



**South Canyon
Lutheran Church**



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Rapid City, SD 57702
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Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs: 9am - 4pm
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Office closed Oct 12th

Services Online live on
Sundays at 9AM
South Canyon Lutheran
YouTube
[Facebook.com/south canyon
lutheran](https://www.facebook.com/southcanyonlutheran)
and on our website



October 2026

Worship Service Times

Saturdays - 5:30PM

Sundays - 9:00AM

Wednesdays - 6:00PM

**Communion - 2nd , 4th , &
5th Sundays & prior
Saturday nights**





"What is Reformation Sunday?" This is a great question asked by people of all ages and faiths. Janet Mulroney Clark offers the following explanation in her article "What Is the Meaning of Reformation Sunday?" found at www.classroom.synonym.com.

For Lutherans and many other Protestants in America, the last Sunday in October is celebrated as Reformation Sunday. Reformation Sunday honors Martin Luther's bold action on October 31st, 1517. On that date Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, thus beginning the Protestant Reformation.

Who was Martin Luther?

Martin Luther, born in 1483 in Eisleben, Germany, to a devout Catholic family, was a scholarly, serious man. He attended the university in Erfurt and studied the law, but instead of working as a lawyer, he entered an Augustinian monastery and was ordained as a monk in 1507. Luther was tortured by his fear of hell, which drove him to endless good works and acts of piety, as well as self-flagellation and other acts of penance, such as lying in the snow for long periods of time on winter nights. Through reading the Bible, however, Luther came to believe people were saved not by good works or acts of penance, but through their faith in Jesus Christ.

Papal Indulgences and Other Issues

Luther was troubled by the corruption of the Roman Catholic Church, especially the selling of indulgences. The Catholic church sold papal indulgences which they claimed would eliminate the need for acts of penance in this life and in the hereafter. He was especially bothered by the sale of jubilee indulgences, which Pope Leo X sold, in part to pay for St. Peter's Cathedral. Luther became increasingly convinced that salvation came through faith alone, not works.

The 95 Theses

Martin Luther was a professor of theology. He was a monk and a devout Catholic with no intentions of starting a new church. He did, however, want to reform the church, and with that goal in mind, Luther wrote the 95 Theses, which detailed his objections to the selling of indulgences and its effect upon the people. He posted them on the door of the church because that was a common place for posting public notices. Within weeks, however, word of the theses had spread. Consequently, Luther was viewed by the church as a heretic, threatened with burning at the stake, and excommunicated by Pope Leo X in 1520. Many theologians agreed with Luther, however, and the Protestant Reformation began.

Reformation Sunday Today

Reformation Sunday in the United States is celebrated as a day to honor the root beliefs of Protestant Christianity: that faith in Christ is all that's needed for salvation, and the Bible, not any human leader, is the true authority in matters of faith. As Luther said when questioned about his views, "Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason -- I do not accept the authority of the popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other -- my conscience is captive to the word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen."

I am grateful to Luther and all of the Christian reformers who sacrificed so much to bring about the changes in the church that needed to happen so that people could grow in faith and learn about God, who is to be feared, but is also a God of love and grace. As we move forward in this time of post-Christendom, recognizing our church needs to continue to proclaim the Gospel, it is good for us to be reminded this movement is part of our history. Thank you for journeying with me.

Pastor Deb Grismer



September 28, 2026

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

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

Education: Background checks are being performed on all teachers and assistants. Less Milestone Ministries will be held this year. The new 2 and 3 year old class has started using Frolic Family curriculum. Still need a few more helpers for Faith Formation.

Youth: Meeting for the 2027 Youth Gathering was held for parents and high school students. Registration Deadline is October 14.

Property: Nine people helped with the Fall landscape clean-up.

Worship: Worship coverage arrangements have been made for when Pastor Deb is gone in October. We will be honoring our Veterans on November 8 during worship. Advent series were discussed. Steward series will happen in January/February. Ellen led an usher and greeter training on Sept 20 after worship. Christmas Eve services times will be the same as last year.

