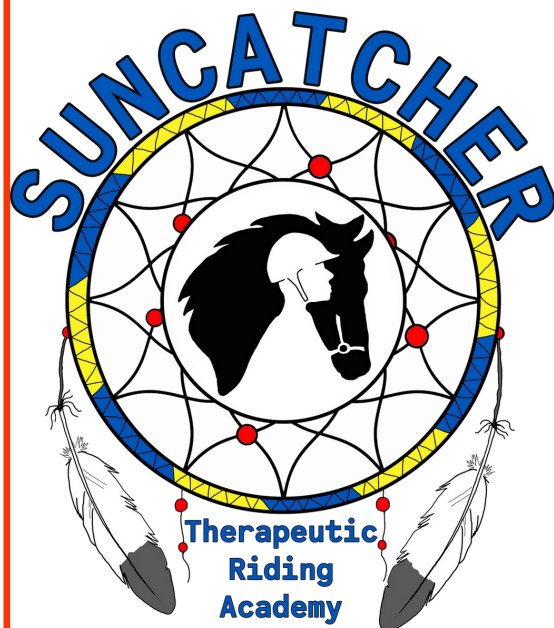
I hope your summer is going well. Dress wisely.

God bless,

Pastor Deb Grismer

PS - Make sure and join us in July when we will share our VBS theme with you as our July worship series - *Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God.*

June Ministry of the Month – SunCatcher Therapeutic Riding Academy



Since 2001, **SunCatcher Therapeutic Riding Academy** has been helping *horses help people* in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Located near Rapid City, SunCatcher provides inclusive therapeutic horsemanship services led by experienced instructors, offering joy, hope, and a sense of belonging to individuals facing life's challenges. Through the unique connection between horse and rider, participants often experience meaningful physical, emotional, and mental healing. Time spent with the horses can build confidence, reduce anxiety, improve coordination, and foster a deep sense of trust and peace—reminding individuals of their strength, value, and potential. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, SunCatcher relies on the generous support of the community, along with contributions from local businesses, organizations, and grants. This support makes it possible to continue their mission of improving quality of life through the healing connection between people and horses. Behind the scenes, a dedicated team ensures every aspect of the program runs smoothly. From expert equine care to thoughtful coordination and support, their commitment helps create a safe, welcoming environment where both horses and participants can thrive.

Donations can be made using the envelopes in the back of the church, through our website, www.sclc-rc.org and clicking the give now button, or directly on their website <https://www.suncatchertra.org/>

July Ministry of the Month – Showered With Hope

Showered With Hope is a mobile outreach ministry serving Rapid City by meeting people where they are. Through a mobile shower unit, volunteers provide free showers, hygiene supplies, clean clothing, encouragement, and connections to local support services for individuals and families in need.

The ministry also partners with local hairstylists and barbers to offer free haircuts, helping participants feel confident, respected, and better prepared for work, appointments, and daily life. By reducing barriers such as transportation and limited access to basic necessities, Showered With Hope helps restore dignity, health, and hope.

Donations may be made directly through the Showered With Hope website, through our website, www.sclc-rc.org and clicking the give now button, or by using an offering envelope in the back of the sanctuary.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Free Lunch



What a year feeding our friends and neighbors at Stevens High School through monthly Free Lunches. We have served 4,217 meals from September to May. The 652 volunteers includes those preparing, serving and cleaning up each month; the greeters, grillers, and faithful volunteer bakers. Our volunteer list has 154 people, so you can see that many dedicated people help out several times a year. During Finals in May, we heard many words of gratitude and thanks from students and staff. We witnessed many smiles, conversation and laughter as Fellowship Hall overflowed into the Mezzanine, several classrooms, the Koinonia Room, and even students eating outside. Thank you to all who have participated in any way, and a very special shout out to Diana Patosa, who has embraced this ministry. She actually came to Free Lunch as a high school student!

Thank you!



Dear South Canyon Lutheran Church,
Thank you for being our Chartered Organization and allowing us to use your space. We had a great Scouting Year!

Sincerely,
Cub Scout Pack 2

The Boone Farm

*Thank you from
Christee Family*

*Thank you!
From the
Valder Family*

*Thank you
from Kroegers!*

*Thank you!
Hyominis Family*

*Thank you!
Fausch Family*

*Thank you
for everything!
S. Jones*



LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention

You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: **South Canyon Lutheran Church**
70044th St Rapid City, SD

When: July 29th, 2026



Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings.**

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Who should attend: Anyone age of 40+

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These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

Thank You!

