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

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

### This month:

- Golden Age Mar. 10
- Baptism Orientation Mar. 19
- Love Feast Mar. 28
- Church School Families Meeting Mar. 26 & 29

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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

AND

5:15 p.m. Wednesday  
evenings through  
Lent in the Sanctuary

# Sharon Sharings

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March 2023

## Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God.

One of my favorite songs that I learned when I was a camp counselor is taken from Psalm 51. The lyrics are penitential and confessional. The singer asks God:

“Create in me, a clean heart, O God.  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence.  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.”

These words are attributed to King David after he had caused the murder of one of his soldiers so that he could take the soldier's wife for himself. David was in a state of fear and worry. Worry that what he had done was so bad such that God would never forgive him. And fear that God would forsake him and he would live the rest of his life separated from

God.

I don't know about you, but I am so grateful that God loves us so much that even despite the many times we stray away from God, we can be assured that God is there calling for us to come back and be forgiven. God forgave David despite what he had done and God today assures you that you will be forgiven no matter how big your sins are.

I sometimes imagine a life without God – a life away from God. That life would be meaningless and purposeless. Imagine life with no connection to the great beyond – with no association to something greater than ourselves. It would be life lived just for ourselves with no care or concern

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## Lent 2023

*Jesus is the same when life is...*

How would you describe your life today in one or two words? Our mid-week Lenten worships will focus on our lives and how Jesus is present with us in all the things. This series is based on our theme verse for the 2022-23 program year, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8) The following words describing life were a part of an informal survey Deacon Jamie collected earlier this year.

Jesus is the same when life is...

**Busy:** over scheduled, hectic, exhausting, fast,

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**Associate  
Pastor  
Tawanda  
Murinda**

"It's clear that  
we need  
God."

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for others. Imagine how selfish we would become if we didn't have a connection to God. Imagine the pain and suffering we would cause one another. Imagine also, the emptiness and loneliness we would all feel if we didn't have a God who promises to always be with us.

That's why I sing, "Create in me a clean heart, O God. Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord." I don't want to go through life without God. I don't want my life to be meaningless. I never, ever want to feel alone. And I hope you don't as well.

We are now at the beginning of Lent – the 40 days before Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection at Easter. Lent is that season in the calendar of the church that we slow down and intentionally consider all the ways that we stray away from God. Throughout the season, we reckon with our sins and ask for God's forgiveness. We contemplate our mortality and frailty. We acknowledge that we are just simple human beings who when left alone, become destructive and chaotic.

Think about the violence in the world today. It's clear that we need

God. Think about the bickering and fighting we see on TV from our politicians. Think about the corruption in the governments of the world. Think about the many people in poverty, the poor, the homeless. Think about broken and strained relationships. What is clear is that we live in a world that needs God.

There is Good News though during Lent. The wonderful news that we will be constantly reminded of is that God is gracious and merciful - slow to anger, as we sing in the Gospel Acclamation. God abounds in steadfast love. God wants you to return to him so that God can hold you in his arms and embrace you as the beloved child of God that you are.

I pray that this is a season where you get reacquainted with God. May the practices you engage in be a blessing to you and to those around you. May the cross on your forehead on Ash Wednesday be a reminder of the everlasting cross within you and the ashes you received be a sign of your mortality and help you to live each day with intention and purpose.

I wish you all a blessed Lenten season - Pastor Tawanda Murinda

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overwhelming, chaotic

**Sad:** trying, not painless, fragile, expensive, stressful, struggle, challenging

**Great:** good, okay, joyful, blessing, blessed, gift, full of miracles, hopeful, exciting, optimistic, not bad, dream, very easy

**An Adventure:** journey, unpredictable, puzzling

zle, in limbo, seems like a mountain, restless, unrestful, new chapter, undiscovered, unexpected circumstances, never dull, transition, one day at a time

**Brutal and Beautiful:** rough but beautiful, tough but good, life of purpose, only to be found in the right now, calm yet eventful, precious

