

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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Sunday, December 14

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—Church School
2:00pm—WELCA—Christmas Tea
3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive

Tuesday, December 16

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
1:00pm—Mary Circle
6:00pm—Church Council

Wednesday, December 17

9:45am—Bible Study
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
6:00pm—Church School Christmas Program
7:00pm—Choir Practice

Thursday, December 18

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
1:00pm—Sarah Circle
8:00pm—The 18-30 Collective

Saturday, December 20

9:00am—Christmas Program Rehearsal for Sunday Kids

Sunday, December 21

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—Church School Christmas Program

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Sunday, December 14, 2025
10:30AM



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Celebration Hall Worship

Gathering Song: "Prepare the Way"

Welcome

Call to Worship

Ringers of Faith: "Christmas Chimings"

Confession & Forgiveness

Song: "O Come O Come Emmanuel/Praise God"

Advent 3 Candle Lighting

Advent 3—Meal: Rejoicing in Christ's Presence

Song: "We Light a Candle"

Greeting

Gift of Song: "Mary Sweet Mary"

Prayer of the Day

Story Time

Song: "Jesus Shares His Joyful Meal"

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Psalms 146: 5-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

Sermon—Deacon Jamie Travers

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Song: "Infant Holy Infant Lowly"

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of God's People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution & Songs: "Annunciation and Magnificat" & "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Song: "Angels We Have Heard On High"

Sending

The Worship is over;
the service begins.



Sharon Lutheran Church

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve
Celebration Hall: 1:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm
Sanctuary: 4:00pm, 6:00pm

Christmas Day
Sanctuary: 9:00am

1st Sunday of Christmas (Dec 28)
Celebration Hall: 9:00am

Wednesday, December 31
No Worship Service

January 4
Regular Schedule at 9:00 Sanctuary & 10:30 Celebration Hall



The Blessings of Peace, the Beauty of Hope,
the Spirit of Love, the Comfort of Faith.
May these be your gifts this Christmas Season.

Have a Blessed Christmas!
From the Staff of Sharon Lutheran



“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, December 21st 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.



The money collected from our Noisy Offerings on December 17th & December 21st will benefit God’s Global Barnyard.



Faithfully Fit—Christmas Break

December 18th will be the last class for Christmas Break. Classes will return on January 6th. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30am-9:30am.



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.

THE 18-30 COLLECTIVE

Life. Faith. Community.



FINANCES
 WORK
 DATING
 FAMILY DYNAMICS

Join people your age to talk about it all.
Invite your friends and join us!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 @ 8 PM



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 9th 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.

WELCA presents

Whimsical Candy Christmas

Step into a sweet wonderland of peppermint swirls and holiday cheer! Join us for an afternoon tea filled with festive treats, warm laughter, and the magic of Christmas.

Date: Sunday, December 14, 2025

Time: 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Location: South Hall

This family friendly event will feature a variety of warm beverages and holiday treats inspired by the season, perfect for celebrating fellowship & joy!



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:

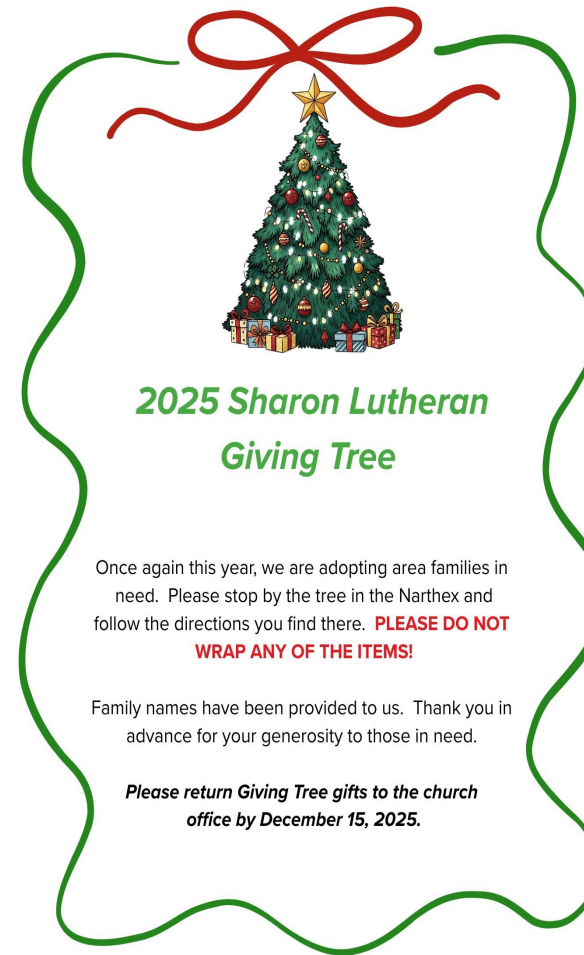
Nutrigrain Fruit Bars
Instant Oatmeal (no nuts)
Crystal Light Packets
Fruit Cups (no applesauce)

Christmas Flowers

Poinsettias and other floral arrangements help beautify the church during the Christmas season.

If you would like to purchase a plant in loving memory or in honor of a loved one, your \$20 donation will help purchase flowers and other items to help decorate the worship spaces for the Christmas season.

Please have your donation to the church office before **December 16th**. Thank you!





ELCA GOOD GIFTS ADVENT TREE

The Community Connections Team invites the congregation to make a difference in the lives of those around the world by donating to God's Global Barnyard.

- Choose an ornament off the tree representing the gift you'd like to make.
- Place your check made payable to ELCA in the provided envelope and indicate which gift you are sponsoring.
- Turn the envelope into the church office and keep the ornament as a reminder of your generosity.

Thank you!