Outreach: The Ministry Fair did not go as well as we had hoped. 162 Feeding SD senior boxes were distributed in September. We served 289 students at our first Free Lunch meal. 69 volunteers were involved with the Free Lunch meal. Organize This! program will be offered at SCLC beginning in January.

Fellowship: The UPs of Downs Dine to Shine fundraiser will be held in place of the Third Saturday Supper. Teresa Mellegard heads up a small group of people who provide a meal to Lutheran Campus Ministry participants once a month. The Potter Family will be having a Christmas Concert on Dec 6 at 2:00 pm @ SCLC.

Pastor Deb's Report: Pastoral care included two funerals, hospital visits, home visits, hospice house visits, nursing home and rehab visits, one wedding and office conversations. Coverage for pastoral emergencies while I am gone in October has been arranged.

Other Discussion/Decisions

- The new door security system has been installed. We are still working out some glitches with using QR codes on phones to gain entrance into the building.
 - Tobin Porisch resigned from the Council. A new member will be appointed.
 - The Call Committee recently interviewed a candidate for the associate pastor call. After the interview and much discussion, the call committee decided not to move forward with this candidate.
 - The Council decided on an employee recognition plan which they will implement in 2027.
 - The Council Retreat is Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 to 12:00 at SCLC. Pastor Kari Webb will lead the retreat.
 - Approved a request from the Property Committee for a load of red lava rock to fill out our landscape.
- If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to a member of Council.*



Treasurer's Report & Financial Mission Plan Update

January 1 - September 27, 2026

Account Balances (As of 9/27/2026)

Total Revenue: \$460,893.43

Total General Use Revenue: \$460,893.43

Total General Expenses: \$458,045.79

Net Operating Revenue: \$18,911.03

Checking & Savings Accounts: \$368,999.25

Building Account: \$44,338.58

Memorial Fund: \$78,548.59

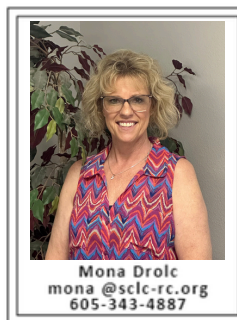
Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$2,121.89

Thank you for your continued financial support of the mission and ministry of your congregation.



Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

October ACTIVITIES



Mona Drolc
mona@scjc-rc.org
605-343-4887

2027 YOUTH GATHERING

June 27 - July 3 - 2027

Minneapolis, MN

US Bank Stadium - Home of the Vikings

JOIN US TO **IMAGINE MORE!**

Registration Deadline and Deposit

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

SEE [Mona](#) for more details.

IMAGINE MORE!

Frolic Family

Wednesday Evenings

after Worship

for ages 2-PreK

w/Adult in attendance

upstairs in the 3yr old
Pre-School Room!



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

FUN FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

COME CHECK OUT THE
LABYRINTH WITH US!



ATTENTION - ATTENTION...

High School students 9-12 grade
starting Monday, October 5th at
7:00AM join us for Bible Study.



Groups for Faith Formation

2-3 yr olds w/Adult

(Frolic Family - Sundays)

2-PreK w/Adult

(Frolic Family - New on 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

Confirmation
8th and 9th Grade

Classes Begin
Wednesday, October 7th

Mark your Calendars!