**Amount needed in Operating Revenue each month per approved 2022-2023 is \$88,917**

Revenue	January Actual 2022-2023	YTD Actual 2022-2023
Current Ministry Gifts	\$67,317	\$483,254
Loose/Misc. Offering Gifts	\$1,166	\$9,838
Operating Fund Memorial Gifts	\$-	\$-
Church School, Confirmation & VBS Registrations	\$50	\$7,490
Benevolence Gifts	\$387	\$6,809
Other Gifts and Donations	\$2,260	\$21,679
<b>2021-2022 Total</b>	<b>\$71,180</b>	<b>\$529,070</b>

	January Actual 2022-2023	YTD Actual 2022-2023
Operating Expenses	\$76,482	\$532,032
Mortgage Debt Reduction	\$5,013	\$34,268
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$81,495</b>	<b>\$566,300</b>

Revenue Exceeding Expenses	\$(10,315)	\$(37,230)
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#### **January Designated gifts received:**

Capital Campaign-GIFT	\$909
Noisy Offering-Feed My Starving Children	\$540
Higher Ground Donations	\$20
Choir Fund Memorials	\$193
Fellowship Donations	\$190
Undesignated Memorials	\$490
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$1,488
Souper Bowl-St. Joseph's Food Bank	\$155
Sharon Cares Donations	\$190
Bunn Coffee Maker	\$250
World Hunger	\$25
Faith Formation Donations	\$30
Church School Donations	\$170
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,650</b>

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## **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.

## **Memorials:**

*In memory of...*

**David & Jewel Moen:** Gary & Lona Spicer;

**Mark Nelson:** Mark & Sandy Rios, Scott & Holly Bommersbach, Linda Durieux, Gary & Lona Spicer;

**Ken Nice:** Yvonne Welsh;

**Martin Glenn Hagen:** Scott & Jodi Boettner;

**Sandy Braathen:** Gary & Lona Spicer, Joseph & Jean Urness, Dick & Linda Butler;

**Eunice MacFarland:** Scott & Jodi Boettner;

**Loretta Gefroh:** Jeanette Krogstad, Mark & Sharla Thompson;

**Yvonne Bjorg:** Ruby Sieg, Rich & Karen Axvig



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# Help Wanted: Love Feast 2023

Members of Sharon Lutheran Church will be serving lasagna, Texas toast, salad, and dessert for approximately 200 people on March 28th at the Zion Methodist Church Love Feast.

The Love Feast is an evening of community fellowship that

meets at Zion the last Tuesday of the each month (except December) from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Many guests attending the Love Feast meal live alone and often eat alone. The Love Feast gives them an opportunity to socialize and visit with others.

This year, guests can sit and eat at the church or they can have a take-out meal. If you would like to volunteer, please use Sign – Up Genius or use the sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please contact Jeannie Sollom at 772-8376.



# 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)

Stewardship Team Chili Contest  
March 8 5:15-6:30 pm in South Hall

We are grateful for your faithful stewardship of what God has entrusted to you and we hope you are inspired to continue to follow Christ's example of discipleship by serving others. **We will have multiple batches to try, including vegetarian and gluten free options. Bring dollar bills to vote for your favorites!**



***Thanks to Patty & Steve Moser, Rick & Rox Gessler, Brent Jiran, Kevin Dahlen, Steve DeKrey, Pastor Tawanda & Bethany, Dave Berger , and others for doing the food preparation.***

# New Sharon University Opportunity!

## Book & Documentary Discussion

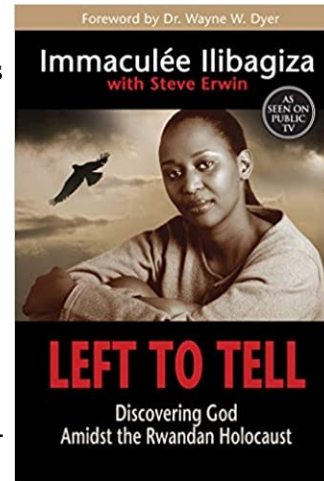
Join Deacon Jamie on Sunday, March 26 to discuss the book “Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust” by Immaculee Ilibagiza and watch a short documentary about her story. Her story is about faith and forgiveness and how Jesus is present when life is brutal and beautiful.

