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VBS IS ALMOST HERE!

REGISTER NOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

Polar Expedition VBS June 1st through June 4th, 6 pm until 8 pm for ages
3 through 5th grade

To register, scan the QR code below, or go to

<http://bit.ly/477pfc9>



Sharon Book Group

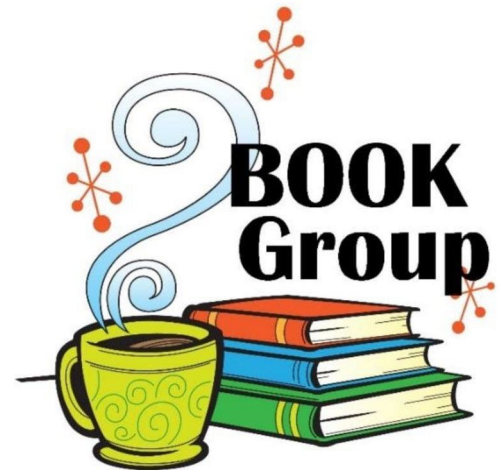
Sharon Lutheran's Book Group will meet at 7:00 pm on the dates below in the Sharon Library and via Zoom. For more information on each meeting, please contact Rod Gigstad at gigstad@gmail.com

Summer Read:

September 15

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

a beautifully transporting novel about a man who is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside a luxury hotel. In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.



"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." Our next scheduled gathering is planned for Sunday, June 21 at 4:00 pm.

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 or Pastor Tawanda.

Sponsors are welcome too, in addition to parents.

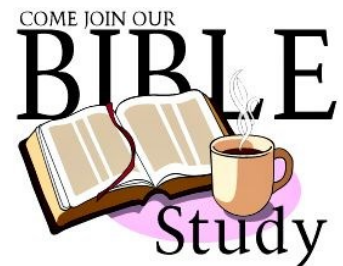
The class is designed to help answer questions about baptism, including:

- **What is baptism?**
- **When should baptism occur?**
- **What is my role as a parent, sponsor, or family member of the baptized?**

If you have any questions about this class, please speak to Deacon Jamie or Pastor Tawanda.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Each Wednesday morning at 9:45 there is an hour long Bible Study on the Scripture text for that coming Sunday's worship service. Anyone is welcome to attend.



The Bible Study goes on all year long with some breaks now and then. People are welcome to participate on whichever Wednesdays work for them.

We are happy to be able to meet in person in South Hall. An online option will also continue, so people can join in person or online. The online link is e-mailed out on Mondays. **If you don't already receive that link and would like to, please let Deacon Jamie know. His email is: jtravers@sharonlutheran.org**

Another Rummage Sale is in the Books! A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED SO HARD ALL WEEK TO MAKE THE RUMMAGE SALE A SUCCESS!

These are just some of the volunteers from Thursday. There were even more who gave time on other days and multiple days.

Thanks to all who participated including:

- all who donated items
- all who worked at the sale throughout the week
- our church staff who facilitated the physical set-up and arranged the church schedule to accommodate the sale
- Larry and Marilyn Adsem who graciously allowed us to use their carts for transporting items
- the Hannah Circle who fed customers and workers on the day of the sale
- those who brought food to nourish the workers during the week
- The Rummage Sale Planning Team.



372 people attended our early bird opening from 5 - 8PM on Thursday.

On Friday, the charity organizations Love In Action and Share House were able to come and choose items that they needed free of charge. Donations were also given to the Humane Society and

children's books were given to Chatty Learners.

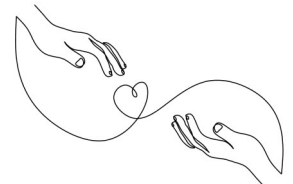
We all worked hard and had fun and fellowship! And the great news is that our early totals show that we raised **\$15,200** before expenses to benefit our church home!



June's Noisy Offering will benefit Circle of Friends

Women of Sharon Updates

Many of our Circles take the summer months off. Please inquire with the church office for contact info for these groups. The WELCA Board will meet again in September.



Faith Formation Ministries

June News



WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS!

Sign up to volunteer on our Signup Genius here:

<https://bit.ly/3OaBOgn>

Those interested in volunteering can use our Signup Genius or contact Heather at education@sharonlutheran.org or sign up as a volunteer online while registering their children for VBS OR can sign up on the clipboard on the VBS display table in the narthex. Please communicate any questions that you may have. Thank you so much!

