

Lent 2024

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, however, we are going to look at a kaleidoscope of stories from the Book of Acts. 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

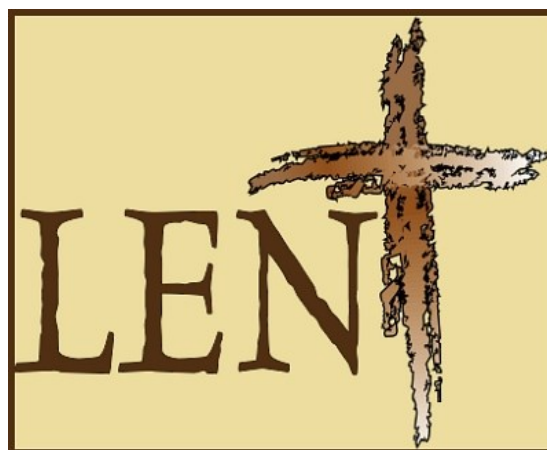
Altered on the Edge of Belonging

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.

Our Lenten Journey will be as follows:

Ash Wednesday (February 14)	Altered in Witness (Acts 1:6-11)
February 18	Altered in the Margins (Mark 1:9-15)
February 21:	Altered Through God's Creativity (Acts 2:1-13)
February 25:	Altered Through Unlikely Voices (Mark 8:31-38)
February 28:	Altered on the Edge of Belonging (Acts 8:26-40)
March 3:	Altered From the Inside (John 2:13-22)
March 6:	Altered Alongside Our Enemies (Acts 9:1-22)
March 10:	Altered Through a Broadening Circle (John 3:14-21)
March 13:	Altered by Disruption (Acts 10:1-16, 34-35, 44-47)
March 17:	Altered With our Enemies (John 12:20-33)
March 20:	Altered through Stories We Don't Understand (Acts 12:6-17)
Palm Sunday (March 24):	Victory Altered (Luke 19:28-40)

Sharon Sharings

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This month:

- Family Lock-In February 2
- Everybody Has a Birthday February 11
- Kindergarten Milestone Ministry February 25

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**GOT
STOCK?**

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

**GET
STOCK!**

“I just had an apostrophe about Lent!”

Back in 1991 Steven Spielberg directed a movie starring Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman, Julie Roberts and many more about Peter Pan. Peter Pan, played by Robin Williams had grown up and Dustin Hoffman played Captain Hook in this fun family movie titled “Hook”. One of my favorite lines in the movie comes from Smee when he tells Captain Hook, “I just had an apostrophe! It’s like lighting just hit my brain.” Captain Hook replies, “That must have hurt, and I think you mean that you had an epiphany.”

An “epiphany” is an experience of a sudden and striking realization or enlightenment. Currently we are in the season after Epiphany. On the day of Epiphany, January 6, we celebrate the manifestation of the Christ child to the world, when the wise-men came to see baby Jesus. In the season after Epiphany all of our scripture readings are about people having an encounter with Christ and being enlightened as to who Jesus Christ is. When someone has an encounter with Christ they are changed. Have you had an encounter with Christ? Have you had an Epiphany



moment in your life? Where have you seen God at work in the world or in your life? Please share those stories with others.

This month on February 14th we start the season of Lent. And for Lent this year, the ministers have had an apostrophe. Oops, I mean an epiphany! We are going to focus on the book of Acts during Lent. In fact, most of the Eastern North Dakota Synod is going to do so for Lent. Throughout the months of January and February, everyone in our synod is invited to read through the book of Acts, by reading one chapter

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Deacon
Jamie Travers

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each day. The book of Acts tells of the beginning actions of the church. In other words, “epiphanies” and encounters with Jesus through the church. The author of the Gospel of Luke wrote the book of Acts to share the stories of encounters with Christ in the beginning of the church.

We invite you to join us for Lent and join us at Sharon Lutheran

Church and the Eastern North Dakota synod as we encounter Christ in the book of Acts and in our daily lives. How is God calling us now in 2024 as the church and as disciples? What “actions” is God using us to do? What “epiphanies” do you have?