****Affirmation of Baptism****
will be on
Sunday, October 31, 2027



Milestone Ministry

Saturday, November 7th
First Communion Instruction
and Bread Making

Sunday, November 8th
First Communion Milestone

**Wednesday, November 18th &
Sunday, November 22nd**

3rd Grade Bible Event
receive Hands on Bible

South Dakota Youth Gathering

Day of Service - Church On the Street

Packed over 1000 snack bags and worked at the distribution site



Fun time at the Arcade

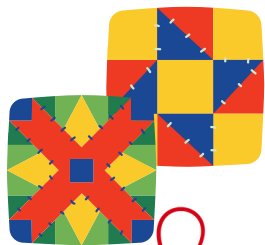


Service project

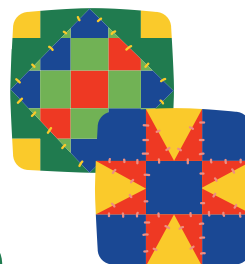
Kid's Against Hunger

packed 5184 meals





PIECES OF US



ANNUAL FALL SALE

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN.
THE COLORFUL LEAVES ARE FALLING
AND THE COMFORTABLE QUILTS ARE OUT,
READY FOR ALL TO ENJOY. OUR FANTASTIC GROUP OF LADIES
HAVE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY TO GET EVERYTHING
READY. WE WILL AGAIN HAVE PEWS DRAPED WITH QUILTS AND TABLE
RUNNERS, ALONG WITH VARIOUS ITEMS FOR SALE IN THE KOINONIA ROOM.
THERE WILL ALSO BE THREE SPECIAL QUILTS
AVAILABLE THROUGH SILENT AUCTIONS. WITH ALL OF YOUR
WONDERFUL SUPPORT, THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS SALE
ENABLES US TO HELP VARIOUS CHARITIES
THROUGHOUT THE RAPID CITY
AREA AND BEYOND.

**OCTOBER 17TH -
NOVEMBER 11TH
BEFORE AND AFTER
SERVICES AND THE
DCU CONCERT**



DaySpring

A "Camp B&B" at Outlaw Ranch



DaySpring, at Outlaw Ranch, is a newly remodeled "Camp B&B" now open for reservations. You will enjoy the ambiance and hospitality of Outlaw Ranch, a church camp and retreat center near Custer, SD. Outlaw Ranch offers year-round hiking, a peaceful setting for reflection, and, depending on the season, mountain bike and canoe rentals. This is a place to bring family and friends for a private, no-hassle experience in the heart of the extraordinary Black Hills, a place you will want to come back to. For information and reservations, call Outlaw Ranch at 605-673-4040 or email outlaw@losd.org.

Ministry of the Month



Foster Care Shop

Foster Care Shop, a ministry of Light of Mine Ranch, is a foster care closet created to support local foster families. The shop helps provide needed items and practical support to foster families as they welcome and care for children, often during unexpected and challenging transitions.

At the heart of Light of Mine Ranch is a desire to support the whole foster family and to help children grow emotionally, socially and creatively while recognizing the unique strengths, interests and gifts of each child. Their vision says it beautifully: "Family For A Season - Love For A Lifetime."

To learn more about the Foster Care Shop or Light of Mine Ranch, visit their website: <https://www.lightofmineranch.com/>.

To contribute, place your financial donation in the Globe offering or in the offering plate (Ministry of the Month envelopes are in the back of the church). Donations can also be mailed to the church or given online via Realm. Write "Ministry of the Month" in the memo line if a check is written. Thank you for your generosity.

GREEN THUMB



Are you interested in landscaping? Do you have a green thumb? Do you know which plants work well for our climate zone? If you said yes to any one of these questions please consider the following - We are looking to form a Landscaping Team to create a master plan for our SCLC property. We have some neglected areas that, if given a little TLC, would improve our outward appearance and make us a better neighbor in the community. If you are interested in helping with this vision, please let the office know. Thank you!

Noteworthy News From Ellen



Happy October, Church Family! All music ensembles are up and running and life is good. It is never too late to join any one or all of the groups. Contact Ellen if you are interested in sharing your musical gift.



The Altar Care annual meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Koinonia room. The meeting shouldn't take longer than 30 minutes. We'll touch base, share ideas, and pass around the sign-up sheet for Christmas and 2027. If anyone is interested in joining the Altar Care team, one of our members will be happy to introduce/train you following the meeting. I hope you are able to join us. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Altar Care is vital to the life of our Christian faith. Please know how much we appreciate your faithful service.

Sunday, Oct 18, at 3:00 p.m. is the Dakota Choral Union fall concert, *American Voices, 250 Years in Song*. The program spotlights music from the colonial era, religious freedom, the entertainment business, and will end with patriotic music that will stir your soul. Tickets are \$10 at the door, students and children are free. Please let a member of the Fellowship Team know if you are able to bake cookies for the concert reception during intermission.



