

Sharon Sharings

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April 2024

This month:

- Congregational Meetings April 7
- April Showers Bring May Flowers April 8
- 2nd Grade Milestone Ministry April 21

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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

Notification of Congregational Meetings:

- **April 7, 2024, 11:30 am, Celebration Hall: Constitution Update Vote**
- **April 7, 2024, 11:40am or immediately after the previous meeting, approval of loan up to \$950,000 for building maintenance**
- **May 8, 2024, 7:00 pm, South Hall: Congregational Annual Meeting**

Raising the Roof!

The Sharon Lutheran Church building needs a new roof. Anyone who has been in the Narthex while snow is melting or it is raining has seen the water dripping through the ceiling. You may remember that last summer the oldest part of the roof on the eastern section of the building was resurfaced. The rest of the building needs reroofing as well. Other than last year's project, it is believed that the roofing on the building dates back to 1997 or earlier. The Properties Team has also determined that many of our furnaces and air conditioning units are close to 30 years old or older. They have asked the council to make a plan for replacing these units. Concrete work also needs to be done where the building has settled. Paying off the current mortgage and financing these building maintenance projects totals approximately \$950,000. The Church Council has called an additional congregational meeting on Sunday, April 7, at 11:40 am or immediately following the meeting to vote on the proposed



changes to the constitution scheduled for 11:30 am that day, to approve a loan for up to \$950,000. Please attend the meeting on April 7 for detailed information.

This is heartbreaking considering that the most recent capital campaign reduced the current mortgage by over one million dollars in three years from 2019-2022. Many of you have faithfully given offerings to this campaign with the goal of eliminating the mortgage in order to free up congregational resources for ministry expenses. Please do not lose heart. If the capital campaign had not been so successful, the current projects would seem completely insurmountable.

There are three stories in the

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**Interim
Administrative
Pastor Karen
Young Trenne**

New Testament that mention roofs. The first one, found in Mark chapter 2 and Luke chapter 5, tells of a paralyzed man being lowered through a hole in the roof of a house where Jesus is teaching in order for Jesus to see the man. Upon seeing him, Jesus declares that his sin is forgiven. The scribes who are present are scandalized because it is their understanding that only God can forgive sins. Jesus responds by asking the scribes which is easier, to declare the forgiveness of sins or to heal the man of his paralysis. In order for them to recognize his authority to forgive sins, he tells the paralyzed man to get up and walk. The man does and everyone is amazed!

The second story occurs in Matthew chapter 8 and Luke chapter 7, telling of a centurion who has asked for Jesus to heal his servant. Jesus is willing to go to the centurion's house when the centurion says that he is not worthy to have Jesus come under his roof. This story is also about Jesus' authority. The centurion recognizes Jesus' authority because he is a man who has authority himself. Jesus declares that he has not found such faith even in Israel. The servant is found in good health.

The third story is from Acts chapter 10 where we find Peter on the roof of a house praying when he falls

into a trance. He has a vision of a sheet being lowered from heaven with all types of animals that faithful people are forbidden to eat. A voice tells him to kill and eat. He protests that he has never let unclean food touch his lips. The voice tells him, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." After he eats, Peter is immediately sent by the Spirit to proclaim the gospel to the gentiles, people previously thought to be unclean and outside of the reign of God.

All three stories teach us about God's authority and the expansiveness of God's reign. What does this have to do with a new roof here at Sharon Lutheran Church. Maybe nothing. Or maybe everything. Sharon church could be despairing that it is once again heavily in debt. Or Sharon church can accept the challenge of stewardship of the building that facilitates the mission of this congregation. Sharon church could become paralyzed, accepting the status quo as the only way to move forward. Or this congregation can look to the amazing power of Jesus, sent to us through the Holy Spirit, to move on from this challenge into a new future, recognizing the authority of Jesus to heal, forgive, and expand our understanding of the reign of God.

Let's raise the roof!