Deacon Jamie Travers

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2024

The SOUPER Bowl will be held on Sunday, February 11. The Community Connections Team is sponsoring our own SHARON LUTHERAN SOUPER BOWL to collect cans of soup and other non-perishable food items for the St. Joseph’s Food Pantry.



nations to Sharon by Souper Bowl Sunday or the following Wednesday.

Let’s see if we can beat last year’s donation of 441 pounds of food and \$392.00 in cash given to St. Joseph’s. Help us SCORE against hunger as you put your faith into motion and help us **MAKE THE EXTRA POINT**

So INTERCEPT an empty brown bag from an usher or at the Souper Bowl table in the narthex (or bring your own bag) filled with food items to help those in our community who suffer from hunger. We started taking collections on January 14th. Make a **FIRST DOWN** by bringing your food items and placing them on or by the table or by making a cash donation in an envelope (on the Souper Bowl table). Place your envelope with the check in a collection plate or take it to the office. Let’s see how many **TOUCHDOWNS** we can score by getting your do-

by beating last year’s donation. Thank you for helping those people who struggle with hunger in our community.

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

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who participated in God's Global Barnyard this year. With your generous donations, we were able to provide: two chicks, three goats, six pigs, seven honeybees, one water filter, two school fees and uniforms for a girl, one school fee, one Bible, and a mosquito net to our friends around the world!

Thanks again for your kind donations for this important project to help others.

~Community Connections Team

ELCA World Hunger—50 years of assisting hungry people

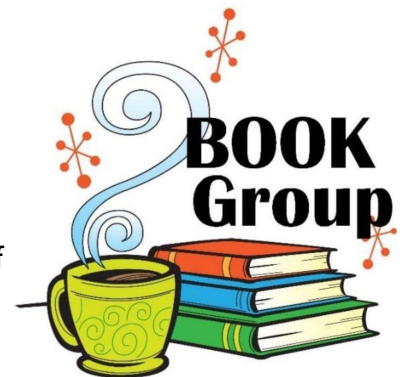
In 1974, Lutherans in congregations throughout the United States launched World Hunger appeals. Members of Lutheran congregations participated by fasting for one meal per week and donating the cost of that meal to neighbors who were experiencing food insecurity. Those early efforts grew into ELCA World Hunger. ELCA World Hunger now works at addressing root causes of poverty in 67 countries around the world, including in the United States. ELCA World Hunger provides food to meet immediate needs, and at the same time works to equip communities to bring long-term change through access to education and quality health care, sustainable solutions in agriculture, and advocacy for just laws that will work toward ending hunger. For more information, go to <https://www.elca.org/hunger>.

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

February 20: Silas Marner by George Eliot *Silas Marner: The Weaver of Raveloe* is the third novel by George Eliot, published in 1861. An outwardly simple tale of a linen weaver, it is notable for its strong realism and its sophisticated treatment of a variety of issues ranging from religion to industrialization to community.

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?



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 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.

February Dates to remember:

Friday, Feb. 2: 5:00-9:00 pm Family Lock-In

Wed. Feb. 7: 6th-10th grade Citywide Confirmation event (JUSTmove; an evening with Joe Davis and David Scherer/AGAPE*) from 7:15-8:30 pm at Calvary Lutheran Church

Ash Wed., Feb. 14: No Church School or 6th-9th grade Confirmation instruction, 5G, or Re:New during the season of Lent. Lenten soup suppers begin 5:15-6:30 pm); 4th Grade Milestone Ministry event (The Gospel of Mark) from 7:15-8:00 pm IN South Hall

Wed., Feb. 21: No 6th-9th grade Confirmation instruction, 5G, or Re:New during the season of Lent; 8th Grade Milestone Ministry Event (The Apostles' Creed) from 7:15-8:00 pm in South Hall

Sun., Feb. 25: Kindergarten Milestone Ministry Event (The Ten Commandments) from 3:00-4:00 pm in South Hall; 5th Grade Milestone Ministry Event (Communion Conversations) from 6:30-8:00 pm in Celebration Hall

Wed., Feb. 28: No 6th-9th Grade Confirmation instruction, 5G or Re:New during the season of Lent; Special High School Youth Meeting at 7:15 pm

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 February 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.

