



Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 25th
3:00pm-5:00pm

Come join us for fall fun! Our Trunk or Treat event is a great opportunity to bring your vehicle and decorate it if you wish and to hand out treats. It's also a fun opportunity to wear a costume. If you would like to donate treats, please bring them to the church office by October 23. Calvary Lutheran Church will also be hosting a Trunk or Treat event at the same time, so visit both churches.

Winterwear Drive

October 4-25, 2026

Love In Action invites you to join us in making a powerful difference this winter. Together, we can bring warmth and hope to those struggling to stay warm. Please consider donating new or gently used winter jackets, gloves, hats, and boots for people of all ages and sizes. Your kindness has the power to transform lives and light up the coldest days. We deeply thank you for your compassion and generosity—your support truly matters!

More Information: Call 507-382-4587



“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, October 18th 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 Church will provide bell ringing for Salvation Army on Monday, December 21st from 10am-6pm. Each shift will be for 1 hour.

Please sign up in Sign-Up Genius or contact the church office.

Thank you!



Sharon Lutheran's Backpack Program

New Packing Date:
Sunday, October 18 @ 10am

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. 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.

Christmas Wreaths and Greenery Sale

Wreath Sales are underway! Please visit the table in the narthex after worship services from October 7th through November 4th to purchase your holiday items.

Proceeds support students participating in next summer's middle school mission trip (Rapid City, SD) and high school ELCA Youth Gathering (Minneapolis, MN).

All items will be available for pickup beginning November 24th.



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.

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

TEXT TO GIVE: Just text to 73256, hit next, type (no spaces) Sharon1720, hit send. You will receive a message to click the link to complete your gift to Sharon Lutheran Church.



MAIL A CHECK: 1720 S. 20th Street, Grand Forks, ND 58201

DIRECT GIVING:
www.sharonlutheran.org/giving

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

Sunday, October 18

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am – Worship - Sanctuary
10:00am – Backpack Packing
10:30am – Worship – Celebration Hall
10:30am – Church School
10:30am – Lamb's Bible Presentation
3:45pm – 3-4-5 Alive
4:00pm – Baptism Orientation

Tuesday, October 20

8:30am – Faithfully Fit
6:00pm – Church Council

Wednesday, October 21

9:45am – Bible Study
1:00pm – Rachel Circle
6:00pm – Worship – Celebration Hall
6:00pm – Church School
6:00pm – Lamb's Bibles Presented
7:15pm – Grades 6-8 and Grade 9 Confirmation
8:15pm – Raft & 5G

Thursday, October 22

8:30am – Faithfully Fit
9:00am – Quilting

Sunday, October 25

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am – Worship – Sanctuary
9:00am – 10th Grade Affirmation of Baptism
10:30am – Worship – Celebration Hall
10:30am – 10th Grade Affirmation of Baptism
3:00pm – Trunk or Treat
3:45pm – 3-4-5 Alive

Education Coordinator—Heather Peters
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Worship Director—Roxanne Gessler
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Organist—Sue Kerr

Custodian—Dan Kuzel

Sanctuary Choir Director—Ketina Francois



21st Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 18, 2026

9:00am



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Sanctuary Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (inspired by Isaiah 5 & Psalm 80)

Confession and Forgiveness

Hymn #527—"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

Greeting

Kyrie p.175

Canticle of Praise p.176

Prayer of the Day

Sharon Choir Anthem—
"Praise The Lord All Earth Be Ringing"

Story Time

Isaiah 45: 1-7

Psalm 96: 1-9

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Gospel Acclamation p. 179

Matthew 22: 15-22

Sermon—Deacon Jamie Travers

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Hymn #686—"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

The Apostles Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution & Hymn—"Lamb of God" p.182

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Hymn #774 vs 1,3—
"What A Fellowship, What a Joy Devine"

Sending

Hymnals may be found under pews