

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, February 1

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—Church School
3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive

Monday, February 2

6:00pm—VBS Planning Meeting

Tuesday, February 3

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
9:30am—Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:30pm—Stewardship Team

Wednesday, February 4

9:45am—Bible Study
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
6:00pm—Church School
7:00pm—Choir Practice
7:15pm—Confirmation
8:15pm—Raft & 5G

Thursday, February 5

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
6:30pm—Community Connections

Sunday, February 8

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—Baptism—Hadley Marie Henning
10:30am—Church School
3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive

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!

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Custodian—Dan Kuzel

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4th Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, February 1, 2026

9:00 AM



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Sanctuary Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Ringers of Faith—"Open The Eyes Of My Heart Lord"

Beatitude Acclamation (based on Gospel)

Confession and Forgiveness

Hymn #815—"I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"

Greeting

Kyrie (p.138)

Canticle of Praise (p. 140)

Prayer of the Day

Sharon Choir Anthem—"The Beatitudes"

Story Time

Micah 6: 1-8

Gospel Acclamation (p. 151)

Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon—Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Hymn #714 vs 1,5,6—"O God Of Mercy, God Of Light"

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 152)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution & Song—"This Little Light Of Mine"

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Hymn #669 vs 1,3,5—"Rise Up, O Saints Of God!"

Sending

Hymnals may be found under pews



Lent 2026: Feasting & Fasting
Fasting from Scarcity. Feasting on Abundance.

Ash Wednesday is February 18
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



Join us on February 12, 2026, for Giving Hearts Day, a day to support our church's ministries and outreach efforts through generous donations. Your contributions will help make a lasting impact in our community and beyond!



Pancakes for Projectors
Tuesday, February 17

Come join us at Sharon for pancakes and sausage on Shrove Tuesday either for lunch from 11:00-1:00 or for supper from 5:00-7:00. This is a fundraiser to raise money to repair our projectors in our worship spaces. If you would like to help, please contact Deacon Jamie.

Laissez les Bons Pancakes Briller ("Let the good pancakes shine")

Two Golden Age Club Opportunities

In the month of February, there are two opportunities to gather together with the Golden Age Club. Anyone retirement age and older is invited to our regular gathering on February 13, at 2:00 at Sharon. The program will be presented by the Grand Forks Fire Department.

On Tuesday, February 24, our Golden Age Club is invited to join the group at Calvary Lutheran Church for supper at 4:00 pm. We don't need to bring anything. We have been invited as their guests for a potluck meal; they are providing the food.

2026 Lenten Soup-er Meals

"A warm bowl of soup is a remedy for both body and spirit."

Lenten soup meals will be served from 5:15—6:30 pm each Wednesday during Lent. The menu is as follows (subject to change!)

- ♦ February 18: Chicken Wild Rice
- ♦ February 25: Vegetable Beef
- ♦ March 4: Chili Cookoff
- ♦ March 11: Ham Chowder
- ♦ March 18: Knoephla
- ♦ March 26: 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.



"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, February 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.

THE 18-30 COLLECTIVE

Life. Faith. Community.



FINANCES



WORK



DATING



FAMILY DYNAMICS

JOIN PEOPLE YOUR AGE TO TALK ABOUT IT ALL.
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN US!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12 @ 7PM @ SHARON LUTHERAN



Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Can you help **TACKLE** hunger in Grand Forks? The Community Connections Team is again sponsoring our own Sharon Lutheran Souper Bowl to collect cans of soup and other non-perishable food items for the St. Joseph's Food Pantry.

So, **INTERCEPT** an empty brown bag from the table by the goal posts (or bring your own) as a reminder to help those in our community who suffer from hunger starting TODAY! Then **MAKE A FIRST DOWN** by donating as many food items as you can or make a cash donation (envelopes are on our table and place them in the offering plate or take them to the office). Let's see how many **TOUCHDOWNS** we can score by getting your donations in by Super Bowl Sunday or the following Wednesday, February 11th.

Help us **SCORE** against hunger as you put your faith into motion and help us **MAKE THE EXTRA POINT** by beating hunger and **WINNING the SOUPER BOWL!** Thank you from those people who struggle with hunger in our community!



Game Day
Sunday February 22
2:00-4:00pm

People of all ages are invited to bring your favorite board game, card game, family game, strategy game etc. and join us for some fellowship and fun at Sharon Lutheran Church. If you don't have a favorite game to bring that is fine. There will be plenty of fun to choose from.

All Ages Ski Trip—Buena Vista Ski Area—Bemidji, MN

Saturday, February 28, 2026



Depart—7:30am Return—7:30pm

Event Cost: \$60

If you need to rent skis/snowboard/helmet, those prices are as follows:

\$30 Ski Rental

\$32 Snowboard Rental

\$8 Helmet Rental

(Contact Dave Berger about ski lessons)

Bring along money for lunch and supper. Families, singles, friends, and couples are welcome!

Stop by the Sharon Lutheran Faith Formation offices by February 28th to sign-up (payment due at sign-up).

