

# Sharon Sharings

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## This month:

- Holy Week March 24 -29
- Easter Sunday March 31

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## Join us for in-person worship!

Sunday morning at 9:00 in the Sanctuary and Celebration Hall and 10:30 am in Celebration Hall

Wednesday evenings in Celebration Hall beginning at 6:00 pm

Lent & Easter Sunday Worship schedule is inside!

## **Notification of Congregational Meetings:**

**March 3, 2024, 11:30 am, Celebration Hall: Call Committee Election**  
**April 7, 2024, 11:30 am, Celebration Hall: Constitution Update Vote**  
**May 8, 2024, 7:00 pm, South Hall: Congregational Annual Meeting**

## Congregational Call Update:

The Sharon Lutheran Church Council is recommending that the congregation should move from a three-clergy staffing structure to a two-clergy staffing structure. This recommendation has come after prayer, careful consideration, and is in keeping with the staffing recommendations from the Unstuck Group church consultation we engaged in last July.

The transition team has completed the Ministry Site Profile, Position descriptions for the Lead Rostered Minister and the Associate Rostered Minister has been prepared. **A congregational meeting to elect a call committee will be held on Sunday, March 3, at 11:30 am, in the Celebration Hall.** The call committee will interview the two candidates who are currently on our staff; if the call committee determines that other candidates should be interviewed, they will seek candidates from the Eastern North Dakota Synod.

The Sharon Lutheran Constitution is in the process of being updated, in part to allow the congregation to call either a deacon or a pastor as a rostered minister in either of the clergy

positions that will be open. A copy of the revised constitution is available online at the Sharon Lutheran website, by email, or in print by request. **A congregational meeting to vote on the proposed constitution will be held on Sunday, April 7, at 11:30 am, in the Celebration Hall.**

**The Congregational Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 pm in the South Hall.** This meeting will include the elections of the congregational officers, council members, and team and committee chairs; a vote to ratify the constitutional update without changes; and the passing of the budget for the 2025 fiscal year.

Meetings to vote on the candidates for the calls will be announced after the call committee has recommended candidates to the church council and compensation packages have been agreed on.

If you have any questions or concern about any of these meetings or the call process, please speak with one of your church council members. Thank you.

## Sharon Lutheran Council Members

**Executive Director:** Jeff Larson; **Assistant Director:** Steve Erlandson; **Treasurer:** Traci LaDouceur; **At Large:** Audrey Kasprovicz, Shawn Senescall, Kristine Sande, and Peter Tunseth



**Associate  
Pastor  
Tawanda  
Murinda**

# Lent 2024: Altered by the Spirit

This Lenten season, we are utilizing sermon and devotional resources from Church Anew and our Eastern North Dakota Synod. The theme is *Altered by the Spirit*.



From Church Anew: “Lent is often a time of self-reflection, spiritual discipline, commitment, and community. Congregations gather to sing the minor harmonies of the way of Jesus on the road toward the cross. This Lent with Church Anew, however, we are going to look at a kaleidoscope of stories from the Book of Acts, with Revised Common Lectionary suggestions that pair directly with the theme. We’ll see the ways the Spirit alters our perspective, transforms our communities, and consistently blazes a trail ahead of us. We’ll catch up with the work of the Holy Spirit, finding ourselves:

- Altered in witness
- Altered through God’s Creativity
- Altered on the Edge of Belonging
- Altered Alongside our enemies
  - Altered by disruption
- Altered through Stories We Don’t Trust
  - Victory Altered

Because the Spirit is alive in, with, and under our ordinary lives, always calling us forward into transformation, nudging us into wholeness, and beckoning us forth into an alternative way.”

We invite you to join us this season through worship, devotion, and prayer. We will post weekly devotions on our Facebook and Instagram pages as well as on our website: <https://www.sharonlutheran.org/weeklylentenmaterial>

Our worship times are Wednesdays at 5:15 pm in the Sanctuary and at 6:00 pm in Celebration Hall.

We will also follow the same Lenten theme on Sundays at worship: 9:00 am in both spaces and 10:30 am in Celebration Hall.

We hope you can join us as we walk this Lenten journey together!

Pastor Tawanda Murinda

## Global Refuge

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service is now Global Refuge, a nonprofit serving newcomers seeking safety, support, and a share of the American Dream. For 85 years, the group has welcomed more than 750,000 of those seeking refuge from around the globe, upholding a legacy of compassion and grace for people in crisis.