5G (weekly fellowship program for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders) will not meet in February. Our Confirmation students will be at Calvary Lutheran for a Citywide event on February 7th, and then we will be taking a break during the season of Lent. 5G will resume on Wednesday, April 3rd.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, each Confirmation small group (and their parents/guardians!) will be assigned as worship assistants for one worship service during the season of Lent (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.



ALL AGES SKI TRIP SATURDAY, MARCH 9!

Please bring along money for lunch and supper. Please sign up in the Faith Formation offices by Wednesday, February 28 (payment due at sign-up if possible)

Families, singles, friends, and couples are welcome!

Event cost includes a \$40 lift ticket plus the cost of transportation and adult leader expenses. *The true cost of the event is over \$90 and is supplemented by Youth Stock.*

Event Cost: \$45

If you need to rent skis/snowboard/helmet, those prices are as follows:

- * \$30 ski rental
- * \$32 snowboard rental
- * \$8 helmet rental (highly recommended!)

Please see Dave Berger about lessons.

Under the Stars with God



What? Family Lock-in

When? Friday, February 2nd
5:00PM-9:00PM

Where? Sharon Lutheran Church



Faith Formation Ministries

Kindergarten Milestone Ministry

We are excited to invite you and your Kindergartener to their milestone ministry event this February.

Each grade level explores a different part of what it means to be a Christian. Our Kindergarteners will learn more about the Ten Commandments.

The Ten Commandments lay out a framework for how we should respect God and each other. We hope that all children will grow in their understanding of what it means to be a Child of God and to live among God's faithful people.



We are offering this Milestone Ministry on Sunday, February 25, at 3:00 p.m. in South Hall here at Sharon. We ask that at least one adult be with your Kindergartener. Siblings are welcome to come, but supplies are limited to the Kindergarten students. The event will last approximately one hour.

We look forward to seeing all of our Kindergarten families on Sunday, February 25th! **Please bring your Spark Story Bible.**

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

Greetings and Encouragement to You All!

I have been so impressed with the great conversations we have had so far this year - about Baptism, hunger, the Apostles' Creed, Holy Communion, and our mental health. I appreciate your presence here every week 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

As I write this, we are in the midst of a blizzard warning, and the snow is falling outside. Though we've had a rather calm, warm beginning to our winter season, we will still experience days like this. It is easy to crawl under comfy covers and "hibernate" when it's cold. But we all have places we need to be and responsibilities we need to meet. I hope that you include Sharon Lutheran in those places. The people here have a way of making the coldest days feel warm. Spending time with others in the presence of God can sustain us through the cold, icy winter and find us renewed in the spring. And if we can't always be present, we know that God's love and the prayers of the people of Sharon hold us up.

Stay safe. Be warm. **Grace and Peace—Cheryl**

P.S. Come share in the warmth of the evening as we gather around the campfire on Friday, February 2! UNDER THE STARS WITH GOD—Family Lock-In

It's never too late to register for church school or Confirmation. You may register your child(ren) through the website, 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.

ATTENTION



Golden Age

2:00 pm

February 9

You are invited to join the Golden Age Club for devotions, fellowship, dessert, and fun on Friday, February 9th at 2:00 pm at Sharon. The program for February will be trivia with Barry Branvold.

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!

February 4: *Hamilton*—

Hamilton narrates Alexander Hamilton's life in two acts, and details among other things his involvement in the American Revolutionary War as an aide-de-camp to George Washington, his marriage to Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton, his career as a lawyer and secretary of the treasury, and his interactions with Aaron Burr which culminates in their duel at the end of Hamilton's life.

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

9th Grade Confirmation continues in South Hall on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm Please note that on February 7, there will be Citywide Confirmation at Calvary Lutheran Church.

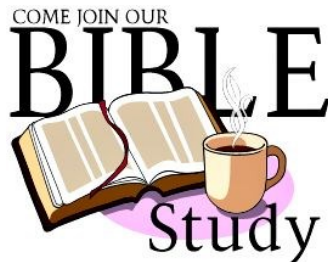
ReNew High School Youth Group for grades 9-12 continues on Wednesdays at 8:15 p.m. in the NEW Youth Room. There will be NO ReNew during Lent. Special High School Youth meetings will happen at 7:15 pm on the following dates: February 28th, March 6th, and March 20th.