DAKOTA *Choral* UNION

American Voices 250 YEARS IN SONG

3:00 pm, Sunday, October 18, 2026

South Canyon Lutheran Church
700 S 44th St, Rapid City, SD

Artistic Director & Conductor | Ellen Shirley
Collaborative Pianist | Andrew Belsaas

\$10 at the door. Cash or credit accepted.
Free for children under 18 and students with ID.
dakotachoralunion.net



Desyl Peterson and Marc Fritzler, have very graciously donated their Kawai grand piano to South Canyon.

Their piano has replaced the upright piano in the balcony and will be a blessing to the choir and congregation for years to come.



So, with many muscles, a whole lot of pushing, some grunting and sweating

our beautiful piano is safe and secure in it's new home!



Feeding SD

Feeding South Dakota Update – Finishing Strong!
We made a strong push at the end of Feeding South Dakota's fiscal year (which ended on September 30) to get as many boxes distributed as possible to our local recipients. At our September distribution, we had a good Saturday, as well as our second-best Sunday ever, for a total of 162 boxes distributed. Over our past two distributions, we also signed up 15 new or requalifying recipients on-site. This work will go a long way in helping to secure our full allocation of boxes from the USDA for the coming fiscal year. Many thanks to our team of faithful volunteers who have made this all possible. We will be working with Feeding South Dakota in the weeks to come to make arrangements for the coming fiscal year, and look forward to continuing to serve our community with this vital ministry. Thanks again!



Shout out to Boy Scouts!

Pack 2 is the Cub Scout Pack that has been meeting at our church since 2022. As the Charter Organization, we provide space for them to meet and hold events. We are proud of all they have accomplished.



Pack 2 led Cub Scouts from the area in the 88th Annual Mount Rushmore Pilgrimage on 9/12. The Scouts hiked along the Presidential Trail, participated in the Junior Ranger program and met with the Troop Scouts for a presentation in the amphitheater. Pack 2 was awarded the Silver Sneaker award for the Cub Scout Pack with the best overall programming for 2025-2026. Congratulations!

LUTHERANS + FOOD =



Wednesday Meal Menu

- Oct 7 - Mexican Night
- Oct 14 - Marry Me Chicken Bake
- Oct 21 - Tater Tot Casserole
- Oct 28 - Chicken Parm Sliders



Ups of Downs Family Support Group

Night to Dine Fundraiser



October 17th in place of 3rd Saturday Supper



**You are invited to join us
for a Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert.**

Serving times are from 5pm - 7pm

Tickets are \$15/person

Please see Mona to purchase your tickets.



Are you looking for a new opportunity to get involved? You are invited to participate in the next Free Lunch on Tuesday, October 20. We have 2 hour shifts available. We believe you would enjoy the high energy and camaraderie of serving alongside your fellow worshipers. Providing two dozen baked goods is another opportunity to support this outreach ministry. (cookies, cupcakes, bars, etc.) The sign up sheet is available in the Koinonia Room, or simply email Diane to get connected.

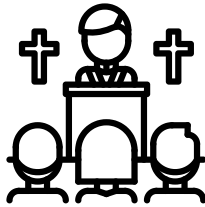
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stay connected with Realm



WHAT is Realm?

Realm is a church management software designed to connect pastors, staff, and congregants in one place.



Key Features:

- **Administration & accounting:** manages church finances
- **Giving & pledges:** accepts electronic tithes, recurring gifts, and manages funds or contribution statements



- **Congregant care & groups:** organizes members into ministry areas and small groups, tracking attendance and volunteer needs



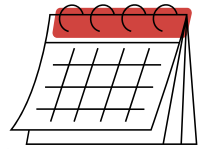
**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

- **Realm Connect App:** a mobile app for members to view the church for events, give online, and message others



You can also call the office at (605) 343-4887
or email info@sclc-rc.org

Upcoming Events



Calling All High Schoolers!