Thank you to our congregation for your generous donations to Church Response. Together, we collected **56 pounds of food and toiletries** to help those in need in our community. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated!



Tom Pfeifle 5k Run/Walk

The 10th Annual Tom Pfeifle Memorial 5k Run/Walk will be held on **Saturday, August 29th** with a 9 am start time at Raider Park. There is no registration fee required. Simply wear a favorite TPM 5k T-shirt, and enjoy wonderful fellowship, the Raider drumline, a little exercise, and fabulous pies. Every donation receives a ticket for a chance to win a door prize. You must be present to win, or have a trusted friend hold your ticket. Tom loved the outdoors, exercise, and gathering with family and friends. Let's honor his memory as we run or walk on the beautiful trails named after him. All are welcome!

Feeding South Dakota



When the June distribution is complete on June 13 and 14, we can celebrate our one year partnership with Feeding South Dakota. With our May distribution, 1,801 boxes have been given to senior citizens who are in need in our community. Congratulations to us and thanks to all who have participated, worked behind the scenes, built a storage room, helped with planning and coordinating, brought treats, set up, answered phones etc. We extend gratitude and thanks to Tim Shirley, the amazing leader of this ministry. Tim continues to tweak the times and the tasks to meet the needs of our recipients and to fully utilize our volunteers. The sign up sheets are available for the next three months, so you can plan ahead and sign up when available.

Fellowship Committee

Post 22 Night

The Fellowship committee invites you to a South Canyon Lutheran Post 22 Night at the Ball park! On Wednesday, July 15th Post 22 plays a double header against Sioux Falls, first game starts at 5pm with the second game beginning at 7:30pm. We will sell coupons for \$3.00 at church for popcorn and a drink. That's a great savings, but it gets even better. Our youth will be at the 7:30 pm game to be runners for you when you are ready for your snack. Simply hold up your coupon, and they will come and get your order, stand in line at the concession stand, and bring you your popcorn and beverage of your choice. You won't have to miss a single play. If possible, please plan to sit anywhere behind home plate and first base, making it easier to be seen!



Third Saturday Supper-June

June 20 at 6:15pm

Koinonia Room

Menu: Grilled Burgers, Beans and Chips

If able, please bring a salad, fruit or dessert to share.

Third Saturday Supper-July

July 18 at 6:15pm

Koinonia Room

Menu: Hot Dogs & Brats, Beans, Chips and Dessert

If you are able, please bring a side or dessert to share.

Next
meeting

Please join us for our next Fellowship Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 9th at 4:30pm at SCLC



Friend-Ship Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2026-2027 school year.

Friend-Ship Preschool is located at and is a ministry of South Canyon Lutheran Church. Friend-Ship Preschool is a Christian Preschool that follows the South Dakota Early Childhood Learning guidelines.

We offer 3 different program options -Preschool 3s on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and two options for Pre-Kindergarten (3 mornings or 5 mornings each week). For more information you can check out our website at friendshippreschoolsclc.com or contact Rana by calling the church office at 605-343-4887.

Director of Worship



Summer Greetings!

There are two more chances to sing with the Pop-Up Choir this summer. We'll gather again on Sunday, July 12 and Aug 9, to join our voices and celebrate the Lord! Practice is at 8:30 a.m. on the 12th and 9th, and then we sing in worship! Join us!!

Anyone interested in sharing their musical talent in worship with us this summer, please let me know. I would love to include your gifts in the worship service.

Kid's Choir is moving to Wednesdays! We are changing days to align with our Wednesday programming. Kid's Choir will meet from 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on

Wednesdays. We'll sing, play our music games, read our Bible stories, and be done in time for Wednesday dinner in fellowship hall. Hopefully, this new schedule will allow more of our younger church friends to join us! We will begin Sept. 16. All kids are welcome.

Sanctuary Choir's first rehearsal is Wednesday, August 26, which means it is ICE CREAM SOCIAL time! All musicians –everywhere- are invited to join in fellowship on the 26th at 6:30 p.m. We'll eat ice cream with all the best "fixins" and share our summer stories. I hope you are able to join us. There will be plenty of ice cream for everyone!