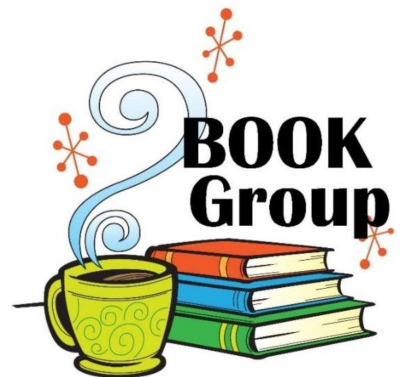
For more information on Global Refuge, please see their website, [globalrefuge.org](http://globalrefuge.org).



## Sharon Book Group

Sharon Lutheran's Book Group will meet at 7:00 pm on the dates below in the Sharon Library and via Zoom  
*For more information on each meeting, please contact Rod Gigstad at [gigstad@gmail.com](mailto:gigstad@gmail.com)*

**March 19: What We Leave Behind by Barb Solberg** Martin and Asta came to America in 1913 to homestead and create a better life for themselves and a hoped-for family. Nineteen years later during the difficult years of the Great Plains Dust Bowl, they intend to improve the lives of three of their nine children by sending their eighteen-year-old daughter with her two younger sisters to Norway to live with relatives for two years. But things do not go according to plan. The oldest sister falls in love with and marries a young Norwegian man leaving the two younger sisters with no one to take them home. By 1940, when Germany invades Norway, the two younger sisters were living with the family relative who in the meantime married a Quisling, a member of the Norwegian Nazi Party. The two sisters miss the last US evacuee ship out of Petsamo, Finland, and soon German soldiers take one sister to Grini, a concentration camp north of Oslo. Eventually she and her older sister both marry men active in the Norwegian Resistance Movement of WWII. Will the entire family ever reconnect?



**April 16: Grass of the Earth by Aagot Raaen** An engaging, richly detailed biography of a family of Norwegian immigrant homesteaders in eastern North Dakota in the late 1800s. Educator and world traveler Aagot Raaen wrote this reminiscence late in her life. Like *Giants in the Earth* and *Old Jules*, *Grass of the Earth* deals frankly with a darker side of pioneer life on the prairie.

# Faith Formation Ministries February News

## Youth stock sales are ongoing!

Thank you so much for all of your support during our Youth Stock fundraiser! To those of you who have not had a chance to donate yet, there is still time. Please refer to our most recent mailing or check in with a member of our Faith Formation Ministries team for more information. Your investment in Youth Stock helps support Faith Formation Ministries at Sharon Lu-

theran. Some of those ministries are: summer mission trips for middle school and high school students, weekly programs for 3rd-12th graders (3-4-5 Alive, 5G, and Re:New), Bible Studies, special events, Castaway retreats, scholarships, camperships, and a variety of service opportunities.

We hope you appreciate this fundraiser, because instead of buy-

ing a product, you are investing directly in our students and changing lives. Your Youth Stock donation helps provide faith-centered opportunities for our youth to gather, serve, learn, and grow together. Thank you for your continued assistance throughout the year. We are grateful for your prayers, your listening ears, and your financial support.

### March Dates to remember:

**Saturday, March 9:** All Ages Ski Trip to Buena Vista (Bemidji, Minnesota)

**Sunday, March 10:** 5th Grade Communion Conversations Session Two from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Sunday, March 17:** First Grade Milestone Ministry "The Lord's Prayer", 3:00 p.m. South Hall; 3-4-5 Alive End Of The Year Party from 3:45-4:45 p.m. in the Living Room

**Palm Sunday, March 24:** Easter Egg Hunt and More!, sponsored by the Fellowship Team, for kids in Lambs through 5th Grade.

**Holy Wednesday, March 27:** Interactive Journey through Holy Week, a family-friendly look at Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter!

**Maundy Thursday, March 28:** 5th Grade Communion Celebration at all worship services

### UPPER ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

**3rd, 4th, and 5th graders**, please join us for 3-4-5 Alive! each Sunday afternoon from 3:45-4:45 p.m. in the Living Room (lower level youth room) at Sharon! There is no cost or registration for this program, and friends in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade are always welcome! We will meet on March 3rd and 10th and have our End Of The Year Party on Sunday, March 17th at our normal time.

During the season of Lent, each **Confirmation small group** (and their parents/guardians!) will be assigned as worship assistants for one worship service (6th and 7th graders at 5:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary; 8th and 9th graders at 6:00 p.m. in Celebration Hall). Please watch your email for additional information.