Immaculee’s book is about the triumphant story of this remarkable woman’s journey through the darkness of genocide. It will inspire anyone whose life has been touched by fear, suffering, and loss.

Immaculee survived the Rwandan holocaust for 91 days along with seven other women huddled silently together in a cramped bathroom of a local pastor’s home while hundreds of machete-wielding killers hunted for them. She emerged from hiding having discovered unconditional love from God—a love so strong that she was able to seek out and forgive her family’s killers.

If you want to join the discussion, you can find your own copy of her book online at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or possibly at oth-

er local bookstores or libraries. Then, read it at your own pace and talk to Deacon Jamie about joining the discussion on March 26 at 4:00 p.m.



## Sharon Book Group

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

**March 21, 2023: A Pivot in Time by Douglas E. Richards** The Enigma Cube is an alien object of unlimited power, with technology that can catapult civilization to dizzying heights—or destroy it entirely. Kelly Connolly and Justin Boyd are determined to wield its power for good. But China has a cube of its own, and its motivations are much less benign . . .

Otto Richter is an unparalleled genius. To save his own life and reunite with Kelly and Justin in 2027, he’s forced to travel back to Ancient Rome. But when he arrives things go horribly wrong. Now their reunion can only take place in the past. Worse, he learns that the alien cube plans to meddle with the timeline. To intervene at a point so pivotal, one wrong move by the time travelers could completely obliterate all of modern history.

**April 18, 2023: The Memory Box by Kathryn Hughes** From the million-copy-best-selling

author of The Letter, Kathryn Hughes, and inspired by true events, an unforgettable, moving and timeless story of love and war which will stay with you forever.

Jenny Tanner opens the box she has cherished for decades. Contained within are her most precious mementos, amongst them a pebble, a carving, and a newspaper cutting she can barely bear to read. But Jenny knows the time is finally here. After the war, in a mountainside village in Italy, she left behind a piece of her heart. However painful, she must return to Cinque Alberi. And lay the past to rest.

After a troubled upbringing, Candice Barnes dreams of a future with the love of her life—but is he the man she believes him to be? When Candice is given the opportunity to travel to Italy with Jenny, she is unaware the trip will open her eyes to the truth she’s been too afraid to face. Could a place of goodbyes help her make a brave new beginning?

# Church School Families— Important Meeting!

The Pastoral and Faith Formation Staffs and the Education Team of Sharon Lutheran Church are asking ALL church school families to participate in one of two meetings in March. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the future of church school at Sharon Lutheran Church. It is expected that each family have at least one adult representative at this meeting. There will be NO church school during these times; church school students are welcome to attend the meeting with a parent.

Sunday, March 26, 10:30 a.m. Lower Level Gathering Area  
Wednesday, March 29, 6:00 p.m. Lower Level Gathering Area

**If you wish for Sharon to offer church school, it is vitally important that you attend the meeting.**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, May 19, 2023** for the Sharon Lutheran Church Rum-



mage Sale! Now is the time to start boxing up your no-longer-needed treasures. Mark your boxes by category and plan to drop them off during the week of **May 15th**. We Look forward to many volunteers assisting with this event of fellowship, fun, and the opportunity to raise money to maintain our church home.

## Put the pieces together

The Community Connections team would like to start A Free Jigsaw Puzzle library. For this to happen we need people to bring in their used puzzles. The puzzles can be dropped off on the cabinet that is under the Community Connections TV screen. This would work by borrowing a puzzle and returning it when you are finished. Enjoy putting the pieces together.





