

## 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](http://www.sharonlutheran.org)

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**IN-PERSON**—drop in offering plate

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### Sunday, December 7

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

### Tuesday, December 9

8:30am—Faithfully Fit  
6:30pm—Properties Team

### Wednesday, December 10

9:45am—Bible Study  
1:30pm—Rachel Circle  
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall  
6:00pm—Church School  
7:00pm—Choir Practice  
7:15pm—Confirmation  
8:15pm—RAFT

### Thursday, December 11

8:30am—Faithfully Fit  
9:00am—Quilting  
1:00pm—Sharon Cares  
5:30pm—Worship Team

### Friday, December 12

12:00pm—Golden Age

### Saturday, December 13

9:00am—Christmas Program Rehearsal for Wed.  
Church School Kids

### Sunday, December 14

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship  
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary  
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall  
10:30am—Church School  
2:00pm—WELCA—Christmas Tea  
3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive

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Sunday, December 7, 2025

10:30AM



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### 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.*

### Celebration Hall Worship

*Gathering Song: "Waiting Here For You"*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Confession & Forgiveness

*Songs: "Let Us Go To The House Of The Lord" & "Crown Him"*

Advent 2 Candle Lighting

Advent 2—Word: Listening for Peace

*Song: "We Light A Candle"*

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Story Time

*Song: "Stay Awake, Be Ready"*

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalms 72: 1-7, 18-19

Matthew 3: 1-12

Sermon—Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Moment for Quiet Reflection

*Song: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of God's People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

*Distribution & Songs: "Wait On You" & "King of Kings"*

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

*Song: "Love Come Down"*

The Worship is over;  
the service begins.



Through Holy Baptism, we welcome into the Christian faith:

- (9:00am) **Saul Louis Burns**, child of Zachary & Capri Burns. The sponsors for Saul are Weston Trottier & Samantha Jallo.



### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **Hey 18-30 year olds!** **We have exciting news!**

A new group is being launched for you!

If you missed the get together on December 4th, another meeting will be held on December 18th at 8pm. Join people your age to talk about life and faith. Issues will include topics on finances, work, dating, and family dynamics.

Invite your friends and join us!



### **2025 Sharon Lutheran Giving Tree**

Once again this year, we are adopting area families in need. Please stop by the tree in the Narthex and follow the directions you find there. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP ANY OF THE ITEMS!**

Family names have been provided to us. Thank you in advance for your generosity to those in need.

**Please return Giving Tree gifts to the church office by December 15, 2025.**



### **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PAGEANT**

Wednesday Kid's Performance:  
Wednesday, December 17 @ 6:00pm

Sunday Kid's Performance:  
Sunday, December 21 @ 10:30am

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!



December 7, 2025

3:00pm-5:00pm

Sharon Lutheran  
Church Celebration  
Hall



### ELCA GOOD GIFTS ADVENT TREE

The Community Connections Team invites the congregation to make a difference in the lives of those around the world by donating to God's Global Barnyard.

- Choose an ornament off the tree representing the gift you'd like to make.
- Place your check made payable to ELCA in the provided envelope and indicate which gift you are sponsoring.
- Turn the envelope into the church office and keep the ornament as a reminder of your generosity.

Thank you!



### 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