**5G** (weekly fellowship program for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders) will not meet in March. 5G and weekly Confirmation instruction will resume on Wednesday, April 3rd.

# Faith Formation Ministries

## First Grade Milestone Ministry

During each program year, all students have the opportunity to explore a different part of what it means to be a Christian. Our First Graders will be discovering more about The Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is spoken in all worship services here at Sharon and in most Christian churches around the world, as it is the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray. We hope that our students can deepen their understanding of the meaning behind those words.

You are invited:

What: Milestone Ministry event for First Graders and their families

When: Sunday, March 17, 3:00 p.m.

Where: South Hall, Sharon Lutheran Church

Who: First graders, accompanied by at least one adult. Siblings are welcome to come; however, we only have supplies enough for our first graders.

Please bring your Spark Story Bible if you have one.

We look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, March 17!

If you have questions or concerns about this information, please contact Cheryl.



## Greetings and Encouragement to You All!

We are so thankful to our students for their assistance at our midweek Lenten worship services. Please stop and share your appreciation with them if you are able! I am also thankful for the weekly presence of our students, their families, and our adult leaders, guides, and volunteers as we learn more about ourselves, our community, and our God! AND remember, if you've got something coming up - a game, a performance, a concert, a competition, or a presentation, please let me know and I'll make every effort to be there! --Dave

A pastor friend of mine at another church once gave an Easter sermon in which he told of another one he had given at a previous parish. Because he served three churches at the time, he needed to be concise, so the sermon was seven words long: "Christ Is Risen! Go and tell someone!" Whether or not this story is true, it has stuck with me and embodies our Christian mission. I hope that each week we have students in church school, we are empowering them to go and tell someone about Jesus, through their words or through their deeds. May you all have a blessed Easter and have a chance to share the story with others!

**Grace and Peace—Cheryl**



It's never too late to register for church school or Confirmation. You may register your child(ren) through the website, [www.sharonlutheran.org](http://www.sharonlutheran.org), Events/Event Registration. We offer church school on Sundays and Wednesdays for children 3 years old (by July 31, 2023) through 5th grade. Confirmation instruction for 6th-9th graders takes place on Wednesdays from 7:15—8:15 pm.

**Golden Age  
2:00 pm  
March 8**

You are invited to join the Golden Age Club for devotions, a program, and dessert on Friday, March 8 at 2:00 pm. The program for March will be given by the Sharon Cares Team.



**Sharon University Continues!**

So far, there are two Sharon University courses for you to take part in during our second semester. (Details below!) We are excited to be offering unique and fun learning opportunities to all learners in grades 10 and up!

**Movie Roundtable  
with Deacon Jamie Travers**



Come join Deacon Jamie for a movie night! **Once a month on the first Sunday of each month** at 7pm, Jamie will be showing a movie of his choosing and then hosting a short discussion time after.

The movies will engage us as people of faith on many different topics. So grab some popcorn and snacks and settle in for some great films!

March 3: *The Straight Story*—based on the true story of Alvin Straight's 1994 journey across Iowa and Wisconsin

on a lawn mower. When Alvin hears that his estranged brother has suffered a stroke, Alvin makes up his mind to visit him and hopefully make amends before he dies. Because Alvin's legs and eyes are too impaired for him to receive a driver's license, he hitches a trailer to his recently purchased thirty-year-old John Deere 110 Lawn Tractor, having a maximum speed of about 5 miles per hour and sets off on the 240-mile journey from Laurens, Iowa, to Mount Zion, Wisconsin.

**Mental Health Matters  
with Dave Berger**

7:15-8:30 p.m. in the lower level assembly area on Wednesdays during Lent. It is recommended (but not mandatory) that participants attend all four sessions.

- Wednesday, February 28th - Mental Wellbeing
- Wednesday, March 6th - Anxiety
- Wednesday, March 13th - Depression
- Wednesday, March 20th - Suicide Prevention

If you have not registered your High School student for Confirmation yet, please make sure to do so! All students in grades 9 and 10 should be registered for the program year. Head to the Sharon Lutheran website to register today!

**ReNew**

There will be NO ReNew (high school youth group) during Lent. Special High School Youth meetings will happen at 7:15 pm in the Lighthouse (new youth room!) on March 6th and 20th.

