

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, October 22

9:45am—Bible Study
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
6:00pm—Church School
7:00pm—Choir Practice
7:00pm-8:00pm—High School Confirmation @ Food Bank

Thursday, October 23

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
9:00am—Quilting

Friday, October 24

1:00pm Visit./2:00pm Memorial for Mavis Nelson

Sunday, October 26 Noisy Offering

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

Monday, October 27

1:00pm—Hannah Circle
2:00pm Visit./3:00pm Memorial Service for Russell Pauls @ Amundson Funeral Home

7:00pm—Deborah Circle

Tuesday, October 28

8:30am—Faithfully Fit

Wednesday, October 29 Noisy Offering

9:45am—Bible Study
6:00pm—10th Grade Affirmation of Baptism
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
7:00pm—Choir Practice

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19th Sunday After Pentecost

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

6:00pm



SHARON LUTHERAN CENTENNIAL
**Grounded in Faith
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Phone: 701-772-3122

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Celebration Hall Worship

Gathering Songs: "Build a Boat" & "Goodness of God"

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

Song: "So So Good"

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Story Time

Song: "I am"

Genesis 32: 22-31

2 Timothy 3: 14—4:5

Song of the Word: "Lord of Justice"

Luke 18: 1-8

Sermon—Deacon Jamie Travers

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Song: "This is Amazing Grace"

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of God's People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution & Songs: "Give Me Jesus" & "Every Breath Will Be A Prayer"

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Song: "Good God Almighty"

Sending

The Worship is over;
the service begins.



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:

- Ravioli (must have pull-open top)
- Soup (must have pull-open top)
- Mac & Cheese (Easy Mac or Velveeta Cups)
- Juice Boxes/Capri Sun

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!



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26
3:00-5:00

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 hand out treats. **If you would like to donate treats, please bring them to the church office by October 23.**



Bazaar News

(We are trying something new)

Our Bazaar will be on November 1st from 9am-Noon

We will have Knoephla soup for sale. This is by order only! There will be an order request sheet at the Welcome Center!!

We are asking for baked items for the sale!

We are also asking for volunteers to work the sale!

Questions? Contact Mary Adams 701-739-5520.

FAITH & CIVIC LIFE

PHYLLIS JOHNSON
SPEAKS ON

"FAITH AND CIVIC LIFE: SEEKING THE WELL-BEING OF ALL"

A SOCIAL STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY 2025.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28
7:00 PM-8:15 PM
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
324 CHESTNUT ST, GF



We invite you to join us on Tuesday, October 28th at 7pm United Lutheran Church where we will welcome Phyllis Johnson who will be speaking on "Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Wellbeing of All", a social statement adopted by the ELCA Church Wide Assembly 2025.



People new to Sharon in the last 2 years...

Join us on Tuesday, November 4 at 6pm

Learn more about:

- What happens at Sharon
- How to get involved
- Meet with Clergy
- Invitation to become official members

There will be dinner provided and crafts for children in a separate room.



"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 26th 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.

WREATH SALES

Please be on the lookout for holiday wreath sales at the Welcome Center beginning on Wednesday, October 8th and continuing through Wednesday, October 29th. Proceeds from these sales support students participating in the June 2026 mission trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the July 2026 Eastern North Dakota Synod trip to Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Wreaths will be available for pickup beginning on Wednesday, November 26th.

We appreciate your prayers, your support, and your encouragement!



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.

WELCA presents Whimsical Candy Christmas

Step into a sweet wonderland of peppermint swirls and holiday cheer! Join us for an afternoon tea filled with festive treats, warm laughter, and the magic of Christmas.

Date: Sunday, December 14, 2025
Time: 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Location: South Hall

This family friendly event will feature a variety of warm beverages and holiday treats inspired by the season, perfect for celebrating fellowship & joy!