

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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Sunday, March 15

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive
4:00pm—Baptism Orientation
6:30pm—5th Grade Communion Conversations

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

9:45am—Bible Study
1:30pm—Rachel Circle
5:15pm—6:30pm—Soup Supper
5:15pm—Worship—Sanctuary
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
6:00pm—Church School
7:00pm—Choir Practice
7:15pm—Confirmation
7:15pm—RAFT

Thursday, March 19

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

Friday, March 20

8:30am—New Americans Sewing Class

Sunday, March 22

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—Baptism—Lyla Jean Kratochvil

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Sunday, March 15, 2026

10:30 AM



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Celebration Hall Worship

Gathering Song: “Alive Again”

Welcome

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 23)

Song: “This Is Amazing Grace”

Confession and Forgiveness

Greeting

Song: “Still Waters (Psalm 23)”

Prayer of the Day

Storytime

Song: “Fill My Cup”

Psalm 23

John 9: 1-41 (Readers' Theater)

Sermon—Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Moment for Reflection

Song: “You Know My Name”

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of God's People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution & Song: “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Song: “Your Grace is Enough”

Sending

The Worship is over;
the service begins.



**Lent Worship Schedule on Wednesdays:
(Feb. 18—April 2)**

Soup Suppers 5:15 pm – 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Worship 5:15 pm
Celebration Hall Worship 6:00 pm

2026 Lenten Soup-er Meals

The menu is as follows (subject to change!)

March 18: Knoephla

March 25: Chicken Noodle

Also, there will be a gluten free vegan option each week. Servers are needed each week as well as volunteers to bring desserts. Set-uppers will be needed to get ready for the meal! Signups will be with others! Watch for signup in the narthex. Free will donations appreciated in support of the Feed My Starving Children program. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Adams at 701-739-5520.



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 4th annual Chili Cookoff was held on March 4th. 4 chilis were prepared by 4 members of the congregation.

- Brisket Chili – Eric Roeder
- Spicy but not hot Chili – Rod Gigstad
- Smoked Turkey Barley Chili – Alice Senechal
- Gluten-Free Dessert Chili – Barry Bravold

The winner of this year's cookoff was (drum roll please) -----**Gluten-Free Dessert Chili**

And the winner of last year's contest reappeared as a chili for all. **Prepared by Karen Axvig and Julie Hill, It may be white (chili) but it's not cold.** Dave Berger prepared a Gluten-Free Vegan Chili for all as well.

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.

If you—or someone you know—has a heart for walking alongside teens in faith and life, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Deacon Jamie for more details or to apply.



"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 15th 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.

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!



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:

- Soup (must have pull-open top)
- Fruit Cups
- Ravioli (canned)
- Miscellaneous Snacks (no gummies)

Easter Flowers

Floral arrangements help beautify the church during the Easter season. If you would like to purchase flowers in loving memory or in honor of a loved one, your \$20 donation will help purchase flowers to help decorate the worship spaces for the Easter season.

Please have your donation to the church office before **March 27th**. Thank you!



Memorial Easter Flowers

Community Connections Team Collecting Items for LWR

Community Connections team will be collecting personal care items for Lutheran World Relief during Lent. The following items are needed for one kit: one light weight bath towel, one nail clipper, one sturdy comb, two bars of soap 4 to 5 ounces, one adult size toothbrush. You can drop off items in totes located under the TV by South Hall. The kits will be assembled sometime during Holy Week.