Please bring meal money on the day of the event. Event cost includes a \$44 lift ticket plus the cost of transportation and adult leader expenses. The true cost of the event is over \$90 and is supplemented by Youth Stock.

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.



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:

Applesauce (single serve cups)

Soup (must have pull-open top)

Nutri-Grain Bars

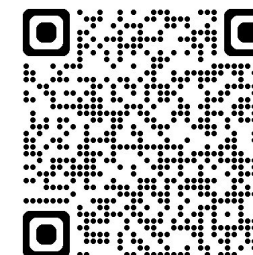


4th Annual Chili Cookoff

March 4, 2026

The Stewardship Teams 4th Annual Chili Cookoff is set for March 4, 2026! We are looking for 6-7 entries of various types of chili to include: Vegan, Gluten Free, Regular, Spicy, White and 2 Chef's Choice. We are looking forward to tasting all 7 chili's. It's first come first serve to sign up so make sure you get registered ASAP! Good luck to all entries.

The chili that will be offered to all this year will be the White Chili "It may be white (chili), but it's not cold" that won last year by Karen Axvig and Julie Hill. **Click on the below QR Code to register.**



Community Connections Team Collecting Items for LWR

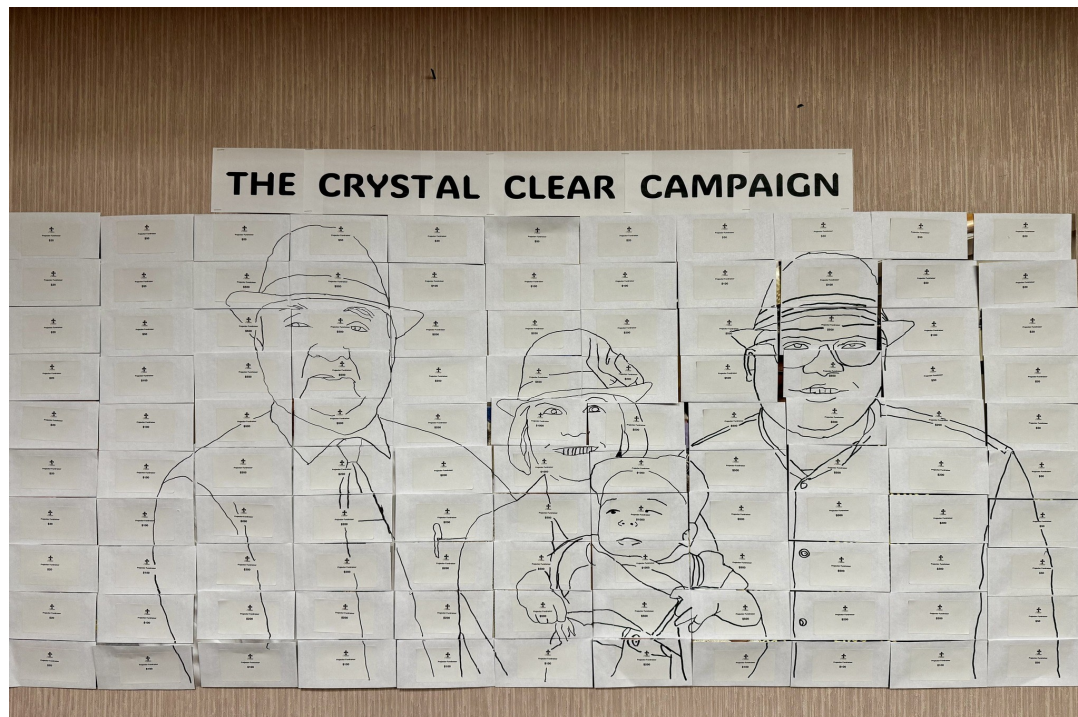
Community Connections team will be collecting personal care items for Lutheran World Relief during Lent. The following items are needed for one kit: one light weight bath towel, one nail clipper, one sturdy comb, two bars of soap 4 to 5 ounces, one adult size toothbrush. You can drop off items in totes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



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.



We need your High-Definition Donation to help us buy new projectors for our worship spaces. Our goal is to raise \$40,000.

Take an envelope and donate at least the amount shown on it to reveal the “crystal-clear” picture below. Turn the envelopes into the office or drop them off in the offering.

Thank you so much for helping us upgrade our worship experience!

A promotional poster for "VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL" with a "Polar Expedition" theme. The background is a vibrant blue and green aurora borealis over a snowy, mountainous landscape. The title "VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL" is at the top in a bold, black, hand-drawn font. Below it, "Polar EXPEDITION" is written in large, stylized, 3D block letters with a blue and white gradient. In the bottom left corner, the "Save THE Date" logo is written in a cursive, blue font. In the bottom right corner, there is a cartoon illustration of a large white polar bear and a smaller white polar bear cub. Overlaid on the right side of the poster are three blue rectangular boxes containing white text: "JUNE 1-4, 2026", "6:00PM-8:00PM", and "Registration opening in April!". Below the registration date box is another blue box with the text "INTERESTED IN HELPING PLAN VBS? SEE AN EDUCATION TEAM MEMBER!".