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Thurs, Nov 26 &
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NO Wednesday night
Service or Activities
on November 25th

In the News



NOVEMBER 2026

Worship Service Times
Saturdays - 5:30PM
Sundays - 9:00AM
Wednesdays - 6:00PM
Communion Times-
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays
& prior
Saturday nights

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*In everything
give thanks.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB

Attitude of Gratitude



Happy November, Community of Faith at SCLC,

It is really easy in today's world to to be drawn into the temptation of focusing on the bummers of our day and all we don't have instead of recognizing all of the little blessings in our lives. At least it is for me. So I pulled out of my files the following post and offer it to all of us to remind us of the importance of cultivating an attitude of gratitude.

The Reverend Doctor David Lose wrote this reminder in his blog ...in the Meantime (www.davidlose.net).

"What is gratitude? I suppose at its most basic level it's simply an awareness of blessing and a willingness or even eagerness to offer thanks for that blessing. But what precipitates that awareness? And if it's primarily an awareness or perception of blessing and good fortune, it strikes me that gratitude is likely available to us anytime and in all manner of circumstances. Which brings to mind a statement by the Apostle Paul, writing to his beloved Philippian congregation: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." What strikes me about Paul's oft-quoted words is that Paul invites us to rejoice - another way, I think, of saying "give thanks" - always. When things are going well and not so well. When life seems rich and blessings abundant, and when they seem scarce. Indeed, Paul continues, saying, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:4,6) It's a rather astounding injunction, when you think about it. Our lives often seem overwhelmed by worry, and yet Paul doesn't just suggest or counsel but actually commands that we do not worry but instead bring our requests to God with thanksgiving. Strikingly, Paul doesn't write this letter from a situation of ease or obvious abundance. Rather, he writes from prison. Which reminds us again that gratitude is as much an attitude as it is an emotion. Gratitude, that is, can arise from a determined commitment to see the blessings of this life, a steadfast and practiced resolve of noticing and focusing on what is good. For in the end the issue isn't wealth or poverty, good fortune or bad, but rather the issue is attention - focusing on the manifold blessings all around us - and attitude - a commitment to not take blessings small and large for granted but rather to notice and give thanks for them."

I encourage you this month to focus on cultivating the attitude of gratitude. Set aside time each day to be aware of at least one blessing from your day. Name even one little blessing that maybe has been taken for granted in the past and lift it to God with praise and thanksgiving. For some this will be an easy task. For others it might be more difficult as attitudes and thought patterns might need to change. For all of us it might become a transformational way as living as disciples of God.

I will start. On this day I am grateful for these blessings ...

- ☺ The birth of my granddaughter, Iris Leona
- ☺ The time I am able to spend with my daughter, son-in-law and Iris
- ☺ A supportive, loving congregation
- ☺ Each and every one of the incredible staff at SCLC and the gifts they bring to our congregation
- ☺ Each and every one of you - the congregation at SCLC and the way you live out your faith
- ☺ The hugs I receive from the children (and adults) at SCLC
- ☺ A husband who supports me in my ministry
- ☺ The warm days of fall
- ☺ The changing colors of the leaves

This is only a start as this list could go on and on. May your days and months be filled with an awareness of your blessings and the ability to let your worries and requests be made known to God with thanksgiving.

Pastor Deb Grismer

Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES



ATTENTION - ATTENTION...

High School students 9-12 grade - on Monday mornings
join us for a Peer led Bible Study at 7:00AM!



FIRST COMMUNION

Saturday, November 7th
First Communion Instruction
and Bread Making

Sunday, November 8th
First Communion Milestone
during Worship



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP SERVICE PROJECT!

JOIN IN THE FUN!
THEY ARE LOOKING FOR
NEW OR GENTLY USED KIDS BOOKS
AGES BIRTH TO 5TH GRADE



3rd Grade Bible Event
Wednesday, November 18th **AND**
Sunday, November 22nd
Hands on Bible will be received and
instruction time with Pastor after Worship

Groups for Faith Formation

2-3 yr olds w/Adult
(Frolic Family - Sundays)

2-PreK w/Adult
(Frolic Family - Wednesdays)

Sunday & Wednesday
K-1 Grade
2-3 Grade
4-5 Grade - Connect

Groups for Middle School Youth

6-7-8 Youth Group
6-7-8 Service Project Group
6-7 Lutheran Yes!
8th Grade Confirmation - t.b.d.