-Pastor Karen Young Trenne

Sharon Lutheran Council Members

Executive Director: Jeff Larson; **Assistant Director:** Steve Erlandson; **Treasurer:** Traci LaDouceur;
At Large: Audrey Kasprowicz, Shawn Senescall, Kristine Sande, and Peter Tunseth

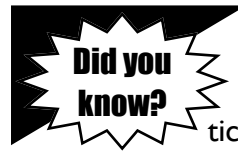
Annual WELCA Business Meeting scheduled

Per our Constitution, the Women of Sharon, will hold our annual business meeting on Monday, May 13th at 7pm in the Sanctuary. (This is the week of p the Rummage Sale, so come early and drop off your donations and stay for the meeting.) This meeting is for the purpose of receiving reports, projecting plans, electing leadership, and adopting an annual budget. Some of our Board (elected last year) were elected to 2 year terms and some to 1 year terms. Our nominating committee will be looking for people to fill any open positions; if interested in being nominated, let Sheryl Weisenberger, Kristi Larson, or Becca Waege know.



2024 Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event

Sharon Lutheran Church is again working with area churches to host the event. Dates are: **April 26 and 27**. Watch future bulletins for more information. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex beginning in April.



ELCA Credit Union

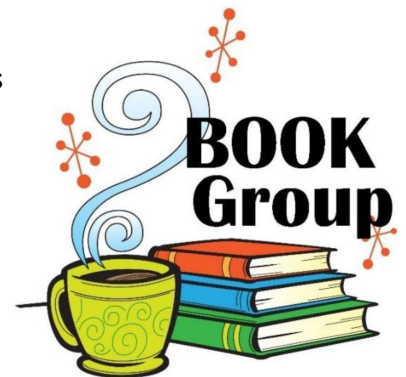
As a member, employee, volunteer, or participant in an ELCA congregation, you are eligible to join the ELCA Federal Credit Union. Credit Union membership begins with a Credit Union savings account. Deposits are federally insured up to \$250,000 by the National Credit Union Administrate. No-fee checking is available with no maintenance or minimum balance fees. Auto, personal, and mortgage loans are available. To learn more, call 877-715-1111, email info@elcacu.org or visit elcafu.org.

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

April 16: Grass of the Earth by Aagot Raaen An engaging, richly detailed biography of a family of Norwegian immigrant homesteaders in eastern North Dakota in the late 1800s. Educator and world traveler Aagot Raaen wrote this reminiscence late in her life. Like *Giants in the Earth* and *Old Jules*, *Grass of the Earth* deals frankly with a darker side of pioneer life on the prairie.

May 21: Coyote Warrior by Paul VanDelder From White Shield to Washington DC, new Indian wars are being fought by Ivy League-trained lawyers called Coyote Warriors—among them a Mandan/Hidatsa named Raymond Cross. *Coyote Warrior* tells the epic story of the three tribes that saved Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery from starvation, those tribes' century-long battle to forge a new nation, and the extraordinary journey of one man to redeem a father's dream and the dignity of his people. Cross graduated from law school and, following his father's death, returned home to resurrect his father's fight against the federal government. His mission would lead him to Congress, which his father had battled forty years earlier, and into the hallowed chambers of the U.S. Supreme Court. There the great-great-grandson of Chief Cherry Necklace would lay at the feet of the nation's highest court the case for the sanctity of the United States Constitution, treaty rights, and the legal survival of Indian Country.



Faith Formation Ministries

February News

The Spring Dinner is coming! From the **Badlands** to the **Bayou!**

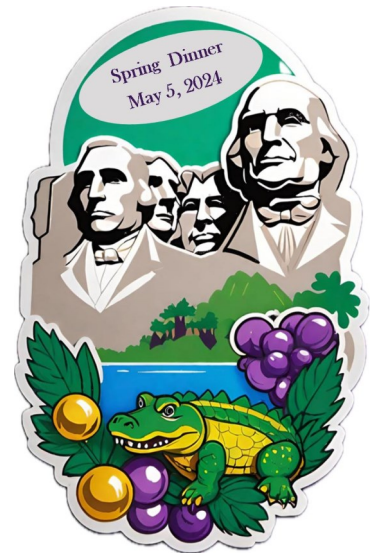
Sharon's middle school and high school summer trip participants, their families, and the Youth Team are hosting a Spring Dinner on Sunday, May 5th at 5:00 p.m. This event will feature a New Orleans-themed meal (jambalaya - full of flavor but not spicy! along with corn bread, a vegetable, beignets, and punch, plus a hot dog/fruit/vegetable option for kids), trivia (questions about Rapid City and the Crescent City!), raffle baskets,

a silent auction, and more!