## Join us for Holy Week

**Looking ahead to Holy Week 2023: worship services will be held at the following times and places:**

**Maundy Thursday, April 6:** Noon & 6:00 pm in Celebration Hall

**Good Friday, April 7:** Noon & 5:15 pm in the Sanctuary, 6:00 pm Interactive Service in Celebration Hall

**Easter Sunday, April 9:** 7:00 & 9:00 am in the Sanctuary and 9:00 & 10:30 am in Celebration Hall



**Easter flowers can be ordered beginning March 1 through 27. Please note on your envelope and/or check if the flowers are given in honor or in memory of someone. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.**

### Sharon Lutheran Leadership

Church Properties Team.....	Mary Adams & Fawn Behrens-Smith
Community Connections Team.....	Karen Nygaard & Diane Volden
Education Team.....	Nick Krump
Endowment Committee.....	JT Anderson
Evangelism Team.....	Connley & Sheila Anderson
Fellowship Team.....	Barry Bravold
Lay Ministry Team.....	Linda Butler
Personnel Committee.....	Peter Tunseth
Public Relations Team .....	Kerry Heid & Kyle Ellingson
Stewardship Team.....	Steve Moser
Youth Team.....	Stephanie Magenau

#### Church Council:

**Executive Director:** Jeff Larson    **Assistant Director:** Steve Erlandson    **Treasurer:** Traci LaDouceur

**At Large:** Audrey Kasprowicz, Shawn Senescall, Kristine Sande, and Peter Tunseth

## Faith Formation Ministries March 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 Lutheran. 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 buying 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.

#### Important Dates

**Sunday March 12** No Church School

**Wednesday, March 15** No Church School

**Sunday, March 19** First Grade “The Lord’s Prayer 3:00 pm

#### Upcoming Milestone Ministries

**Sunday, March 5** Fifth Grade “Communion Conversations” Session One from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Sanctuary

**Sunday, March 19** Fifth Grade “Communion Conversations Session Two from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Sanctuary

**Sunday, March 19** First Grade “The Lord’s Prayer”

**Sunday, April 23** Second Grade “The Apostles Creed”

**Gear Up for Maker  
Fun Factory Vacation  
Bible School!**

**June 5-8, 2023**

**Watch for more info  
soon. Registrations  
open in April!**





# Faith Formation Ministries

## Upper Elementary and Middle School News

3-4-5 Alive (weekly fellowship program for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders) continues to meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:45-4:45 p.m. in the Living Room (lower level youth room) at Sharon. Friends in grades 3, 4, and 5 are always welcome! We will meet on March 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

Each Confirmation small group (and their parents/guardians!) is 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). Worship schedules have been sent home; please contact Dave if you have any questions.

Regular 6th-8th grade Confirmation instruction and 5G (weekly ministry for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from 8:15-9:00 p.m. in the lower level) will resume on Wednesday, April 12th.

## High School News

During the season of Lent, our 9th grade students will be serving in worship. Please connect with Steve for a schedule of when your student is expected to serve. It is expected that all 9th grade students should be attending Lenten worship services weekly with their families.

10th grade students should continue to meet monthly with their mentors and are expected to have attended at least two Sharon University classes by the end of the program year. Please contact Steve to get a list of available classes.

ReNew: During Lent, ReNew will meet in the upstairs youth room at 7:30 pm each Wednesday night.

