

May 15
and
May 16

Sharon Lutheran Church Rummage Sale & Silent Auction

Silent Auction @ 1:00pm
on Saturday, May 16

1720 S. 20th St.
Grand Forks, ND

Volunteers are needed for Rummage Sale set-up which begins the week of May 11th and cashiers for the days of the sale as well as take-down after the sale.

Look for sign-up sheets in the narthex.

If you are unable to sign up for a specific time, come whenever you are available.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

*We will accept donations for the sale at Sharon Church
Beginning May 11.*

If you need any larger items picked up, call the church office.

Board of Church Properties

 Applebee's

Sharon Lutheran
Youth

Saturday
May 9th

Tickets on sale:

Sunday, April 26th
Wednesday, April 29th
Sunday, May 3rd
Wednesday, May 6th

Back by popular demand!

\$5.00 per ticket

SAFE KID'S SUNDAY

The Sharon Lutheran Health Ministry team will be sponsoring a **Safe Kids' Sunday** on May 3, from 9 am – 12 noon. A Safe Kids team from Altru will have a booth with summer safety information as well as life jackets and bike helmets for sale. The Grand Forks Police Department will also be present and will be making Child IDs. The Child ID form can be completed at home and brought to the church Sunday morning to save waiting time. The Child IDs are produced at no charge. Please join us in making this a safe summer for our children!

 Soap Sunday
today, April 26

We challenge every member to bring a bar of soap!

All soap will be distributed through Lutheran World Relief



Sharon Lutheran Church

Apr. 26-May 6, 2009

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We love children in worship and are committed to families worshipping together. We also know there are times when it is difficult for children to be in worship. For those times, we have child care available in our nursery.

*God's Word for Us this week,
Scripture and reflection for your walk with Jesus.*

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4

L: Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

C: "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

L: Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

C: Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

L: Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

C: Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

L: You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

C: In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

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Sharings from Sharon

THE SECOND READING: I John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}"Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Today, and at all our worship services through May 6th, we will receive a "Second Offering." Here is why:

As we approach the summer months, we are asking people to consider additional gifts to Sharon. Our worship attendance is lower in summer than during the rest of the year, and our offerings are lower as well. By receiving additional gifts now, we hope to meet all of our operating expenses during the summer months, without relying on the Fulfilling the Dream operating reserve account. We also hope to meet our 2009 pledge to the Eastern North Dakota synod in a more timely way.

Although giving has been strong in March and so far in April, it was not as strong in January and February, and our monthly expenses exceeded our monthly giving each of the first two months of 2009. As of March 31, our year-to-date expenses were almost \$17,000 more than the gifts received as of that date. We were able to meet our expense obligations by delaying or cutting expenditures, closely timing our payments, and using limited cash carryover from previous years.

In approving our 2009 budget, the congregation agreed to take on the challenge of increasing our giving for current ministries by eight percent. Through God's generosity, and the faithful commitment of the people of Sharon, we can meet that challenge.

Money Ministry Matters

Your financial offering is important to our mission.

Sharon Lutheran Church, by God's grace...

Created to worship;

Called to teach;

Committed to serve

Having been blessed by God, may we grow in faith and become people of generosity, giving to support the work of God through Sharon Lutheran, as we worship, teach and serve. \$21,892 is the average amount of financial stewardship needed weekly, \$87,569 each month.

	Received	
05-Apr.	Operating Offerings	\$15,729.89
	Simply Giving	\$9,102.50
12-Apr.	Operating Offerings	\$19,998.45
	Simply Giving	\$2,896.00
19-Apr.	Operating Offerings	\$8,409.43
	Simply Giving	\$17,229.50

Members of Sharon should have received a letter from Pastor Deanna Wildermuth, telling you that she has accepted a call to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mercer Island, Washington. Her last day at Sharon will be May 17, 2009. We thank Pastor Deanna for her ministry at Sharon, and wish her well in her new position. Look for information in upcoming bulletins about an event to be held to honor and thank Pastor Deanna and her family.

Congratulations to Christel Parvey & Wade Price on the birth of a baby girl

Through Holy Baptism we welcome into the Christian faith:

9:00 (Trad) Evan Shaw Walsh, son of Shane & Tammy Walsh

Thanks to George and Paul from Dakota Harvest Bakers for providing the communion bread today.

Opportunities this Week

Sunday—Apr. 26 New Member Sunday

Applebee's Ticket Sales

9:00 & 10:30am Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall

9:00 & 10:30am "He's Always Been Faithful" Senior Choir

Concert in Sanctuary

9:30 & 11:00am Church School

3:00pm Youth Gathering Mtg.-Youth & Adult leaders

Monday—Apr. 27

8:30am Faithfully Fit

6:15pm "By Grace"

7:00pm Crossroads

Tuesday—Apr. 28

9:00am Assemble Newsletter

3:30pm 3-4-5 Alive

4:45pm "Shine"

5:30pm Faithfully Fit

Wednesday—Apr. 29 *Applebee's Ticket Sales*

8:30am Faithfully Fit

9:45am Bible Study

4:45pm Bright Lights

5:00pm Ala Carte

5:15 & 6:15pm Church School

6:15pm Worship/New Members

7:00pm Senior Choir

7:15pm 10th Grade Mentor Meeting

8:15pm Reel World

Thursday—Apr. 30

5:30pm Faithfully Fit

6:30pm Parish Planning Council

Saturday—May 2 Synod Assembly

Sunday—May 3 Synod Assembly

NO Traditional Worship

9:00 & 10:30am Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall

9:30 & 11:00am Church School

Monday—May 4

8:30am Faithfully Fit

7:00pm Crossroads

Tuesday—May 5

3:30pm 3-4-5 Alive

5:30pm Faithfully Fit

7:00pm Sharon Book Club

Wednesday—May 6

8:30am Faithfully Fit

9:45am Bible Study

6:15pm Worship

7:00pm Senior Choir