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



If you are planning a baptism in your family, plan to come to a one-hour orientation called "Welcome to Baptism" on Sunday, February 18 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; 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 (brand new Circle and will be a book/Bible study, in-

stead of using Gather) Meeting dates will vary, text Emilie for info.

Contact: **Emilie DeKrey 701-388-8355**

New (and still unnamed) Circle meets the **LAST** Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Rose of Sharon Lounge.

Contact: **Heather Peters, 701-429-7087**

February WELCA Board Meeting is Monday, February 12th in the Rose of Sharon Lounge. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Amount needed in Operating Revenue each month per approved 2023-2024 is \$85,000

Revenue	December Actual 2023-2024	YTD Actual 2023-2024
Current Ministry Gifts	\$91,934	\$428,096
Loose/Misc. Offering Gifts	\$3,478	\$9,938
Operating Fund Memorial Gifts	\$-	\$-
Church School, Confirmation & VBS Registrations	\$-	\$7,500
Benevolence Gifts	\$382	\$3,894
Other Gifts and Donations	\$3,008	\$19,948
2021-2022 Total	\$98,802	\$469,376

	December Actual 2023-2024	YTD Actual 2023-2024
Operating Expenses	\$71,664	\$444,994
Mortgage Debt Reduction	\$4,382	\$25,622
Total Expenses	\$76,046	\$470,616
Revenue Exceeding Expenses	\$22,756	\$(1,240)

December Designated gifts received:

Capital Campaign-GIFT	\$855
Noisy Offering-ELCA World Hunger/Global Farm Challenge	\$420
Operating Reserves	\$250
Fellowship Donations	\$201
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$189
Undesignated Memorials	\$245
Sharon Cares	\$475
Lutheran Disaster Response	\$25
Christmas Flowers	\$1,555
Higher Ground Donations	\$400
Choir Fund Donations	\$150
Building/Grounds	\$910
Hands Up Ministry	\$2,000
Golden Age	\$250
Faith Formation Donations	\$25
Church School Offerings	\$156
Tawanda & Bethany adoption	\$4,352

TOTAL: \$12,458

Memorials:

In memory of...

Dick Clark: Yvonne Nelson, Jim & Sherryl Weisenberger,
Vivian Finnie: Dennis Erickson & Cheri Bakken-Erickson;

Donate

Text to Give!

Sharon Lutheran is now accepting offerings and donations through Text Giving.

Giving to the church via a text is fast, easy, and versatile. You can make a weekly offering or respond to a specific need in seconds. Just text to 73256, hit next, type Sharon1720, (One word!) hit send. You will receive a message to click to complete your gift to Sharon Lutheran Church.

We need your updated contact info!

We **need** to stay connected! Do you have a new cell phone, or have disconnected your landline? Maybe you have a new email address, or maybe you have moved? **Please** call the church office at (701)772-3122 and update this information. Thank you!