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS:

Our Church School year has drawn to a close and we want to thank you for a wonderful year together. Please register for next year as soon as possible.

2026/2027 Church School and Confirmation Registration NOW OPEN!

All Lambs (3 years old by July 31st) through 9th grade should register. Please use this link: <https://bit.ly/426Kyb0>

UPPER ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Thank you for another great year of education, learning, fun, and fellowship! Confirmation instruction and 5G will resume in September, while 3-4-5 Alive will resume in October. Have a great summer!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

Watch for special RAFT events this summer, including...

Sunday June 21 at 1:00 pm Grand Forks Spitfires softball game at Albrecht Field followed by food and fun in University Park!

Please note that the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering will take place from Monday, June 28th through Friday, July 2nd in Minneapolis, MN. The theme is "Imagine More..." All 2026-27 9th through 12th graders and their families should plan to attend a special informational meeting about the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, September 9th.



Faith Formation Ministries

Greetings and Encouragement to You All!

Welcome to the longest days of the year! I hope that you find the time to do all of the things you enjoy with all of your closest people. Have a great summer!

Blessings and peace, Dave

Happy June! AS you receive this newsletter, the BEST week of the summer will be almost here! VBS is June 1st thorough June 4th this year and we can't wait. Our Polar Expedition theme will have us feeling cool and chilly during the heat of summer as discover that Jesus' love is COOL! I can't thank you enough for all the ways that you, the people of Sharon, support this huge endeavor every year. I truly believe that we are making a lasting impact on the children that come to VBS and that is a wonderful and humbling thing!

May God Bless You, Heather



Important Dates:

Wednesday, May 27: 7 pm VBS Volunteer Orientation in South Hall

Sunday, May 31: VBS Decorating, noon until complete

Sunday, May 31: 4 pm VBS Volunteer Orientation in South Hall

Monday, June 1: Polar Expedition VBS 6 pm until 8 pm

Tuesday, June 2: Polar Expedition VBS 6 pm until 8 pm

Wednesday, June 3: Polar Expedition VBS 6 pm until 8 pm

Thursday, June 4: Polar Expedition VBS 6 pm until 8 pm

Sunday, June 21: Sharon Lutheran group attends the Grand Forks Spitfires softball game (1:00 at Albrecht Field; please contact the church office for tickets or additional information)

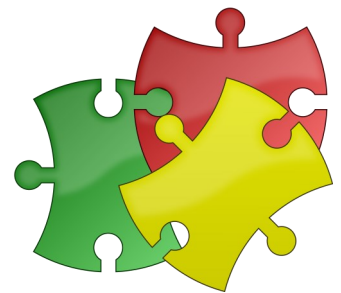
Our free puzzle exchange is still available

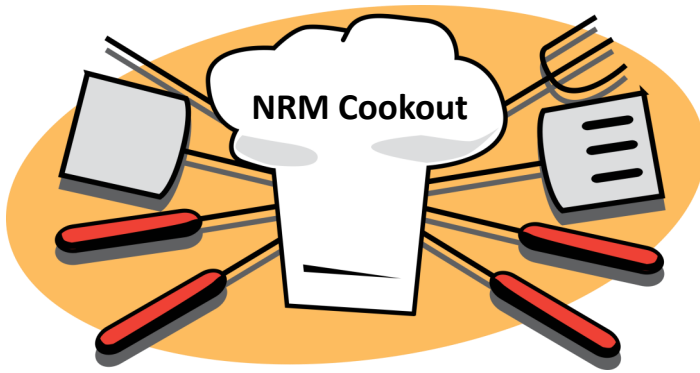
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all ages!

Come take

a look near the Welcome Center!



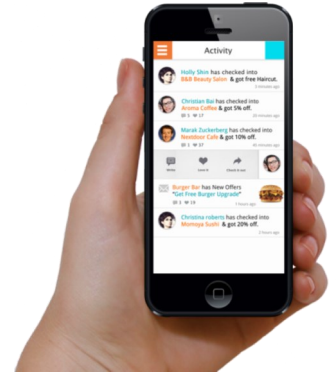


Our annual cookout at the Northlands Rescue Mission has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd with serving to begin at 5:00 pm. Volunteers will be needed to help setup and serve the meal, and donations of salads, bars, and watermelon will also be appreciated. Signup sheets and additional details are locate on Signup Genius and at the Welcome Center. Thanks for helping us to make this a successful event!

~Community Connections Team

Text to Give!

