

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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Wednesday, January 14

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, January 15

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
1:00pm—Sarah Circle

Sunday, January 18

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
4:00pm—Baptism Orientation

Monday, January 19

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 20

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
1:00pm—Mary Circle
6:00pm—Church Council

Wednesday, January 21

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

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Wednesday, January 14, 2026

6:00pm



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Celebration Hall Worship

Gathering Song: “Washed”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Song: “Joy (What the World Calls Foolish)”

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Song: “Come to the Water”

Storytime

Song: “Splish Splash”

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Acts 10: 34-43

Matthew 3: 13-17

Sermon—Deacon Jamie Travers

Moment for Reflection

Song: “Down to the River”

The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of God’s People

Sharing God’s Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Distribution & Songs: “Down by the Riverside” & “Baptized”

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Song: “River of Life”

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, January 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.

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Global Friends Coalition is resettling Afrikaners from South Africa. If you have any furniture in good condition (clean and usable), please contact Global Friends at 701-746-8233 or email them at info@gfcoalition.org. They are collecting beds (queen, double, and twin size mattresses), bed frames, kitchen/dining tables and chairs, sofas (no wrap around), dressers, lamps, and comfortable chairs. Unlike past refugee resettlement, South Afrikaners are coming quickly so donations are needed now.



Souper Bowl of Caring **Sunday, February 8, 2026**

Can you help **TACKLE** hunger in Grand Forks? The Board of Church in Society 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 5th.

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

GOT STOCK? GET STOCK!

Youth Stock sells for \$20 per share, but feel free to donate any amount you wish!

Throughout this month, we hope you will visit the Youth Stock table or grab a Youth Stock envelope as you enter or leave worship and purchase stock to support these young people. If you don't get a chance to stop by, a student from Sharon will be calling you on Sunday, January 25th.



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:

Nutrigrain Fruit Bars
Instant Oatmeal (no nuts)
Crystal Light Packets
Fruit Cups (no applesauce)

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!



Please mark your calendars for the All Ages Ski Trip to Buena Vista (Bemidji, MN), which is coming up on Saturday, February 28th. More information will be shared as that date gets closer. We would love for you to join us!



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.

A Night of Centering Multiracial Voices Across the ELCA

The ELCA will join in observing the 2026 National Day of Racial Healing (NDORH) with a free evening program on Tuesday, January 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. A link to join the virtual program will be available at <https://www.elca.org/org-events/2026-national-day-of-racial-healing>. A National Day of Racial Healing has been observed since 2017, on the Tuesday following Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



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.