

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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Sunday, January 25

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

Monday, January 26

1:00pm—Hannah Circle

Tuesday, January 27

8:30am—Faithfully Fit

Wednesday, January 28

9:45am—Bible Study
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
6:00pm—Church School
7:00pm—Choir Practice
7:15pm—Area Wide Confirmation Event

Thursday, January 29

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
9:00am—Quilting

Sunday, February 1

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

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3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, January 25, 2026

9:00 AM



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Sanctuary Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: **Jesus Calls Us**

Confession and Forgiveness

Hymn #314—"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

Greeting

Kyrie (p.138)

Canticle of Praise (p. 140)

Prayer of the Day

Sharon Choir Anthem—"Go Light Your World"

Story Time

Noisy Offering

Isaiah 9: 1-4

Psalms 27: 1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Gospel Acclamation (p. 151)

Matthew 4: 12-23

Sermon—Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Hymn #843 vs 1,2—"Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness"

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 152)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution & Song—"This Little Light Of Mine"

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Hymn #551—"The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve"

Sending

Hymnals may be found under pews



"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, February 15th 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.



Pancakes for Projectors Tuesday, February 17

Come join us at Sharon for pancakes and sausage on Shrove Tuesday either for lunch from 11:00-1:00 or for supper from 5:00-7:00. This is a fundraiser to raise money to repair our projectors in our worship spaces. If you would like to help, please contact Deacon Jamie.

Laissez les Bons Pancakes Briller ("Let the good pancakes shine")



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 from those people who struggle with hunger in our community!

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:

Applesauce (single serve cups)
Soup (must have pull-open top)
Nutri-Grain Bars

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.



The money collected from our Noisy Offerings on January 25th & January 28th will benefit CVIC.



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.