Please stop by the tables in the narthex after worship beginning on Wednesday, April 3rd or on to purchase your dinner and raffle tickets or for additional information. You can also find our event on Facebook: "Sharon Lutheran Spring Dinner: From The Badlands To The Bayou"

Proceeds will benefit our middle school mission trip to Rapid City, South Dakota in June and our

high school trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana in July. We hope to see you at the dinner, and we thank you for your support!



UPPER ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

3-4-5 Alive has concluded for this program year. We will start back up in October. Thank you so much for participating in this weekly fellowship ministry!

On Sunday, April 7th and Wednesday, April 10th, our fourth graders will be recognized in worship for reading the Gospel of Mark during the season of Lent. We celebrate this Milestone Ministry with these families!

5G (weekly fellowship program for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders) will meet four more times this program year: April 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th (8:15-9:00 p.m. each evening).

6th-9th Grade Confirmation instruction will be held on April 3rd, 10th, and 17th, with an end-of-the-year fellowship celebration on April 24th. Thank you for a great year!!

April Dates to remember:

Monday, April 1st: VBS Registration begins

Sunday, April 21st: 2nd Grade Milestone Ministry "The Apostles' Creed" at 3:00 p.m. South Hall; 10th Grade Stole Making Event from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in South Hall

Wednesday, April 24th: Last night of 6th-9th Grade Confirmation and 5G

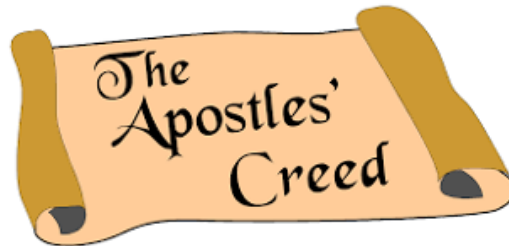
Sunday, May 5th: Spring Dinner ("From The Badlands To The Bayou") at 5:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Ministries

Second Grade Milestone Ministry

During each program year, all students have the opportunity to explore a different part of what it means to be a Christian. Our Second Graders will be discovering more about The Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed is spoken in most worship services here at Sharon and in most Christian churches around the world, as it is a simple way to learn and remember basic truths about God. We hope that our students can deepen their understanding of the meaning



behind those words.

We are offering a Milestone Ministry event for second graders and their families on Sunday, April 21, at 3:00 p.m. in South Hall. An adult family member should

accompany your second grader. Siblings are welcome to come; however, there will only be enough supplies for the second graders.

The (approximately) hour-long session will include games, discussions, and crafts. We hope to see you on April 21!

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

Greetings and Encouragement to You All!

Writing to you is bittersweet this month, as I am currently recovering from surgery and cannot be with all of you on a regular basis right now. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers as this program year concludes. My sincere hope is that you have grown closer to God, each other, this place we call Sharon, and the broader community this year. I hope to see you all soon, and I hope you had a wonderful Easter. Please remember that we celebrate Easter for seven whole weeks!!!!!! --Dave

Like many young children, when I was a child, I always thought Easter was over after the big church day and the Easter egg hunts. But as (hopefully) our students will discover through our lessons during April and May, Easter is more than one Sunday. It is a whole season. And if we are truly honest about it all—it's a whole year. We are Easter people, for if it weren't for the Resurrection, would we be followers of Christ at all? May we rejoice each and every day that Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! **Grace and Peace—Cheryl**



VBS Is Coming!

Do you remember our Stellar Christmas—Shine Jesus' Light!? We will revisit our cosmic friends and more during Stellar VBS! Come for the Fun. Come for the Stories. Come for the Crafts. Come for the Music. Come for the Games. And Come for the Food. Register online at <https://www.sharonlutheran.org/event-registration>

Who: Children Age 3 through 5th Grade

When: June 3-6 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Where: Right here at Sharon Lutheran Church

We will Shine Jesus' Light AGAIN!



Please watch for church school and confirmation registration information coming soon! These registration links can be found at:
www.sharonlutheran.org/event-registration

Golden Age

2:00 pm
April 12

Everyone is invited to join the Golden Age Club on Friday, April 12th at 2:00 for fellowship and devotions. The program will be presented by Kathy and John Fick about their trip to Hawaii.

Sharon University Continues!

