

Welcome!

All are welcome to worship! Worship gathers us as one body, invites us to hear God's Word, leads us to experience God's grace in baptism and communion, and then sends us out to engage and serve the world. **If you are visiting today**, please stop by our welcome center in the main hallway to complete a visitor card. To find out more information about our ministries, please visit us at our website:

www.sharonlutheran.org

Offering Options

IN-PERSON—drop in offering plate

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Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at Sharon Lutheran Church.

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Sunday, September 21

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship

9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary

10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall

10:00am—Flu Vaccination Clinic

10:30am—Sunday Church School Kickoff

6:30pm—Baptism Orientation

Wednesday, September 24

9:45am—Bible Study

5:30pm—God's Work Our Hands (Town Square)

7:00pm—Choir Practice

Thursday, September 25

9:00am—Quilting

Friday, September 26

Castaway Retreat

Saturday, September 27

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15th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 21, 2025

10:30am



SHARON LUTHERAN CENTENNIAL
**Grounded in Faith
Growing in Faith**

Phone: 701-772-3122

Email: office@sharonlutheran.org

Celebration Hall Worship

Gathering Songs: "No Matter What" & You, You Are God"

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 113)

Song: "Blessed Be Your Name"

Confession and Forgiveness

Song: "Even If"

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Noisy Offering

Blessing for the School Year

Song: "Praise the Lord with a School Backpack"

Amos 8: 4-7

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Luke 16: 1-13—Readers' Theatre

Sermon—Deacon Jamie Travers

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Song: "Be Thou My Vision"

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of God's People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution & Songs: "I Praise You" & "Unfailing Love"

Blessing, Prayer after Communion, Benediction

Song: "How Good of God"

Sending

**The Worship is over;
the service begins.**



Join the Fight Against Food Insecurity— Together We Can Make a Difference!

Wednesday, September 24
5:30-7:00pm, Grand Forks Town Square

FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP!

Get ready to roll up your sleeves and make a real difference in our community with the “God’s Work Our Hands” initiative! Join us for a heartwarming evening on September 24 from 5:30-7:00pm at the Grand Forks Town Square, where we’ll come together as one big family to tackle food insecurity! Bring your favorite bars to share and non-perishable food items, and let’s fill our community with love and support! Together, we can create a ripple effect of kindness that nourishes not only bodies but also souls. Let’s show up, show out, and show our commitment to serving those in need!

The evening will include:

- **A Free Community Meal**—everyone is welcome to share a meal together.
- **Food Packing Stations**—Help prepare food kits for neighbors in need.
- **Guest Speaker**—Mr. Everett Jones, Northland Rescue Mission Executive Director
- **Advocacy Opportunities**
- **Live Music & Fellowship**
- **Holy Communion**—All are invited to share in God’s table of grace.



The money collected from our Noisy Offerings on September 17th & September 21st will benefit Sharon’s Faith Formation Ministries.



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. We invite you to join us by donating the following items:

Ramen Noodles
Macaroni & Cheese
Juice Boxes/Pouches
Instant Oatmeal (nut-free)
Applesauce/Fruit Cups
Fruit Snacks

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.



LEFSE DATES & TIMES

PATTY MAKING

12:00pm - Sundays (Sept 7, 14, 21, 28)
7:00am - Mondays (Sept 8, 15, 22, 29)

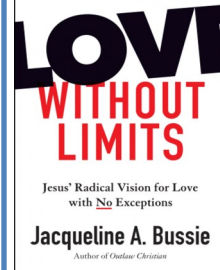
LEFSE MAKING

8:30am - Mon/Tues (Sept 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30)

Nursery News!

Beginning on Sept 25, the church nursery will be closed while it is being painted. It will be reopened as soon as the project is complete.

Anyone interested in participating in the project can contact the church office. All help is appreciated.



The Stewardship Team will be hosting a book discussion around Love Without Limits by Jacqueline Busse. There are 2 additional books available for purchase through the Church.

Whether you purchased a book through the Church or have your own copy, we would love for you to be part of the discussion. Please join us on 9/30/25 from 6p-7p in the South Hall

We are looking forward to gathering all our congregation for this as stewardship is more than just money, it’s also about our community; bringing everyone together and how we can help out in ways that aren’t always financial.

Northlands Rescue Mission Banquet

October 16, 2025

(5 pm auction viewing, 7 pm dinner and program)
The Pearl Events Center (900 N 3rd St)

Let's fill a "Friends of Sharon" table.
A table of 9=\$750

If interested, Call Karen Axvig (701-610-1056) by Sept. 25.



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.

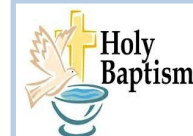


Summer Stewardship 2025

In many African cultures, the Baobab is seen as a source of life, providing food, shelter, medicine, and even water. Like the Baobab Tree, the church is a gathering place for all of God’s children and a place of shelter, comfort, support and community. At church we gather for community around Jesus Christ. We gather for communion. During these summer months, please help us sustain the ministry and gathering space at Sharon Lutheran.

We will use a depiction of the tree provided for Vacation Bible School (in the narthex). We will measure our progress toward our goal by providing water colored (blue) indicators as we reach \$1,000 levels of the goal (\$8,000). This symbolic tree also provides a guide as we provide contributions to Sharon Lutheran to support our programming during the summer months. Our drive will end on **September 28th**.

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!



“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, September 21st at 6:30pm** 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.