FROM THE WORSHIP DIRECTOR

Pieces of Us

Volunteer Opportunity

Summertime! What a wonderful time to experience life in a fun way. Time to enjoy nature, spend time with family, hang out with friends. If you are one of those who finds yourself with free time this summer, you have the opportunity to try new things, take on new challenges, meet new people, create wonderful memories. We would like to invite you to spend a couple hours of your week with some really great ladies. Just a little bit of your summer can offer you the chance to learn something new, tap into your creativity, and volunteer with a group that shares their labors of love

with multiple organizations. And the best part, you will meet ladies who will not judge or doubt you. And, they will care about you, encourage you, and support you. Who couldn't use more grandmas in their life?

We are currently working on quilts that will be donated and sold at our fall sale. You know, the quilts that hang over the pews. You can proudly say, "I helped with those!"



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Welcome, Linda.



We are excited to welcome Linda Caron to the SCLC staff as the new administrative assistant. Linda will be working Monday-Wednesday and Friday. Feel free to send her a welcome note at linda@sclc-rc.org.



Thanks to a Thrivent Community Action Card (applied for by Lisa Knudson), donations from the congregation and assistance from LuMin (Lutheran Campus Ministries), SCLC was able to restock a nearly empty food pantry on the campus of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. We focused on items which might be most used by the international students living on campus this summer.

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Supplies Needed for Vacation Bible School

We are in need of snow tubes, sleds, toboggans, skis, snowboards, ski helmets, gloves, goggles, ski/snowboard boots, snow gloves...anything that is used out in the snow, **WE NEED YOUR STUFF!**

Please label items with name and phone number on the back and drop-off at the church **prior to July 1st.**

Registration is Open for 4 years old to 5th grade (finished)
July 13-16 (Monday-Thursday)



If you are looking for "family fun" activities to do this summer, SCLC has quite a few young adults involved in the Rapid City Ranger Band. The Ranger Band marches in four parades throughout the month of July. They will march in the Rapid City parade July 2, in Belle Fourche July 4, in Custer July 18 and in Deadwood July 25. If it wasn't for the Ranger Band, these parades would not have a marching band; and what is a parade without a marching band!?!



Other fun, musical events are the weekly band concerts held Wednesday evenings, from 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Bandshell in Memorial Park (the south lawn of the Monument sports complex.) The Rapid City Municipal Band, which includes several of our SCLC members, performs 8 free concerts June - July that are open to the public. Bring a lawn chair and sit close or grab a mitt and play a game of catch with your young one while you listen to the music.

Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

June & July Activities



2026 Vacation Bible School
with **OLLIE the Seal**

Register Now!

Join us **July 13-16 (M-Th)** from
9:00am to 12:00pm, Ages: 4 yrs. old
to 5th Grade (finished)



Looking for Snow Guides and Snow Buddies to assist with this
great **Snowball Mountain Challenge** adventure with Ollie the
Seal and God!

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

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.

Visit: <https://www.losd.org> for more information and to sign up.



SD Synod Youth Conference

High School Youth Group (all finished 8th to 12th graders) pack your
bags for the Summer Youth trip to Sioux Falls - **July 30-August 1.**

We leave Thursday morning to spend the afternoon at the Water Park!

- This is a two-day youth gathering that will bring together students from across the Synod for a meaningful, memorable experience packed with worship, breakout sessions, service opportunities, games, music, and much more!
- We will stay at welcoming, local churches in Sioux Falls and the three(3) delicious meals are included, along with snacks and water for break times. **Registration fee is \$25. Call NOW to register 605-343-4887!!**

Faith Formation

All Education classes will resume again in the Fall, watch your email for more information

Future Upcoming Events

VBS Snowball
Mountain Challenge
July 13-16

SPECIAL EVENTS

SD Synod Youth Conference
July 30 - August 1
Finished 8th to 12th graders

MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE



Habitat Build Day



**12th Grade
Graduation
Milestone**



June 1, 2026 Council Meeting

Present: Mandey Tschetter, Nancy Busching, Jona Hagen, Halima Kringen, Gregg Brower, Kelly Whiting, Debra Watson, John Brown, Dan Cavanaugh, Pastor Deb Grismer

**Highlights not mentioned elsewhere in Newsletter*

Ministry Mission Plan Updates: (Highlights of Team/Committee Meetings & other ministries)

Education: Because of the generosity of the congregation, we were able to give a \$300 scholarship to our seven campers.