## Please join the Women of Sharon for an April Showers brings May Flowers event

On Monday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m., in South Hall, the Women of Sharon will be hosting an April Showers brings May Flowers event. If you participated in the Secret Prayer Sister program in January, you will find out who has been praying for you. If you are unable to attend, please contact Heather Peters at [hpeters@sharonlutheran.org](mailto:hpeters@sharonlutheran.org) with the name of your Secret Prayer Sister so that person will know that you were praying for them.



Even if you did not participate in the Secret Prayer Sister program please come because there will be treats and socializing to welcome Spring! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sara Twite at [sadiesue\\_517@hotmail.com](mailto:sadiesue_517@hotmail.com) or Jill Novotny at [jillnovotny@gmail.com](mailto:jillnovotny@gmail.com)

We hope to see you on April 8th!

## Faith in Film:

If you are looking for a fun group of Sharon Lutherans, enjoy movies, and going out for a meal you might like to join us. We see a movie during the afternoon and then out to dinner

once a month. If you are interested, please talk to Vicki Lindberg at church or call her at 701-317-6846.



## Livestream opportunity

Every Sunday, we livestream our worship services online. We have an opportunity to make this ministry even better. We are looking for people to operate the camera during worship. It can be for either the 9:00 or 10:30 services—or both! Training will be provided along with a small stipend. Volunteers can do it as often as they would like. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please talk with Deacon Jamie, 701-772-3122 or [jtravers@sharonlutheran.org](mailto:jtravers@sharonlutheran.org)

## Chili contest returns

The Stewardship Team is organizing a Chili Contest on Wednesday, March 6th, during Lenten Soup-er Meal. We will have a batch of chili intended for all to eat (made by Steve Moser, winner of last year's cookoff) and 6 other batches for sampling. We are asking those that wish to be part of the contest to sign up through the Sign Up Genius beginning on February 21st. There will be six different chilis: White Chili, Vegan /Gluten-Free, Vegetarian, Spicy, and 2 simply described as Chili. The chili will be served from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Come enjoy the chili and choose your favorite. Bring dollar bills for voting. We are engaging in discipleship by serving others with chili.

## Women of Sharon to hold annual business meeting

Per our Constitution, the Women of Sharon, will hold our annual business meeting on Monday, May 13th at 7pm in the Sanctuary. (This is the week of prep for the Rummage Sale, so come early and drop off your donations and stay for the meeting.) This meeting is for the purpose of receiving reports, projecting plans, electing leadership, and

adopting an annual budget. Some of our Board (elected last year) were elected to 2 year terms and some to 1 year terms. Our nominating committee will be looking for people to fill any open positions; if interested in being nominated, let Sheryl Weisenberger, Kristi Larson, or Becca Waege know.

# Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Each Wednesday morning at 9:45 there is an hour long Bible Study on the Scripture text for that coming Sunday's worship service. Anyone is welcome to attend.

The Bible Study goes on all year long with some breaks now and then. People are welcome to participate on whichever Wednesdays work for them.

We are happy to be able to meet in person in South Hall. An online option will also continue, so people can join in person or online. The online link is e-mailed out on Mondays. If you don't already receive that link and would like to please let Deacon Jamie know. His email is: [jtravers@sharonlutheran.org](mailto:jtravers@sharonlutheran.org)



## "Welcome to Baptism" Orientation BAPTISM

If you are planning a baptism in your family, plan to come to a one-hour orientation called "Welcome to Baptism" on Sunday, March 17 at 4 pm 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 one of the Pastors or Deacon.**

Sponsors are welcome too, in addition to parents. The class is designed to help answer questions about baptism, including:

- *What is baptism?*
- *When should baptism occur?*
- *What is my role as a parent, sponsor, or family member of the baptized?*

*If you have any questions about this class, please speak to one of the Pastors or Deacon.*

# Women of Sharon Corner

**The Women of Sharon invite you to join one of our Circles:**

**Hannah Circle** (Gather magazine Bible study & Service Projects) meets the **SECOND** Monday of each month at 4:00pm at SLC in the Lounge Contact: **Karen Axvig, 701-610-1056**

**Mary Circle** (Gather magazine Bible Study) meets the **THIRD** Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm in a member's home Contact: **Ruth Thorson, 701-775-2706**

**Sarah Circle** (Gather magazine Bible Study) meets the **THIRD** Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm at SLC in South Hall Contact: **Jeannie Sollom, 218-779-8646**

**Rachel Circle** (Gather magazine Bible Study) meets the **THIRD** Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm at SLC in basement Contact: **Church Office, 701-772-3122**