DID YOU KNOW? Sharon Lutheran can accept offerings and donations through Text Giving. Giving to the church via a text is fast, easy, and versatile. You can make a weekly offering or respond to a specific need in seconds. Just text to 73256, hit next, type Sharon1720, (One word!) hit send. You will receive a message to click to complete your gift to Sharon Lutheran Church.



Amount needed in Operating Revenue each month per approved 2025-2026 is \$77,334

Revenue	April Actual 2025-2026	YTD Actual 2025-2026
Current Ministry Gifts	\$74,949	\$700,561
Loose/Misc. Offering Gifts	\$1,125	\$15,955
Operating Fund Memorial Gifts	\$-	\$20
Church School, Confirmation & VBS Registrations	\$1,100	\$8,000
Benevolence Gifts	\$201	\$8,421
Other Gifts and Donations	\$1,187	\$25,503
Total	\$78,562	\$758,460

April Designated gifts received:

Noisy Offering-Hands Up Ministry Program	\$626
Backpack Program	\$200
Fellowship Donations	\$334
Higher Ground Memorials	\$170
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$1,009
Undesignated Memorials	\$100
Choir Fund Memorials	\$150
Mortgage	\$6,750
Bathroom Remodel	\$200
Projectors	\$7,570
Faith Formation	\$25
Church School Benevolences	\$223

TOTAL: \$17,357

	April Actual 2025-2026	YTD Actual 2025-2026
Operating Expenses	\$69,532	\$694,511
Mortgage Debt Reduction	\$1,124	\$11,643
Total Expenses	\$70,655	\$706,154
Revenue Exceeding Expenses	\$7,906	\$52,306



8:30am-5:00pm Monday through Thursday
8:00am-12:00pm Fridays

Summer Stewardship 2026

For Summer Stewardship 2026, we are going to tie into the game of soccer. This year, the FIFA World Cup tournament will be held in the US, featuring 48 nations and 78 matches in 11 US Cities. The dates of the World Cup will run from June 11 to July 19. Our Summer Stewardship dates will run from May 17th to July 19.

We will have a soccer field depicted on a wheeled display. We will begin at the middle of the field with our teams. We are having two team captains, Deacon Jamie and Pastor Tawanda, one bucket for each to collect donations. Our overall goal is \$5,000, \$2,500 for each team. The soccer ball will move towards the goal based on the contributions for each team. We will post progress each week. Part of the festivities will include a soccer game held on May 31st after the 10:30am service (about 11:30am). The kids will play vs. the Pastors and staff and we will serve some Gatorade. We will also provide soccer fidget toys for all players. Come out and watch the game to be held behind Red River High School.



Quilting update

There will no quilting until Sept. 10th. In May 88 quilts, 80 personal care kits, and 35 baby kits were shipped to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to everyone who helped with these projects.



June 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 31	Jun 1	2	3	4	5	6
9 AM Worship - Sanctua	12 PM AA Noonday	5:30 PM Stewardship Te	9:45 AM Bible Study	5 PM Narcotics Anonym	Office closes at noon	9 AM AA- Women Carry
10:30 AM Worship - Celc	6 PM VBS	6 PM VBS	12 PM AA Noonday	6 PM VBS	12 PM AA Noonday	
5 PM VBS Orientation	8 PM AA Unity	7 PM AI-Anon	6 PM VBS	7 PM Young Adults	7 PM AI-Anon	
				8 PM AA Unity		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9 AM Worship - Sanctua	12 PM AA Noonday	6 PM Properties Team	9:45 AM Bible Study	1 PM Sharon Cares	Office closes at noon	9 AM AA- Women Carry
10:30 AM Worship - San	8 PM AA Unity	7 PM AI-Anon	12 PM AA Noonday	5 PM Narcotics Anonym	12 PM AA Noonday	
			6 PM Worship - Celebra	5:30 PM Worship Team	7 PM AI-Anon	
				8 PM AA Unity		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9 AM Worship - Celebra	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	6 PM Church Council	9:45 AM Bible Study	1 PM Sarah Circle	Office closes at noon	9 AM AA- Women Carry
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	8 PM AA Unity		6 PM Worship - Celebra	7 PM Young Adults	7 PM AI-Anon	
				8 PM AA Unity		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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4 PM Baptism Orientation						
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28	29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4
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NOISY OFFERING						



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By God's Grace...
Created to Worship, Called to Teach, Committed to Serve

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am to Noon

Worship Times

Sundays

9:00 am Sanctuary,
10:30 Celebration Hall

Wednesdays

6:00 pm Celebration Hall