## GREETINGS AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOU ALL!

I had a lot of fun talking about all the different parts of worship with our 9th graders this past month. I hope that all the students and parents understand what a vital part of the church experience worship is. Worship is where we gather in community to celebrate sacraments and praise God. I know many of the things we do feel outdated or confusing sometimes, but the really cool thing about all of the pieces of worship is that these are traditions and rituals that date back thousands of years to the first Christians. Next time you're in worship I wonder if you might consider what it means to be connected to people from the distant past. Why do we carry on some of the things they began doing so long ago and why do we think it's important to pass them on to the next generation?--Steve

It's hard to believe that it's March already and that Spring is just around the corner! Watch for all of the

ways that God's good creation is starting to come back to life this month. I wonder what new things you will experience this year, and I look forward to all of the ways that we will grow and learn together! --Dave

"We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God..." As I was thinking about what to say in this section as we move into March, this song came to mind (random thoughts!) Not only are we in the season of Lent during March leading to Easter Sunday in April, it is also the month of the spring equinox and the beginning of daylight saving time. So days are getting warmer and brighter--what a wonderful time to remember that Jesus is the Light of the World and we are blessed with each new day. **Grace and Peace—Cheryl**

## Sharon Cares shares Valentines goodies



Members of the Sharon Cares Team met recently to assemble Valentine's goodies for our homebound members. Pictured above assembling some of the bags are (l to r) Karen Molmen, Naomi Bancroft, Karen Axvig, and Susan Bostad.



Members of the Sharon Cares Team: (standing) Susan Bostad, Pastor Karen Young Trenne, Karen Molmen, Debbie Grow, Jodi Boettner, Margaret Fedje, Karen Axvig. (Seated) Carol Hagen, Naomi Bancroft.

## Golden Age Club Friday, March 10

Come join the Golden Age Club on Friday, March 10 at 2:00 for devotions, fellowship, dessert and a short program. Mike Bollinger from Edgewood Healthcare will be giving the program.



## THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Thanks to your generous donations for the Annual Souper Bowl of Caring, Sharon Lutheran was able to donate **441 pounds of food** and **\$392** to St. Joseph's Food Shelf.

**THANK YOU!**

## Join us for in-person worship

**Sunday Morning 9:00 in the Sanctuary and Celebration Hall  
and 10:30 in Celebration Hall**

**Wednesday Evenings in the Sanctuary at 5:15 and Celebration Hall 6:00 through Lent**

Worship will also be available online on our website: [www.sharonlutheran.org](http://www.sharonlutheran.org)



## A note about offering envelopes

*We received the following email from the company who handles our offering envelope mailings each quarter. A representative we spoke with told us that they serve 20,000 churches nationwide, so we are not alone! This should answer many questions you may have had over the last couple of months:*

Greetings from The Church-Budget Envelope and Mailing Company,

You may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past few months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been resolved. However the “catchup” would jeopardize long term delivery.

In order to get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we were forced to suspend the production of the remaining supply of your January envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. Quarterly supply will restart in April.

Never in our company's history have we had to skip scheduled mailings and we are doing all we can to make sure this never happens again. We deeply apologize for this necessary course of action and the inconveniences this has caused you and your church family.

We appreciate your understanding.

The Church – Budget Envelope and Mailing Company Management Team

### ATTENTION WOMEN OF THE ELCA

#### WELCA of Sharon Lutheran

Plans are being made to update our women's constitution. Watch for bulletins for meeting dates and times. This has not been updated in over 20 years and is in need of being brought up to date.

**THIS IS FOR ALL WOMEN OF OUR CHURCH!**

*Any questions, contact Mary at 701-739-5520*

*Each day I receive in my email inbox an article written by Dale Hudson, Founder and Director of Building Children's Ministries. The following article spoke to me as we examine ourselves in relation to the next generation of the Church. I ask all of us, as a congregation, how can we help them grow in faith? Are we doing all that we can do? —Cheryl Nyhlen*

## They Are Watching Us

This past Sunday, I was in the adult service. There was a baptism taking place at the end of the service, so at the end of the service we brought our K-6th grade kids into the auditorium to experience it.

I was watching the reaction of the kids to what was taking place.

I noticed how one little boy (kindergarten) began carefully watching his mother who was sitting in the front row.

Before the baptism, there was a worship song. This little guy started watching his mother intently during the worship song. As she raised her hands upward to God, this little boy was captivated as he watched his mother worship.

