

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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Sunday, August 30 Noisy Offering

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

9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary

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Tuesday, September 1

5:30pm—Stewardship Team

Wednesday, September 2

9:45am—Bible Study

6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall

Thursday, September 3

6:30pm—Community Connections

Friday, September 4

Office Closes At Noon

Sunday, September 6 NEW SCHEDULE

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

9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary

10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall

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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14th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 30, 2026

9:00am & 10:30am



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Sanctuary Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (based on Matthew 16)

Confession and Forgiveness

*Hymn #879 vs 1,4,5—
"For The Beauty Of The Earth"*

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Story Time

Noisy Offering

Romans 12: 9-21

Gospel Acclamation p. 205

Matthew 16: 21-28

Sermon—Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Hymn #773—"Precious Lord"

The Apostles Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering & Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

*Distribution & Song—
"Come To The Table"*

Blessing

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Hymn #656—"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

Sending

Hymnals may be found under pews



SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Weekly Worship Schedule

Starting Sunday, September 6th, 2026



Sunday
9:00am - Sanctuary
10:30am - Celebration Hall

Wednesday
6:00pm - Celebration Hall

We warmly welcome new members to our church and community, and we aim to nurture faith through regular worship.



Choir Gathering

Autumn Kick-off Invitation

Sharon's Sanctuary Choir is meeting on Wednesday, Sept 9th at 6 pm in the Choir Room. We welcome interested singers to join us for a **light supper** & then, please stay for choir practice!

Our friendly bunch of members sing in parts (SATB); there's a closet full of unclaimed choir robes & an awesome director, **Ketina Francois** & she is ready to GO!

Practices are typically from **7 to 8** on Wednesdays, & at **8:15** on Sunday AM's to prepare for the **9 am** service.

Regular attendance is appreciated, though not mandatory. If possible, just let **Ketina** know, as it helps her determine which anthems are feasible.

Come sing. Grow in faith. Share God's love.



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.



Community Connections Team collecting supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits

For the months of July and August, Community Connections team will be collecting school supplies for LWR school kits. Each kit needs the following:

- 4 – notebooks
- 5 - #2 pencils
- 5 – black or blue pens
- 1 – eraser
- 1 – box crayons either 16 or 24 count
- 1 – pencil sharpener
- 1 – 30 centimeter ruler
- 1 – pair of blunt scissors
- 1 – drawstring backpack style cloth bag

Items can be left in a tote under the TV by South Hall.



The money collected from our Noisy Offerings on August 26th & August 30th will benefit postage for LWR School Kits .



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.



Faithfully Fit Forever

Class will be starting on Thursday, September 17 from 8:30am-9:30am in the lower level activity area. We will meet on Thursday's only until lefse season is done on October 6th.

Starting on October 13th, class will be on Tuesday's & Thursday's from 8:30am-9:30am.



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.