There are two Sharon University courses for you to take part in during April and May. (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

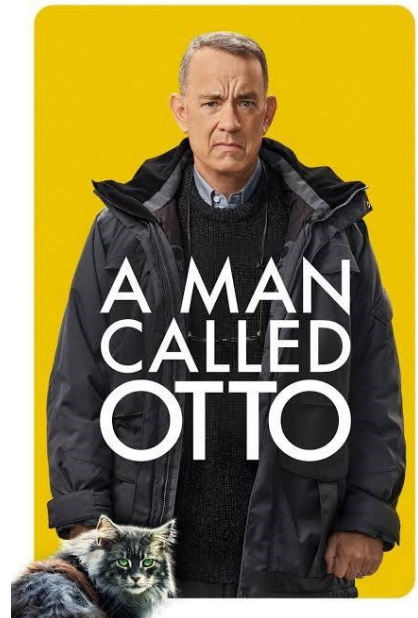


Anyone in 10th grade and older is invited to our Movie Roundtable on Sunday, April 7th at 7:00 pm.

We will be watching the movie "Joshua". It is a 2002 movie based on a novel of the same name, written by the Reverend Joseph Francis Girzone. The movie is about a mysterious man named Joshua who appears in a small town named Auburn and begins changing the lives of everyone he meets, simply by being around them. Deacon Jamie will lead a discussion following the film. Popcorn is provided. Please bring your own beverage if you want.



May 5: A Man Called Otto— When a lively young family moves in next door, grumpy widower Otto Anderson meets his match in a quick-witted, pregnant woman named Marisol, leading to an unlikely friendship that turns his world upside down.



Please join the Women of Sharon for an April Showers brings May Flowers event

On Monday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m., in South Hall, the Women of Sharon will be hosting an April Showers brings May Flowers event. If you participated in the Secret Prayer Sister program in January, you will find out who has been praying for you. If you are unable to attend, please contact Heather Peters at hpeters@sharonlutheran.org with the name of your Secret Prayer Sister so that person will know that you were praying for them.



Even if you did not participate in the Secret Prayer Sister program please come because there will be treats and socializing to welcome Spring! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sara Twite at sadiesue_517@hotmail.com or Jill Novotny at jillnovotny@gmail.com

We hope to see you on April 8th!

Faith in Film:

If you are looking for a fun group of Sharon Lutherans, enjoy movies, and going out for a meal you might like to join us. We see a movie during the afternoon and then out to dinner

once a month. If you are interested, please talk to Vicki Lindberg at church or call her at 701-317-6846.



Livestream opportunity

Every Sunday, we livestream our worship services online. We have an opportunity to make this ministry even better. We are looking for people to operate the camera during worship. It can be for either the 9:00 or 10:30 services—or both! Training will be provided along with a small stipend. Volunteers can do it as often as they would like. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please talk with Deacon Jamie, 701-772-3122 or jtravers@sharonlutheran.org

Items needed for VBS!

Below are a few of the items that we will need for Stellar VBS 2024 June 3-6. If you are able, please help us by donating one or more of these items:

- 3/4-in PVC (6 ft)
- 1-in PVC (6 ft)
- 3/4-in PVC joint fittings (six 90°, four 45°, two T's)
- 1-in PVC joints (two 90°, five 45°, four T's)
- Silver metallic spray paint
- Paint (1 quart each of Blue Vista, Atomic Tangerine, black, white)
- 6 wood screws (3-in long)
- 1 can spray adhesive
- Insulation spray foam
- Basic furnace filter (20x25x1-in)
- Black spray paint
- Packing tape

We are adding items to our Amazon wish list, as well. Please check that periodically to see what treasures we might like to have!

Thank you for any donation(s) you can make!

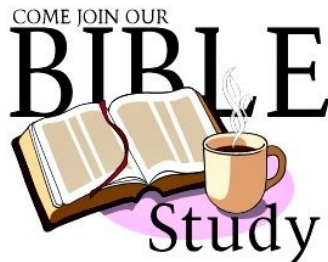
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/10Z6M6JI1SELA/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1

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



"Welcome to Baptism" Orientation BAPTISM

If you are planning a baptism in your family, plan to come to a one-hour orientation called "Welcome to Baptism" on Sunday, April 21 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 (new Circle with a book/Bible study format) Meeting dates will vary, text Emilie for info. Contact: **Emilie DeKrey 701-388-8355**

Deborah Circle (new Circle, currently focusing on women of the Bible) meets the **LAST** Monday of each month at 7:00pm at SLC in the Lounge. Contact: **Heather Peters, 701-429-7087**

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

February Designated gifts received:

