

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

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Wednesday, October 15

9:45am—Bible Study
1:30pm—Rachel Circle
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
6:00pm—Church School
7:00pm—Choir Practice
7:15pm—Confirmation
8:15pm—R.A.F.T. & 5G

Thursday, October 16

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
1:00pm—Sarah Circle

Sunday, October 19

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—Church School
10:30am—Baptism—Madison Marie Dahl
3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive

Monday, October 20

2:00pm—Hannah Circle

Tuesday, October 21

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
1:00pm—Mary Circle
6:00pm—Church Council
7:00pm—Sharon's Book Group

Wednesday, October 22

9:45am—Bible Study
1:30pm—Rachel Circle
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
6:00pm—Church School
7:00pm—Choir Practice
7:15pm—Confirmation
8:15pm—R.A.F.T. & 5G

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18th Sunday After Pentecost

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

6:00pm



SHARON LUTHERAN CENTENNIAL
**Grounded in Faith
Growing in Faith**

Phone: 701-772-3122

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Celebration Hall Worship

Gathering Songs: "So So Good" & "Joy"

Welcome

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 111)

Song: "I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"

Confession and Forgiveness

Greeting

Song: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

Prayer of the Day

Story Time

Song: "Baptized"

3rd Graders Receive Bibles

2 Kings 5: 1-14

Luke 17: 11-19

Sermon—Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Song: "10,000 Reasons"

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of God's People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering & Song—"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution & Song: "Oceans"

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Song: "I Saw the Light/I'll Fly Away"

Sending

**The Worship is over;
the service begins.**



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:

Ravioli (must have pull-open top)

Soup (must have pull-open top)

Mac & Cheese (Easy Mac or Velveeta Cups)

Juice Boxes/Capri Sun



Bazaar News (We are trying something new)

Our Bazaar will be on November 1st from 9am-Noon

We will have Knoephla soup for sale. This is by order only! There will be an order request sheet at the Welcome Center!!

We are asking for baked items for the sale!

We are also asking for volunteers to work the sale!

Questions? Contact Mary Adams 701-739-5520.



Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 26 3:00-5:00

Come join us for fall fun! Our Trunk or Treat event is a great opportunity to bring your vehicle and decorate it if you wish and hand out treats. **If you would like to donate treats, please bring them to the church office by October 23.**

"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, October 26th 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; or speak to Deacon Jamie Travers. Sponsors are welcome too in addition to parents.



People new to Sharon in the last 2 years...
Join us on Tuesday,
November 4 at 6pm

Learn more about:
What happens at Sharon
How to get involved
Meet with Clergy
Invitation to become official members
There will be dinner provided and crafts for children in a separate room.

WREATH SALES

Please be on the lookout for holiday wreath sales at the Welcome Center beginning on Wednesday, October 8th and continuing through Wednesday, October 29th. Proceeds from these sales support students participating in the June 2026 mission trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the July 2026 Eastern North Dakota Synod trip to Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Wreaths will be available for pickup beginning on Wednesday, November 26th.

We appreciate your prayers, your support, and your encouragement!

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!



Summer Stewardship 2025

The Baobab tree is an iconic tree species found in Africa. It is widely distributed across the continent and has special significance in African folklore and legend. Baobabs are long-lived deciduous small to large trees from 20 to 100 ft tall with broad trunks and compact crowns, and they can live to be thousands of years old. Tree diameter fluctuates with rainfall so that water may be stored in the trunk. The baobab's resilience and long life is reflected in its ability to store up to 1,000 liters of water in its trunk. This symbolic tree also provided a guide as we provided contributions to Sharon Lutheran to support our programming during the summer months. Our total amount raised was \$4,965 for the summer. Thanks for all of your contributions!



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.