**Esther Circle** (new Circle with a book/Bible study format) Meeting dates will vary, text

Emilie for info. Contact: **Emilie DeKrey 701-388-8355**

**Deborah Circle** (new Circle, currently focusing on women of the Bible) meets the **LAST** Monday of each month at 7:00pm at SLC in the Lounge Contact: **Heather Peters, 701-429-7087**

**March WELCA Board Meeting is Monday, March, 11th in the Rose of Sharon Lounge. Everyone is welcome to attend.**



**Amount needed in Operating Revenue each month per approved**

Revenue	January Actual 2023-2024	YTD Actual 2023-2024
Current Ministry Gifts	\$96,277	\$529,464
Loose/Misc. Offering Gifts	\$1,541	\$11,479
Operating Fund Memorial Gifts	\$-	\$-
Church School, Confirmation & VBS Registrations	\$200	\$7,700
Benevolence Gifts	\$1,822	\$5,716
Other Gifts and Donations	\$2,191	\$22,139
<b>2021-2022 Total</b>	<b>\$102,031</b>	<b>\$576,498</b>

	January Actual 2023-2024	YTD Actual 2023-2024
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$77,495</b>	<b>\$522,548</b>
<b>Mortgage Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$25,623</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$77,495</b>	<b>\$548,171</b>
<b>Revenue Exceeding Expenses</b>	<b>\$24,536</b>	<b>\$28,327</b>

January Designated gifts received:

Capital Campaign-GIFT	\$14,488
Noisy Offering-Feed my Starving Children	\$553
Operating Reserves	\$250
Fellowship Donations	\$236
Undesignated Memorials	\$300
Sharon Cares	\$125
Higher Ground Donations	\$190
Choir Fund Donations	\$150
Building/Grounds	\$25
Library Memorials	\$25
Souper Bowl-St. Joseph's Food Pantry	\$158
Faith Formation Donations	\$25
Church School Offerings	\$233
Confirmation Offerings	\$104
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$16,862</b>



**Sharon Lutheran:  
By God's Grace...Created  
to Worship, Called to  
Teach, Committed to  
Serve**

**Memorials:**

*In memory of...*

**Dick Clark:** Jeff & Kristi Larson, Rich & Karen Axvig, Terry & Tara Nelson, Yvonne Nelson, Jim & Sherryl Weisenberger;

**Harvey Hovland** (Kevin Hovland's father): Scott & Jodi Boettner;

**Vivian Finnie:** Dennis Erickson & Cheri Bakken Erickson;

**Duane Olesen:** Jim & Sherryl Weisenberger, Dan & Yvonne Welsh, Gary & Renae Huseby, Scott & Jodi Boettner, Marshal & Carol Guntzburger, Bruce & Cheryl Nyhlen, Bev Walsh, Mark & Fern Wood, Mark & Sharla Thompson;

**Ed Goetz:** Ardell Bunde, Marshal & Carol Guntzburger, Marlan & Bev Helgeson, James & Sharon Holter, Diane Everson, Bev Walsh;

**Lee Spicer:** Daniel & Bonnie Nerby;

**Iva Johnson** (Lynette Northagen's mother): Scott & Jodi Boettner;

**Rick Gessler:** Higher Ground, Toyota New York Region, Bob & Sue Kerr, Pat Carter, Marshal & Carol Guntzburger, Debbie Grow, Debbie Daniels, Jim & Sherryl Weisenberger, Dan & Bonnie Nerby, Daryl & Barb Jorgenson, Carol Smith, Peter & Marsha Johnson, Norm & Lisa Enerson, Jeff & Kristi Larson, Donna Mattson, Alice Senechal, Dan & Yvonne Welsh, Brandy O'Toole, Kevin & Dawn Hovland, Dale & Jeannie Sollom, John & Kim Votava, Gary Robertson, Brian & Susan Kraft, Dan Kennedy, Dave & Jen Berger, Rich & Karen Axvig, Scott & Holly Bommersbach, Lisa Beauchamp, Marilyn Ydstie, Laurie Hamre, Joyce Wicklund.

