

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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Wednesday, September 16 Backpack Day

1:30pm—Rachel Circle

6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall

6:00pm—Church School

7:15pm—Gr. 6-9 Confirmation

8:15pm—RAFT & 5G

Thursday, September 17

8:30am—Faithfully Fit

1:00pm—Sarah Circle

6:00pm—Church Council

7:00pm—Young Adults

Saturday, September 19

4:00pm—Gader/Shea Wedding

Sunday, September 20

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

9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary

10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall

10:30am—Church School

10:00am—12:00pm—Flu Shot Clinic

11:30am—Church Potluck Picnic

4:00pm—Baptism Orientation

Wednesday, September 23 No Church Activities

9:45am—Bible Study

5:30pm—God's Work Our Hands @ Townsquare



Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026

6:00pm

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



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Celebration Hall Worship

Gathering Song—
“Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”

Welcome

Forgiveness Reflection

Song—“Child Of Love”

Confession and Forgiveness

Song—“Forgiveness”

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Story Time

Song—

“Praise The Lord With A School Backpack”

Genesis 50: 15-21

Psalms 103: 1-13

Matthew 18: 21-35 (Reader's Theatre)

Sermon—Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Song—“O God Forgive Us”

Prayers of the People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering & Song—“Peace Like A River”

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution & Song—“Holy Water”

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Song—“How Good Of God”

Sending

The Worship is over;
the service begins.



"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 20th 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.



**September 20, 2026
(After 10:30 Service)**

Picnic will be outside depending on weather



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As the workers get older, we need help with set-up Sunday after the 10:30am service and take down Tuesday at 11:00am. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Mary Adams, 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.

Greater Grand Forks Area
ELCA Churches Present

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

Community Service & Learning Event

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

September 23 • Grand Forks Town Square
5:30–7:00 PM

5:30–6:15 PM | Eat + Serve
6:15–7:00 PM | Music + Community

EAT

everyone's welcome

PACK

food kits for neighbors

ACT

learn about food justice
in our area

CONNECT

music & community

FILL THE TRUCK

Bring nonperishable
food items to donate to
St. Joe's Food Shelf



GREATER GRAND FORKS' GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

September 23, 2026 • 5:30-7:00 PM

Greater Grand Forks ELCA Churches are coming together in the town square for an evening of service, learning, and community—bringing our churches together to put faith into action and love our neighbors.

Join us as we collect food for local neighbors, pack food together, and learn more about hunger and food insecurity in our community. A free community meal will be served.



NOW OPEN!!

Church School/Confirmation Registration

Registration is open for the 2026-2027 program year for church school and confirmation—3 year olds (on or before July 31, 2026) through 10th grade.

**First Wednesday of the 2026/2027 program
year: September 16, 2026.**

**First Sunday of the 2026/2027
program year: September 20, 2026.**

Early registration helps us plan for volunteers, curriculum, supplies, and all the considerations for a successful year.



**To register,
please scan this
QR code.**



Sharon Lutheran's Backpack Program

We are now accepting donations again for Ben Franklin Elementary School to provide children in low-income families with extra food during the whole school year. We will pack monthly on the second Sunday of each month. The first packing event will be on September 13th. We invite you to join us by donating the following items:

Ramen Noodles, Macaroni & Cheese, Juice Boxes (no Capri/Kool Aid pouches), Instant Oatmeal Packets (nut-free), Applesauce/Fruit Cups (no fruit snacks), Soup (must have pull-open top), Ravioli (canned and with pull-open top), Small Bags of Potato Chips

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.

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Corporate Wellness **Health**

We File Insurance
We accept insurance from:

Aetna
Allied Benefit System
Blue Cross Blue Shield (any state)
Cigna
GEHA
Health Partners
Humana
Medica
Medicaid
Medicare Part B (no co-pay)
Medicare Supplements
Medicare Advantage
Preferred One
Railroad Medicare
Sanford Health
TRICARE, Tricare 4 Life
UCare/MHCP
UMR
United Health Group
Vaccines for Children (VFC)
We provide free vaccine and low cost vaccine administration for eligible children including uninsured, underinsured, Native American and Alaska Native.

Sharon Lutheran Church Flu Vaccination Clinic

**Sunday Sept. 20th, 2026
10 AM – 12 PM**

Family members are encouraged to come!

Please Bring Your Insurance Card

(A scanned copy or picture of the card is also acceptable)

**Medicare, Railroad Medicare, and
Medicaid accepted (no co-pay for Flu Shots)**

The 2025- 2026 available vaccines include:

- Influenza Trivalent injections for ages 6 months and over, including High Dose Trivalent for 65+
- FluMist for ages 2-49 years old
- Moderna Covid for ages 12+
- Available by Special Request
- Shingrix for ages 50+; 2 dose series
- Tdap tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough
- MMR measles, mumps, rubella for 12m+
- Prevnar pneumonia
- RSV for ages 60+

Questions? Call WelCore Health at (701) 330-4216