Groups for High School Youth

9-12 Youth Group
9-12 Service Project Group
9-12 Imagine More
9th Grade Confirmation -
Luther's Catechism

**2027
YOUTH GATHERING**
June 27 - July 3, 2027
Minneapolis, MN
**US Bank Stadium -
Home of the Vikings**
**JOIN US TO
IMAGINE MORE!**



NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
on Wednesday,
November 25th
for celebration of
Thanksgiving!



December Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 6th
Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 13th
Kid's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 20th
Christmas Caroling



CHRISTMAS BREAK
December 23rd - January 5th

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Connect with us!



Connect



Learn



Have Fun

Do you want to know what is happening each month for the high school students? Scan the QR code here or on the flyers in various locations throughout the church.

Here you will find

- message
- free lunch dates
- groups
- gathering info
- worship

Joshua 1:9

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

THANKSGIVING

Word Search Puzzle

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Find these Thanksgiving words.

cranberry
Thursday
gratitude
corn
Plymouth
tradition

harvest
gravy
thankful
buns
autumn
turkey

family
dinner
pumpkin
gathering
Mayflower



Draw your favorite Thanksgiving dinner food.

(The words may be hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally.)

CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

The Middle School Youth are holding a children's book drive during the month of November. Please help by donating either new or used books that are in excellent condition. We are collecting books for children from birth through 5th grade. Books will be packaged and gifted to children for families in need of Christmas gifts. Thank you for supporting the Middle Schoolers serving others in the name of Christ.



Noteworthy News from Ellen

It's November and we are starting the month with the debut of the new Wednesday, Kids Choir. The kids will be joining the Sanctuary Choir for the anthem on Nov. 1. They are excited to share with you what they have been learning.

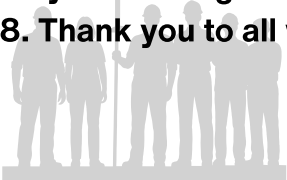


Also on Nov. 1, we will be remembering the Saints that we lost this past year with the ringing of the bell during worship.



*Remember,
Remember*

Last month Scott Nixon shared with the staff his Great Uncle's WWII pocket Bible. Printed inside the front cover is a letter from President Roosevelt, followed by the Lord's Prayer, and then a list of "Well-Loved Hymns." In honor of Veteran's Day, we will be singing most of these hymns during the worship services on Nov. 7 and 8. Thank you to all who serve and have served.

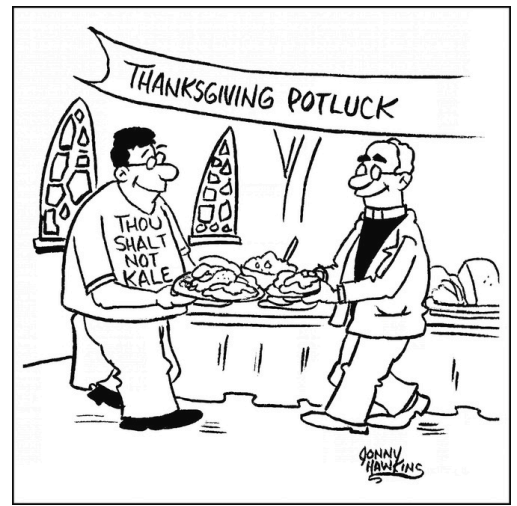
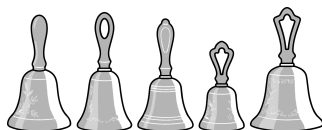


Please mark your calendar for the annual Hanging of the Greens, Sunday, November 22, immediately following worship. Last year we finished within an hour. Help us prepare the church for the Advent season. Many hands make light work and Thank You!



The Hand Bell Choir is in need of a couple of new ringers. You only need a very elementary understanding of music to ring hand bells. We have a wonderful group of people of all ages that ring. We even have a family with three generations ringing together! As a flute player, I love two things about hand bells 1.) That you can talk and make music at the same time and 2.) It's hard to make a hand bell sound bad! We practice Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Please come join us!



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If you're a Thrivent client with membership, you can direct Choice Dollars—giving you a voice in where Thrivent distributes millions in grant funding each year. Each Choice Dollar you direct becomes \$1 of grant funding. You can direct those Choice Dollars to us or to thousands of other nonprofits. The deadline has changed to December 31, 2026. We thank you for all the funds you have directed to South Canyon Lutheran Church and to Friend-ship Preschool through the years. They have made a difference.