Youth: The last day of Whirly Wednesday Faith Formation was April 29. It was celebrated with a Gizzy pizza party, games and ice cream. Nine seniors were recognized during worship on May 3 and celebrated with family at a breakfast.

Property Committee: Decision was made to replace glass on sanctuary door as well as update the security locks on the doors. The current system is being phased out and will no longer be serviceable.

Worship: Will be meeting on June 18. The Committee is looking for feedback concerning worship from the congregation.

Outreach: Habitat Build Day went well as did Feeding SD distribution. The last free lunches for high school students for this school year were held during finals week and went well.

Fellowship Committee: Third Saturday suppers will continue through the summer. We will hand out water and popcorn at the Black Hills Community Theater performance at Raider Park on June 13.

Other Discussion/Decisions:

*Committee liaisons were determined. Halima will be the liaison for the Education Committee and Tobin will be the liaison for the Youth Committee.

*Job descriptions approval was tabled until next month.

*We will not have worship on July 4th. We will have worship on July 5th.

*Discussion was held on having a Council Retreat.

Next Council Meeting - June 22, 2026 at 6:00 pm

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of Council.



Treasurer's Report & Financial Mission Plan Update:

January 1 - April 30, 2026

Total Revenue: \$254,206.36

Total General Use Revenue: \$233,327.52

Total General Expenses: \$238,355.69

Net Operating Revenue: \$15,850.67

Account Balances (As of 6/1/2026)

Checking and Savings Accounts: \$356,783.97

Building Account: \$44,154.27

Memorial Fund: \$78,357.75

Pastors Discretionary Fund: \$2,021.89

Through the financial generosity of this congregation, we are currently able to fully fund the mission and ministry of this congregation. As we continue to look forward to calling an associate pastor, there is concern that our income will not meet our expenses. As you travel this summer, please continue to keep your congregation in mind. Electronic giving or mailing your offering allows you to financially support the ministry that happens year round even when you are not in worship. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Whiting, Kristi Wellendorf or Pastor Deb Grismer.

June/July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 14 8:30am-Pop-Up Choir 9am-Worship with communion (Live Streamed) 10:05am-Adult discussion group 1-2:30pm-Feeding SD Distribution	15 1pm-2:30pm- Staff Meeting 8pm&9pm-Women's Softball game	16 7pm&8pm-Men's Softball Game	17 7:30am-Men's Bible Study	18 9am-Piecemakers	19	20 8:30am-Book Club 5:30pm- Worship 6:15pm- Third Saturday Night Supper
June 21 Father's Day 9am-Worship (Live Streamed) 10:05am- Adult discussion group	22 1pm-2:30pm- Staff Meeting 6pm-Council Meeting 7pm-Women's Softball game	23 8pm&9pm-Men's Softball game	24 7:30am-Men's Bible Study	25 9am-Piecemakers	26	27 5:30pm-Worship with communion
June 28 9am-Worship with communion (Live Streamed) 10:05am-Adult discussion group	29 1pm-2:30pm- Staff Meeting 7pm-Women's Softball game	30 7pm&8pm-Men's Softball game	July 1 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 9:30am- Westhills Village Communion Service 10am-Westhills Village Ruth Circle	2 9am-Piecemakers	3 Office & Building Closed	4 Independence Day Office & Building Closed NO Saturday Night Worship
July 5 9am-Worship (Live Streamed) 10:05am-Adult discussion group	6 1pm-2:30pm- Staff Meeting 6pm&8pm-Women's Softball game	7 9am-Friend-Ship Preschool Ships Ahoy 6pm-Men's Softball game	8 7:30am-Men's Bible Study 9am-Friend-Ship Preschool Ships Ahoy	9 9am-Piecemakers 9am-Friend-Ship Preschool Ships Ahoy 4:30pm-Fellowship Committee Mtg 6:30pm- Feeding SD Volunteer Training	10 Office & Building Closed	11 9am-12pm- Feeding SD Distribution 5:30pm-Worship with communion
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Kristi Wellendorf, Office Manager
Mona Drolc, Children, Youth & Family Ministry
Linda Caron, Admin Assistant
Mandy Mertes, Admin Assistant
Diana Patosa, Kitchen Coordinator

CONTACT information



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

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