After watching her worship for a minute, he slowly raised his hands in worship as well. It was a captivating moment for me as I watched this little boy follow the lead of his mother in worship.

On the way home, I was still thinking about what I saw between the mother and her son. It reminded me that children are watching us.

Children may not understand everything that is going on in the church world, but they do naturally watch their parents and other adults to see how they respond to the things of God at church and at home.

This places a big responsibility on parents and the other adults at church. We must remember this...

Kids may not always be good at listening to adults...but they never fail to imitate who they are.

We must walk the talk for the sake of the next generation. Actions truly do speak louder than words.

•We must worship God in spirit and in truth.

•We must lead by example.

•We must be intentional about passing on our faith to our children.

An example of this is found in 2 Timothy 1:5.

I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice.

Paul encouraged Timothy for the genuine faith that was in him. It was a faith that earlier had been in his grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice. What an example of godly parental influence.

•Children are watching to see how

we respond in tough times.

•Children are watching to see if we pray not just at church, but during the week as well.

•Children are watching to see how we treat people outside of church.

•Children are watching to see if we use our Bible outside of Sunday morning.

•Children are watching us to see if we spend time with God during the week.

•Children are watching us to see if we really believe what we say on Sunday.

•Children are watching us to see if we will "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

Will we set a perfect example? No...we will often fall short. But even in our failures, we can show our children that God's grace and mercy will never fall short. We may fail them at times, but Jesus never will.

Our children are watching us. What do they see?

## SHARON SNAPSHOTS

**WHO:** All Sharon Lutheran Households

**WHAT:** Meetings of 6-12 people

**WHEN:** Sign up for various dates March 19-28 and April 16-25

**WHERE:** At Sharon

**WHY:** To take a “snapshot” of the mission and ministry of Sharon in preparation for the call process for the new Administrative Pastor

**NO PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN!**



## "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, March 19 at 4pm 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.

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.*



## Nursery is OPEN!



The Sharon Lutheran Nursery is open for families to use. The nursery is not staffed. Parents and guardians must supervise their children at all times while using the nursery. Please pick up after yourselves and clean up any messes for which you are responsible. A breastfeeding room can be accessed through the nursery. Please use the changing tables in the public restrooms for diaper changes. Thank you! - The Lay Ministry Team

### We need your updated contact info!

We need to stay connected. Maybe 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!

## The Somethings—20's & 30's Ministry

Sharon's young adult ministry is done in partnership with ELCA congregations in the Grand Forks area.

**GOD TALK ON TAP CONTINUES THURSDAY, MARCH. 2**

**beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Half Brothers**

Please stay connected with our Facebook and Instagram accounts to follow upcoming Young Adult events. Please reach out to Steve or Pastor Tawanda to get involved!



## Join us for Lenten Meals

**Wednesday evenings February 22 through March 29**

We will be serving soup dinners from 5:15—6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening throughout Lent (2/22—3/29). The meals will consist of soup, bread, and desserts, along with crackers, coffee, and water.

We will need volunteers to help serve and also furnish desserts. There will be signup sheets at the Welcome Center. Menu will be as follows:

<b>Feb. 22</b>	<b>Chicken Noodle</b>
<b>March 1</b>	<b>Vegetable Beef</b>
<b>March 8</b>	<b>Chili</b>
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Ham and corn chowder</b>
<b>March 22</b>	<b>Chicken Wild Rice</b>
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Knoephla</b>

You may also volunteer to help in the making of our meals. Watch the weekly bulletins as Lent approaches for more information.

All proceeds from our meals will go to the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack event in March.

## 2023 Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event scheduled for March



Sharon Lutheran Church is again working with area churches to host the event. Dates are:

- March 23** (set-up)
- March 24** (3 shifts)
- March 25** (3 shifts and take down)

We will have spots on Saturday morning first shift. All proceeds from our Lenten meals will go to this event. Watch for more news in the bulletins as we get closer.