# March 2024

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<b>3 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 9:00 am Worship—Sanctuary & CH 10:30 am Worship—CH <b>11:30 am Call Committee Election</b> 12:00 pm Financial Peace 3:45 pm 3-4-5 Alive! 7:00 pm Sharon University—Movie Roundtable “The Straight Story”	4 12:00 pm AA Noonday 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm AA Unity	5 8:30 am Faithfully Fit 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous 8:00 AA Primary Purpose 8:00 pm AI Anon Primary Purpose	6 9:45 am Bible Study 12:00 pm AA Noonday 5:15 pm Worship—Sanctuary <b>5:30-6:30 pm Chili Contest</b> 6:00 pm Worship—CH	7 8:30 am Faithfully Fit 6:30 pm Community Connections Team 8:00 pm AA Unity	8 2:00 pm Golden Age	9 All Ages Ski Trip 9:00 am AA-Women Carrying the Message 8:00 pm AA Unity	
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<b>31 EASTER SUNDAY</b> 7:00 am Sunrise Worship—Sanctuary  9:00 am Easter Worship—Sanctuary & CH  10:30 am Easter Worship—Sanctuary & CH							

March’s Noisy Offering will go to Sharon Lutheran’s Roof Repair Fund.

For information on AA Meetings held at Sharon Lutheran, please see [aa.northdakota.org](http://aa.northdakota.org)

# Join us for the 2024 Lenten Soup-er Meals!

*“A warm bowl of soup is a remedy for both body and spirit.”*

The menu for the remainder of this year’s Lenten soup meals is as follows:

- March 6: Chili Contest
- March 13: Ham Chowder
- March 20: Knoephla

A gluten free vegan option will be available each week. Servers will be needed each week; watch for sign-up in the narthex. Freewill donations appreciated in support of the roof repairs fund. Contact Mary Adams with any questions, 701-739-5520.



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## Sharon Lutheran has TWO new Circles!

The women of Sharon are excited to have not one, but two, new Circles. We hope that you consider joining one of the four previously existing Circles OR one of the two new Circles. Our new Circles meet in the evening and on weekends, in hopes of reaching more people at a time that they are available. A “Circle” is a term that has long been used for a group of women who come together for Bible study and fellowship.

**DEBORAH Circle:** This Circle is named for the Old Testament prophet and judge Deborah, and the name celebrates strong women dedicated to spiritual growth, fellowship, and advocacy for women and children. Faith, hope, and love are the primary drivers of outreach and learning for a Deborah Circle. We will meet the LAST Monday of each month at 7pm in the Rose of Sharon Lounge. Upcoming meeting dates are: March 25 and April 22. Summer

time meeting dates are TBD.

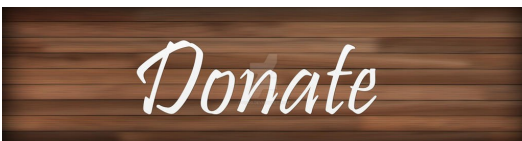
**ESTHER Circle:** This Circle is doing a book study and will meet on the following dates at 2pm at Caribou Coffee on South Washington. Text Emilie DeKrey at 701-388-8355 for more information.

Current Book Study is “Forged Through Fire” by Mark D. McDonough, MD

- We will discuss this book starting 2/25.
- 2/25 Forged Through Fire chapters 1-3
- 3/10 Forged Through Fire chapters 4-6
- 3/24 Forged Through Fire chapters 7-9
- 4/7 Forged Through Fire chapters 10-12
- 4/21 Forged Through Fire chapters 13-15
- 5/5 Forged Through Fire chapters 16-18
- 5/19 Forged Through Fire chapters 19-21
- 6/2 Forged Through Fire chapters 22-24
- 6/16 Forged Through Fire chapters 25-27

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## Text to Give!



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Monday - Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm**



# Holy Week 2024

A silhouette of a person standing on a cross against a bright sun in a blue sky. The person is positioned on the right side of the cross, looking towards the sun. The background is a clear blue sky with a large, bright sun in the upper right quadrant. The cross is a simple wooden structure with a vertical post and a horizontal beam.

**Wednesday, March 27:**

**Interactive Journey Through Holy Week 6:00 pm in Celebration Hall**

**Maundy Thursday:**

**Worship with Communion  
Celebration: Noon and 6 pm in  
Celebration Hall**

**Good Friday:**

**Noon and 5:15 pm in the Sanctuary**

**Easter Sunday, March 31**

**7:00 am Sunrise Worship in  
Sanctuary**

**9:00 am Easter Worship in BOTH  
Celebration Hall and Sanctuary**

**10:30 am Easter Worship in BOTH  
Celebration Hall and Sanctuary**





Join us for an

# **Interactive Journey Through Holy Week**

Wednesday, March 27 at 6 pm in Celebration Hall

Please make plans to join us for an event by the Faith Formation Staff geared towards helping young people understand Holy Week. While children and families are the primary focus, everyone is invited! There will be worship, music, story time, and activities for all ages!