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February 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>4-5 Epiphany</p> <p>9:00 am Worship—Sanctuary & CH 10:30 am Worship—CH 10:30 am Church School 12:30 Financial Peace 3:45 pm 3-4-5 Alive! 7:00 pm Sharon University—Movie Roundtable "Hamilton"</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12:00 pm AA Noonday 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 am Faithfully Fit 5:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous 5:30 Stewardship Team 8:00 AA Primary Purpose 8:00 pm Al Anon Primary Purpose</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:45 am Bible Study 12:00 pm AA Noonday 6:00 pm Church School 6:00 pm Worship—CH 7:15 pm 6-9 gr Confirmation 8:15 pm 5G & Re:New</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8:30 am Faithfully Fit 6:30 pm Community Connections Team</p> <p>8</p> <p>8:30 am Faithfully Fit 9:00 am Quilting 1:00 pm Sharon Cares 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2:00 pm Golden Age</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 am AA-Women Carrying the Message 8:00 pm AA Unity</p> <p>10</p> <p>9:00 am AA-Women Carrying the Message 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>
<p>11 Transfiguration of Our Lord</p> <p>9:00 am Worship—Sanctuary & CH 10:00 am Everybody Has a Birthday—SH 10:30 am Worship—CH 10:30 am Church School 12:30 pm Financial Peace 2:00 pm Esther Circle 3:45 pm 3-4-5 Alive!</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12:00 pm AA Noonday 4:00 pm Hannah Circle 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm WELCA 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30 am Faithfully Fit 5:00 pm OA 6:30 pm Properties Team 7:30 pm AA Primary Purpose 8:00 pm Al Anon Primary Purpose</p>	<p>14 ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>9:45 am Bible Study 12:00 pm AA Noonday 5:15 pm Worship—Sanctuary 6:00 pm Church School 6:00 pm Worship—CH 7:15 pm 6-9 gr Confirmation 8:15 pm 5G & Re:New</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30 am Faithfully Fit 8:00 pm AA Unity</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 am AA-Women Carrying the Message 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>
<p>18 First Sunday of Lent</p> <p>9:00 am Worship—Sanctuary & CH 10:30 am Worship—CH 10:30 am Church School 12:30 pm Financial Peace 3:45 pm 3-4-5 Alive! 4:00 pm Baptism Orientation</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12:00 pm AA Noonday 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 am Faithfully Fit 1:00 pm Mary Circle 5:00 pm OA 6:00 pm Church Council 8:00 pm AA Primary Purpose 8:00 pm Al Anon Primary Purpose</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:45 am Bible Study 12:00 pm AA Noonday 1:30 pm Rachel Circle 1:30 pm Sarah Circle 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 pm Church School 6:00 pm Worship—CH 7:15 pm 6-9 gr Confirmation 8:15 pm 5G & Re:New</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30 am Faithfully Fit 9:00 am Quilting 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 am AA-Women Carrying the Message 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>
<p>25 Second Sunday of Lent</p> <p>9:00 am Worship—Sanctuary & CH 10:30 am Worship—CH 10:30 am Church School 12:30 pm Financial Peace 2:00 pm Zoom meeting on Acts 2:00 pm Esther Circle 3:45 pm 3-4-5 Alive!</p> <p>NOISY OFFERING</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12:00 pm AA Noonday 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm New Circle 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:30 am Faithfully Fit 8:00 pm AA Primary Purpose 8:00 pm Al Anon Primary Purpose</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:45 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 pm Church School 6:00 pm Worship—CH 7:15 pm 6-9 gr Confirmation 8:15 pm 5G & Re:New</p> <p>NOISY OFFERING</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30 am Faithfully Fit</p>		<p>For information on AA Meetings held at Sharon Lutheran, please see aa.northdakota.org</p>

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 this year's Lenten soup meals is as follows:

- February 14: Chicken Noodle
- February 21: Beef Vegetable
- February 28: Knoephla
- March 6: Chili Cook-off
- 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.



Brand new Circle coming to Sharon Lutheran

We are excited to invite you to a brand new Circle (name to be determined!). This Circle will meet on the LAST Monday of each month at 7pm in the Rose of Sharon Lounge. Contact Heather Peters or Sara Twite with any questions. We would LOVE to see you there if an evening meeting time works well for you. Looking for new member input on what to

name our Circle and what Bible studies to use. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming meeting dates:
Monday, February 26th
Monday, March 25th
Monday, April 29th

Everybody Has A Birthday!

Sunday, February 11, 10:00-11:00

Everyone of all ages is invited to join us for a Birthday Celebration! Come either after worship or before worship & church school. In South Hall starting at 10:00, we will have cupcakes and fellowship! At 10:00, there will be a short celebration that you don't want to miss as we celebrate everyone's birthdays from throughout the whole year!





1720 South 20th St
Grand Forks, ND 58201



Join us for Ash Wednesday Services on February 14 at 5:15 pm in Sanctuary, and 6:00 pm in Celebration Hall

By God's Grace...Created to Worship, Called to Teach, Committed to Serve

Sharon Lutheran Staff

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