

## Welcome!

All are welcome to worship! Worship gathers us as one body, invites us to hear God's Word, leads us to experience God's grace in baptism and communion, and then sends us out to engage and serve the world. **If you are visiting today**, please stop by our welcome center in the main hallway to complete a visitor card. To find out more information about our ministries, please visit us at our website:

[www.sharonlutheran.org](http://www.sharonlutheran.org)

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### Sunday, March 8

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship  
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary  
10:00am—Backpack Packing  
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall

10:30am—Church School

3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive

### Monday, March 9

6:00pm—Fellowship Team

7:00pm—WELCA

### Tuesday, March 10

8:30am—Faithfully Fit

6:00pm—Ed Team

6:30pm—Properties Team

### Wednesday, March 11

9:45am—Bible Study

5:15pm—6:30pm—Soup Supper

5:15pm—Worship—Sanctuary

6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall

7:00pm—Choir Practice

7:15pm—8th Grade Milestone Ministries Event

### Thursday, March 12

8:30am—Faithfully Fit

9:00am—Quilting

5:30pm—Worship Team

7:00pm—Young Adults

### Friday, March 13

8:30am—New Americans Sewing Class

2:00pm—Golden Age

### Sunday, March 15

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship

9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary

10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall

3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive

4:00pm—Baptism Orientation

6:30pm—5th Grade Communion Conversations

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**Sanctuary Choir Director**—Ketina Francois

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Sunday, March 8, 2026

10:30 AM



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## Celebration Hall Worship

*Gathering Song: "The River"*

Welcome

*Ringers of Faith: "Kumbayah"*

Invocation

*Song: "Jesus Is A River Of Love"*

Confession and Forgiveness

Greeting

*Song: "Living Waters"*

Prayer of the Day

Storytime

*Song: "Wade In The Water"*

Romans 5: 1-11

John 4: 5-42 (Readers' Theater)

Sermon—Deacon Jamie Travers

Moment for Reflection

*Song: "Come To The Water"*

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of God's People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

*Distribution & Song: "Holy Water"*

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

*Song: "River Of Life"*

Sending

The Worship is over;  
the service begins.



Wednesday Service Schedule for Lent 2026

**Lent 2026  
Feasting & Fasting**  
*Fasting from Scarcity. Feasting on Abundance.*

**Lent Worship Schedule on Wednesdays:**  
*(Feb. 18—April 2)*

**Soup Suppers 5:15 pm – 6:30 pm**  
**Sanctuary Worship 5:15 pm**  
**Celebration Hall Worship 6:00 pm**

**2026 Lenten Soup-er Meals**

The menu is as follows (subject to change!)

March 11: Ham Chowder  
March 18: Knoephla  
March 25: Chicken Noodle

Also, there will be a gluten free vegan option each week. Servers are needed each week as well as volunteers to bring desserts. Set-uppers will be needed to get ready for the meal! Signups will be with others! Watch for signup in the narthex. Free will donations appreciated in support of the Feed My Starving Children program. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Adams at 701-739-5520.

**We're Hiring in Youth Ministry!**

Hey church family! The Youth Team is excited to share that we've created a new paid part time position (about 8–10 hours a week) to help coordinate and strengthen our ongoing High School ministry, such as RAFT, Castaway, summer trips, etc. This position will also assist with 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation activities.

This role will help us stay better connected with students, build relationships, and keep all the good things happening in our high school youth ministry running smoothly.

If you—or someone you know—has a heart for walking alongside teens in faith and life, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Deacon Jamie for more details or to apply.



**"Welcome to Baptism" Orientation**

If you are planning a baptism in your family, plan to come to a one-hour orientation called "Welcome to Baptism" on **Sunday, March 15th at 4:00pm** in the church lounge. Please enter through door #1. To register for the class, please call the church office by Friday before the class at 772-3122. or email the church office at: [office@sharonlutheran.org](mailto:office@sharonlutheran.org); or speak to Deacon Jamie Travers. Sponsors are welcome too in addition to parents.

If you or someone you know is sick, in the hospital or facing challenges, please let us know. We want to include you in our prayers, and the Prayers of the People during worship if you would like to be included in them. We are here for you!



Global Friends need the following NOW for the new immigrants from South Africa:

- Kitchen Table & Chairs**
- Dressers**
- Coffee Tables**
- Lamps**
- Full-Size Mattresses**

They will pick up the items. Please call Rich & Karen Axvig at 701-610-1056 or Cynthia Shabb at 701-330-0765 (Cell) or 701-746-8233 (Office). Thank you!



**Communion**

We welcome all to Christ's table, however young or old you are, whether you are a member of Sharon or not. Come **receive a blessing or bread and grape juice**, and through them the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

**Gluten-free wafers are available.**



**Sharon Lutheran's Backpack Program**

On the second Sunday of each month, we will collect food items for Ben Franklin Elementary School to provide meals for the whole school-year. You can drop these at the church in the boxes marked for the Backpack Program. For questions, please contact the Community Connections Team or Pastor Tawanda.

**A list of items that are needed are:**

- Applesauce (single serve cups)
- Soup (must have pull-open top)
- Nutri-Grain Bars

**YOUNG ADULTS  
AGES 18-30**

Life. Faith. Community.



**BIBLE STUDY**



**FINANCES**



**WORK**



**DATING**



**FAMILY DYNAMICS**

JOIN PEOPLE YOUR AGE TO TALK ABOUT IT ALL.  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN US!

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12 @ 7PM @ SHARON LUTHERAN**

**Community Connections Team  
Collecting Items for LWR**

Community Connections team will be collecting personal care items for Lutheran World Relief during Lent. The following items are needed for one kit: one light weight bath towel, one nail clipper, one sturdy comb, two bars of soap 4 to 5 ounces, one adult size toothbrush. You can drop off items in totes located under the TV by South Hall. The kits will be assembled sometime during Holy Week.