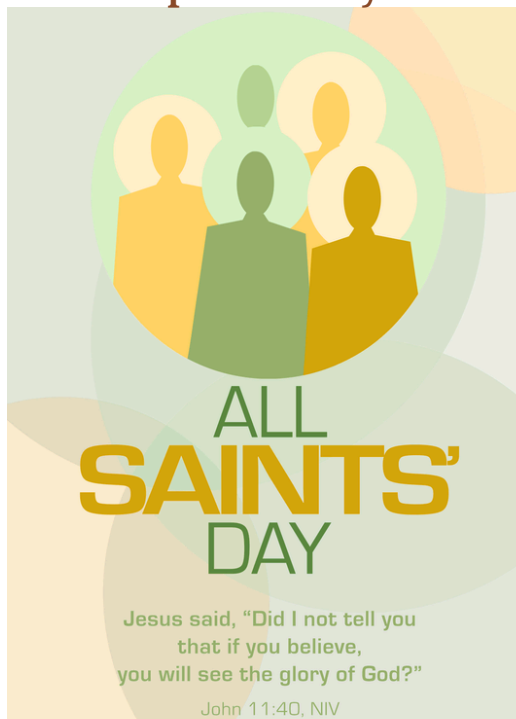
RMD giving through Charitable Distributions to South Canyon Lutheran Church is a great way to support your church and the ministries here. We thank all who do this, if you'd like more information, contact your financial advisor. Please be sure to let Kristi in the office know you have requested a distribution be made to SCLC to keep an eye out for the check. It is surprising, but we have received checks with no names on them and of course the financial institution cannot give us that information. If on your giving statement it does not show, please give Kristi a call. Thank you!

Circle of Sisters

Join us for an Advent Bible Study in November and December. We will meet Tuesday mornings at 9:30am. The title of the study is "All Who Draw Near, A 25 Day Journey To Christmas." It can be ordered on Amazon, by Lifeway Women. Sign up in the Koinonia Room. Contact Deb Schultz if you have any questions.



Sunday, November 1
We remember all the saints
who passed this year



Pieces of Us

from the Piecemakers



This time of year reminds us to be thankful. Though I am thankful all year, it needs to be said again. First of all, thank you to all the wonderful ladies who come to our Thursday quilting day. We have extended our hours and our membership continues to grow. We have several members that are not members of our church, but have been invited and chosen to spend their time with us.

Next, thank you to those who are "remote members". I continue to find out about those who take things home to work on or take for family and friends. Those unknowns are a blessing indeed.

Thank you also to the congregation. Your support in all we do has been tremendous. From your donations of sewing items to purchasing from our sale and beyond, you have made it so we are able to continue and expand our ministry.

And last, but certainly not least, thank you for all the "God" moments we have experienced throughout the years. So many times we have needed something or someone, and thank you God, we are provided.

What a wonderful way to serve. We get to have fun and help people!



Other News

THANK YOU
THANK YOU

Many of you may know that October was the last month for our custodian, Mark Meier. He has been with us for 8 years, through hundreds of table and chair set ups and take downs, funerals, services and gatherings. He worked hard behind the scenes with the hauling, light bulb changes, cleaning, and fixing what we take for granted. Thank you Mark. You will be missed!

Semi Annual Meeting

The semi-annual meeting will be held November 15th following the service in the sanctuary. Current and proposed bylaws are available in the back of the sanctuary. There will be a discussion forum for proposed bylaws with time for Q&A. These times are after services on November 1, 8 and 11.



UNIVERSAL
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Volunteer Spotlight



Do you volunteer? We would like to share your story. The who, what, when, where, and why. Help us shine the light on the good works you do in our church and community. Please take a moment to reflect on your place in serving and why it is important. Contact Linda : email - linda@sclc-rc.org or text 605-858-5088.



Don't forget that our new church directory pictures are this month. Nov 9 - 14. You should receive a reminder email regarding the time and date of your appointment. If you are unsure, please call the office for assistance.

We have now added 2 additional days, for those of you who were not able to get in earlier. You can sign up now for Monday, Nov 23 or Tuesday, Nov 24. Times for both days are 1pm -7 pm.

Online: go to www.ucdir.com
Community Code: SD168
Password: member168
or call the church: 605-343-4887



Where There Is Food, There Is Love



FREE LUNCH



**Tuesday, Nov 17
11am - 1pm**

**Serving Walking Tacos
Desserts, & Beverages**

**For all High School
Students and Staff**

In October, 365 Free Lunch meals were served. The volunteers received numerous thank yous and words of appreciation from students and staff alike. Free Lunch thrives because of the dedicated bakers and volunteers who support this ministry. We strive to present a safe place where all are welcome, treated with dignity and respect, and are well fed. The next Free Lunch will be Tuesday, November 17th. The sign up sheet is available in the Koinonia Room, or email Diane to participate.

bdtschet@gmail.com Thank you!