Revenue	February Actual 2023-2024	YTD Actual 2023-2024
Current Ministry Gifts	\$56,615	\$586,079
Loose/Misc. Offering Gifts	\$1,458	\$12,937
Operating Fund Memorial Gifts	\$-	\$-
Church School, Confirmation & VBS Registrations	\$50	\$7,750
Benevolence Gifts	\$498	\$6,214
Other Gifts and Donations	\$2,256	\$24,395
2021-2022 Total	\$60,877	\$637,375

Capital Campaign-GIFT	\$635
Noisy Offering-Love Feast	\$469
Operating Reserves	\$250
Fellowship Donations	\$215
Undesignated Memorials	\$365
Easter Flowers	\$280
Higher Ground Donations	\$300
Choir Fund Donations	\$150
Building/Grounds-Roof repair	\$4,045
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$1,690
Golden Age Memorials	\$80
Lenten Fellowship Meal	\$1,640
M&Ms lenten project	\$258
Souper Bowl-St. Joseph's Food Pantry	\$205
Faith Formation Donations	\$25
Church School Offerings	\$137

Total

	February Actual 2023-2024	YTD Actual 2023-2024
Operating Expenses	\$71,600	\$594,148
Mortgage Debt Reduction	\$-	\$25,623
Total Expenses	\$71,600	\$619,771

Revenue Exceeding Expenses \$(10,723) \$17,604

TOTAL: \$10,744

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

Memorials:

In memory of...

Duane Olesen: Gloria Hauge, Jeff & Kristi Larson;

Vidette Knain: Dale & Jeanne Sollom, Gloria Hauge, Jeanette Krogstad, Yvonne Nelson, Bev Walsh, Gary & Lona Spicer, Sandra Heffern, John Thomas & Darlene Raymond, Larry Lovseth & Mary Askim-Lovseth, Rev. John & Kathy Fick, Truman & Judy Brateli, Bruce & Cheryl Nyhlen, Jim & Sherry Weisenberger;

Dick Clark: Gloria Hauge;

Rick Gessler: Noel & Susan Tharalson, Marlys Johnson, Rod & Laurel Shroyer, Lowell & Lora Machart, Terry & Karrie Bohan, Carol Geiszler, Richard & Sharon Young, Carol & Daniel Braaten, Larry Lovseth & Mary Askim-Lovseth, Debbie Rham, Perry

& Sheila Nagel, John Halstenson, Linda & James Johnson, Paul Trenne & Karen Young Trenne, John and Kathy Fick, Bruce & Cheryl Nyhlen, Beverly Bredemeier, P.A. and K.M. Lyga, Allen & Colette Ensign, Rod & Teresa Dahlstrom, Myron & Heather Peters, Barry Branvold, Rod Gigstad & Carol Hagen, Kristine Sande, Gregory Nelson & Julie Taylor, John & Sherri Halstenson, Margaret Fedje, Vicki Lindberg, Paul & Glenda Lindseth, Kim Moon-Brouillet, James & Debbie Abar, Joel & Kim Flattum, Steve & Mary Erlandson, Jeffrey & Janell Regimbal, Jayne Morrison, Dr. Rolf & Linda Paulson, Mark & Nancy Hadlich, Jay & Kayla Olson, James & Melanie Popejoy, Lon & Jane Kratochvil, Marshal & Carol Guntzburger, Maynard & Barbara Barta, Grand Cities Childrens Choir, Gloria Hauge.