High School Bible Study

**Beginning October 5th
Mondays: 7 - 7:30am
In the Koinonia Room
at SCLC**

**Led By: Tobin
Porisch and Pastor
Deb
Bring your Bible!
All are Welcome**



Circle Of Sisters

**We will be doing an Advent
Bible Study in November
and December, Tuesdays
at 9:30am.**

**Name of study: All Who
Draw Near,
A 25 Day Journey to
Christmas**

**By Lifeway Women
Order on Amazon**

**Sign up sheet Available
There will be no Bible study
on Oct. 20 due to free
lunch.**



Save the Date
**New
Member
Brunch**

**Save The Date!
November 21 at 10 am**

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

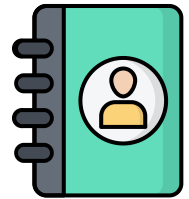
**Please call the office to register
605-343-4887**



E V E N T S

**Do you have any upcoming events or
news that you would like to put in the
newsletter? Please contact the office
and let us help you. Items for the
newsletter should be in by the 20th of
the prior month.**

Church Photo Directory



Ten years has been too long to wait to see all your smiling faces again. We want you in our church family photo book. It won't be complete without you!

Photography Dates and Times:
Monday, Nov 9 - Friday, Nov 13
from 2pm - 8pm
and
Saturday, Nov 14
from 10am - 4pm

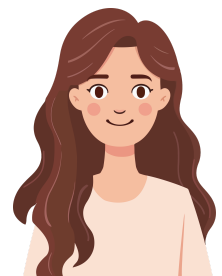


Every household photographed receives a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory.
Additional portraits available for purchase on the day of photography.



If you haven't signed up, please do so. It is easy! Go online or contact the church for help.

Online: go to www.ucdir.com
Community Code: SD168
Password: member168



UNIVERSAL
CHURCH DIRECTORIES



or Call the church: 605-343-4887

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				9	2	3 5:30pm Worship
4 9am Worship 10:05 Spark Sunday School & Adult Discussion Group	5 1pm Staff Meeting	6 9:30am Circle of Sisters Bible Study 6:30 Handbells	7 7:30am Men's Hardees Bible Study 9:30am West Hills Village Communion 10am Ruth Circle 4:30 Childrens' Choir 5pm Meal 6pm Worship 6:40 Faith Formation 7:10pm Sanctuary Choir	8 8am Piecemakers 6:30pm Feeding SD Training	9	10 9am Feeding SD Distribution 5:30pm Worship w/communion
11 9am Worship w/communion 10:05 Spark Sunday School & Adult Discussion Group 1pm Feeding SD Distribution	12 Native Americans' Day Holiday Office and Building closed	13 9:30am Circle of Sisters Bible Study 6:30pm Handbells	14 7:30am Men's Hardees Bible Study 9am Elizabeth Circle 4:30 Childrens' Choir 5pm Meal 6pm Worship 6:40 Faith Formation & Joyful Noise Practice 7:10 Sanctuary Choir	15 8am Piecemakers	16	17 8:30am Book Club Piecemakers Sale Begins 5:30pm Worship 5pm - 7pm Ups of Downs Supper
18 9am Worship 10:05 Spark Sunday School & Adult Discussion Group 3pm DCU Concert at SCL	19 1pm Staff Meeting 6pm Council Meeting	20 Free Lunch 6:30pm Handbells	21 7:30am Men's Hardees Bible Study 4:30 Childrens' Choir 5pm Meal 6pm Worship 6:40 Faith Formation Joyful Noise Practice 7:10 Sanctuary Choi	22 8am Piecemakers	23	24 9:30am Altar Care meeting 5:30pm Worship w/communion Joyful Noise
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Pastor Deb Grismer, Senior Pastor

Ellen Shirley, Director of Worship & Music

Kristi Wellendorf, Office Manager

Mona Drolc, Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry

Linda Caron, Admin Assistant

Mandy Mertes, Admin Assistant

Diana Patosa, 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

**Light of Mine Ranch
October 2026**

**LET US KNOW IF YOU
WOULD RATHER HAVE
YOUR NEWSLETTER
EMAILED INSTEAD OF
PAPER FORM**

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