Wednesday Night Meal Menu

November 4: Biscuit and Gravy Casserole

November 11: Pasta Bar

November 18: Thanksgiving Dinner

November 25: No service or activities

New Member Brunch

November 21 at 10 am

**For all who are interested
in becoming members
or just want to learn
more about our church.**

**Please call the
office to register
605-343-4887**



Third Saturday Supper November 21st after church service

Menu - soups and bread

**please bring a
side dish or
dessert to share**



**Please join us for the
Advent Celebration Breakfast
on Sunday, November 29th
after Worship in celebration
of the beginning of Advent.**

All are welcome!

**Breakfast will be served
downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.
An elevator is available for those
who may need assistance.**



News from Friend-Ship Preschool

Greetings from Friend-Ship Preschool! We have had an adventurous start to our school year. We have been working hard learning school routines and expectations, how to use school supplies, and getting to know our classmates! We look forward to all the growth that will continue to take place as the school year progresses.



Ministry of the Month



The Veteran Outreach Center (VOC) in Rapid City, South Dakota is the latest in a number of Veteran services offered by Volunteers of America Northern Rockies across a three-state region.

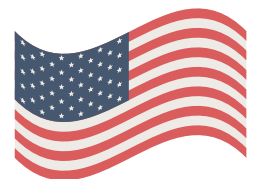
The VOC provides Veterans and their families a safe place to connect between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

One of the goals of the VOC is to serve as a point of entry into the human services continuum of care for eligible Veterans. Veteran Affairs case managers are on site by appointment to help Veterans reintegrate into the community by connecting them with resources for housing, employment, healthcare, and other basic life necessities.

The center itself is equipped with free laundry, shower facilities, a message & mail center, a telephone, as well as a computer resource center and community day room.

Coffee and snacks are available free of charge, and so are laundry soap and hygiene items. Peer groups are available and community partners can utilize the space to meet with and assist Veterans on a case-by-case basis.

Offering envelopes are in the back of the church and online donations can be made on Realm, via our website or online with the VOC. Also, check out their website for other donation and volunteer opportunities. <https://www.voanr.org/services/veteran-outreach-center/#>



Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with holidays in several countries, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which also occur on the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

NOVEMBER 2026

Sun

Mon

Tues

Wed

Thurs

Fri

Sat

1 All Saints Day Clocks turned back 1 hr 9am Worship 10:05 am -Spark Sunday School Adult Discussion Group 10:05 New Bylaws Q&A	2 All Souls Day 1pm Staff Meeting	3 9:30am Circle of Sisters Bible Study 6:30pm Handbells	4 7:30am Men's Hardees Bible Study 9:30 am Westhills Village Service 10am West Hills village Ruth Circle 4:30pm Kids Choir 5pm Meal 6pm Worship 6:40 Faith Formation 7:10 Sanctuary Choir	5 8am Piecemakers	6	7 5:30pm Worship Service w/communion 10:05 New Bylaws Q&A
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15 9am Worship 10:05 am -Spark Sunday School, 1pm - Feeding SD Distribution 2pm - Worship at St Martin (unity place) 10:05AM- SEMI ANNUAL MTG	16 1pm Staff Meeting	17 9:30am Bear Butte Conf. Meeting 11am Free Lunch 6:30pm Handbells	18 7:30am Men's Hardees Bible Study 4:30pm Kids Choir 5pm Meal 6pm Worship 3rd Grade Bible Milestone 6:40 Faith Formation 6:40pm Joyful Noise 7:10 Sanctuary Choir	19 8am Piecemakers	20	21 8:30am Book Club 10am New Member Brunch 5:30pm Worship w/ communion 6:15 pm 3rd Saturday Supper
22 9am Worship w/communion 3rd Grade Milestone 10:05 am -Spark Sunday School Adult Discussion Group Hanging of the Greens 2pm Echo Ridge Worship Service - Manor 3pm Echo Ridge Worship Service - Lodge	23 1pm Staff Meeting 1pm - 7pm Directory Photos	24 9:30am Circle of Sisters Bible Study 1pm - 7pm Directory Photos 6:30pm Handbells	25 7:30am Men's Hardees Bible Study 6:40pm Joyful Noise 7:10 Sanctuary Choir	26 Thanksgiving Office and Building Closed	27 Office and Building Closed	28 5:30pm Worship Service with communion
29 Advent Celebration Breakfast 9am Worship w/ Joyful Noise W/communion No Sunday School 10:05am - Adult Discussion Group	30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5



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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
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Ministry of the Month

**Veteran's Outreach
Center
November 2026**

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