

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

Offering Options

IN-PERSON—drop in offering plate

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Wednesday, September 2

9:45am—Bible Study

6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall

Thursday, September 3

6:30pm—Community Connections

Friday, September 4

Office Closes At Noon

Sunday, September 6 **NEW SCHEDULE**

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

9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary

10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall

Monday, September 7

Office will be closed

Tuesday, September 8

6:00pm—Properties Team

Wednesday, September 9

9:45am—Bible Study

6:00pm—Church School Volunteer Orientation

6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall

7:15pm—Grades 6-8 Confirmation Orientation

7:15pm—Grade 9 Confirmation Orientation

7:45pm—All High School Youth Gathering Mtg

8:15pm—Grade 10 Confirmation Orientation

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!

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14th Sunday After Pentecost
Wednesday, Sept 2, 2026
6:00pm



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Celebration Hall Worship

Gathering Song—"Open Up The Heavens"

Welcome

Call to Worship—
(based on Matthew 16: 21-28)

Song—"I Will Follow"

Prayer of Confession: Following Jesus

Song—"Take Up Your Cross"

Words of Forgiveness

Song—"Take Up Your Cross"

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Story Time

Song—"Step By Step"

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

Sermon—Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Song—"That's What Faith Must Be"

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution & Song—

"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Song—"My Lighthouse"

Sending

The Worship is over;
the service begins.



SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Weekly Worship Schedule

Starting Sunday, September 6th, 2026



Sunday
9:00am - Sanctuary
10:30am - Celebration Hall

Wednesday
6:00pm - Celebration Hall

We warmly welcome new members to our church and community, and we aim to nurture faith through regular worship.



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.

Greater Grand Forks Area
ELCA Churches Present

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

Community Service & Learning Event

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

September 23 • Grand Forks Town Square
5:30–7:00 PM

5:30–6:15 PM | Eat + Serve
6:15–7:00 PM | Music + Community

EAT
everyone's welcome

PACK
food kits for neighbors

ACT
learn about food justice
in our area

CONNECT
music & community



**FILL THE
TRUCK**

Bring nonperishable
food items to donate to
St. Joe's Food Shelf



GREATER GRAND FORKS' GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

September 23, 2026 • 5:30-7:00 PM

Greater Grand Forks ELCA Churches are coming together in the town square for an evening of service, learning, and community—bringing our churches together to put faith into action and love our neighbors.

Join us as we collect food for local neighbors, pack food together, and learn more about hunger and food insecurity in our community. A free community meal will be served.



NOW OPEN!!

Church School/Confirmation Registration

Registration is open for the 2026-2027 program year for church school and confirmation—3 year olds (on or before July 31, 2026) through 10th grade.

**First Wednesday of the 2026/2027 program
year: September 16, 2026.**

**First Sunday of the 2026/2027
program year: September 20, 2026.**

Early registration helps us plan for volunteers, curriculum, supplies, and all the considerations for a successful year.

**To register,
please scan this
QR code.**



Sharon Lutheran's Backpack Program

We are now accepting donations again for Ben Franklin Elementary School to provide children in low-income families with extra food during the whole school year. We will pack monthly on the second Sunday of each month. The first packing event will be on September 13th. We invite you to join us by donating the following items:

Ramen Noodles, Macaroni & Cheese, Juice Boxes (no Capri/Kool Aid pouches), Instant Oatmeal Packets (nut-free), Applesauce/Fruit Cups (no fruit snacks), Soup (must have pull-open top), Ravioli (canned and with pull-open top), Small Bags of Potato Chips

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.



Community Connections Team collecting supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits

For the months of July and August, Community Connections team will be collecting school supplies for LWR school kits. Each kit needs the following:

- 4 – notebooks
- 5 - #2 pencils
- 5 – black or blue pens
- 1 – eraser
- 1 – box crayons either 16 or 24 count
- 1 – pencil sharpener
- 1 – 30 centimeter ruler
- 1 – pair of blunt scissors
- 1 – drawstring backpack style cloth bag

Items can be left in a tote under the TV by South Hall.

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