April 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>April's Noisy Offering will go to Love in Action</p>	<p>1 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 pm AA Noonday 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm AA Unity VBS registration begins!</p>	<p>2 8:30 am Faithfully Fit 9:30 am Prayer Shawl 5:30 pm Stewardship Team</p>	<p>3 9:45 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Church School 6:00 pm Worship—CH 7:15 pm 6th-8th gr Confirmation 8:15 pm 5G & ReNew</p>	<p>4 8:30 am Faithfully Fit 6:30 pm Community Connections Team</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9:00 am AA-Women Carrying the Message 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>
<p>7 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Worship—Sanctuary & CH 10:30 am Worship—CH 10:30 am Church School 11:30 am Congregational Meeting: Constitution Update Vote 11:40 am (or immediately after previous meeting) Congregational Meeting: Loan 7:00 pm Sharon University—Movie Roundtable "Joshua"</p>	<p>8 12:00 pm AA Noonday 4:00 pm Hannah Circle 5:30 pm Evangelism/PR Teams 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm WELCA April Showers event 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>	<p>9 8:30 am Faithfully Fit 5:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous 6:00 Youth/Ed Teams 6:00 pm Properties Team 8:00 AA Primary Purpose 8:00 pm AI Anon Primary Purpose</p>	<p>10 9:45 am Bible Study 12:00 pm AA Noonday 6:00 pm Church School 6:00 pm Worship—CH 7:15 pm 6th-8th gr Confirmation 8:15 pm 5G & ReNew</p>	<p>11 8:30 am Faithfully Fit 9:00 am Quilting 1:00 pm Sharon Cares 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>	<p>12 2:00 pm Golden Age</p>	<p>13 All Ages Ski Trip 9:00 am AA-Women Carrying the Message 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>
<p>14 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Worship—Sanctuary & CH 10:30 am Worship—CH 10:30 am Church School</p>	<p>15 12:00 pm AA Noonday 1:00 pm Mary Circle 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm AA Unity NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>16 8:30 am Faithfully Fit 1:00 pm Mary Circle 5:00 pm OA 6:00 pm Church Council 7:00 pm Book Club 7:30 pm AA Primary Purpose 8:00 pm AI Anon Primary Purpose</p>	<p>17 9:45 am Bible Study 12:00 pm AA Noonday 1:30 pm Rachel Circle 1:30 pm Sarah Circle 6:00 pm Church School 6:00 pm Worship—CH 7:15 pm 6th-8th gr Confirmation 8:15 pm 5G & ReNew</p>	<p>18 8:30 am Faithfully Fit 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 9:00 am AA-Women Carrying the Message 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>
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<p>28 5th Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Worship—Sanctuary & CH 10:30 am Worship—CH 10:30 am Church School NOISY OFFERING</p>	<p>29 12:00 pm AA Noonday 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Deborah Circle 8:00 pm AA Unity</p>	<p>30 8:30 am Faithfully Fit 8:00 pm AA Primary Purpose 8:00 pm AI Anon Primary Purpose</p>				

For information on AA Meetings held at Sharon Lutheran, please see aa.northdakota.org



Faithfully Fit Forever continues

Faithfully Fit Forever exercise class will meet Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30—9:30 am until the middle of May.

Faithfully Fit is a non-denominational faith-based exercise devotion, and health education program for women and men. We do a Bone Builders format, which is a more static program that includes warm-ups, balance, light weight strengthening and a cool down. You may participate at the level you are the most comfortable with.



A note from the Stewardship Team:

On March 6th from 5:30pm – 6:30pm the Stewardship Team held its second annual Chili Contest. Thanks to Lillian Elsinga, Deacon Jamie Travers, Dave Berger, Eric Roeder, and Rod Gigstad for their entries. The winner for this year was ND's Best Chili prepared by Dave Berger. The votes for the five individual chilies brought in \$195 and the Wednesday meal donations brought in \$402 for a total of \$597. The chili that we prepared for all was Steve Moser's sweet and spicy chili, the winner from last year's contest. It was a good time and Steve Moser apologizes for running out of chili.

Let's talk about our new circles!

The women of Sharon are excited to have not one, but two, new Circles. We hope that you consider joining one of the four previously existing Circles OR one of the two new Circles. Our new Circles meet in the evening and on weekends, in hopes of reaching more people at a time that they are available. A "Circle" is a term that has long been used for a group of women who come together for Bible study and fellowship.

DEBORAH Circle: This Circle is named for the Old Testament prophet and judge Deborah, and the name celebrates strong women dedicated to spiritual growth, fellowship, and advocacy for women and children. Faith, hope, and love are the primary drivers of outreach and learning for a Deborah Circle. We will meet the LAST Monday of each month at 7pm in the Rose of Sharon Lounge. Upcoming

meeting date: April 22. Summer time meeting dates are TBD.

ESTHER Circle: This Circle is doing a book study and will meet on the following dates at 2pm at Caribou Coffee on South Washington. Text Emilie DeKrey at 701-388-8355 for more information.

Current Book Study is "Forged Through Fire" by Mark D. McDonough, MD

- 3/24 Forged Through Fire chapters 7-9
- 4/7 Forged Through Fire chapters 10-12
- 4/21 Forged Through Fire chapters 13-15
- 5/5 Forged Through Fire chapters 16-18
- 5/19 Forged Through Fire chapters 19-21
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