

## 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)

### Offering Options

**IN-PERSON**—drop in offering plate

**TEXT TO GIVE:** Just text to **73256**, hit next, type (no spaces) **Sharon1720**, hit send. You will receive a message to click the link to complete your gift to Sharon Lutheran Church.

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*Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at Sharon Lutheran Church.*

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### Sunday, January 12

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 13

11:00am—Marvin Granger Funeral @ Amundsons

4:00pm—Hannah Circle

### Tuesday, January 14

8:30am—Faithfully Fit

6:00pm—Youth & Ed Team

6:30pm—Properties Team

### Wednesday, January 15

1:30pm—Rachel Circle

1:30pm—Sarah Circle

6:00pm—Church School

6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall

7:15pm—Gr. 6-9 Confirmation

7:15pm—R.A.F.T.

8:15pm—5G

### Thursday, January 16

8:30am—Faithfully Fit

### Friday, January 17

11:00am—Bernice Martinson Funeral

### Sunday, January 19

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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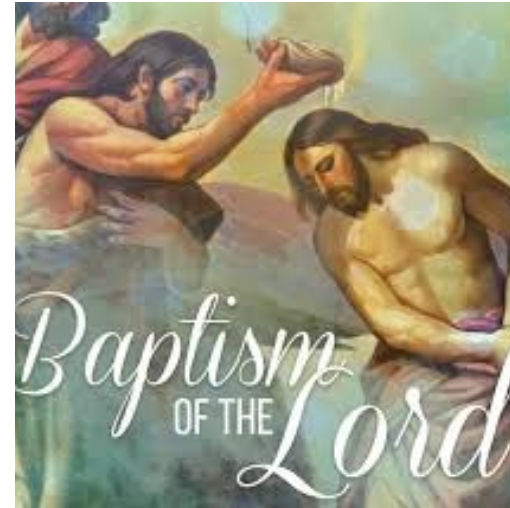
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**Organist**—Sue Kerr

**Custodian**—Dan Kuzel

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## Baptism Of Our Lord Sunday, January 12, 2025



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### 9:00AM—Sanctuary Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship—Baptism of Our Lord

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Hymn #442—*"All Who Believe And Are Baptized"*

Greeting

Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

Sanctuary Choir Anthem

Story Time

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Psalm 29

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Sermon—Deacon Jamie Travers

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Hymn #445—*"Wash, O God, Our Sons And Daughters"*

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution & Song—Hymn #815 vs 1 *"I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"*

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Hymn #456—*"Baptized In Water"*

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, January 19th 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 one of the pastors. Sponsors are welcome too in addition to parents.



### **January’s Noisy Offering will benefit Feed My Starving Children**

## *Faith Formation Ministries* **GOT STOCK? GET STOCK!**

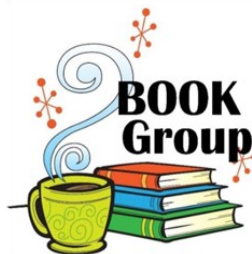
It is time once again for our Youth Stock fundraiser! Have you been wondering what it means when you hear people talk about Youth Stock? Your investment in Youth Stock helps support Faith Formation Ministries at Sharon Lutheran. Some of these ministries are summer mission trips for middle school and high school students, weekly programs for 3rd-12th graders (3-4-5 Alive!, 5G, RAFT), Bible studies, scholarships and camperships, Castaway retreats, service opportunities, and special events for all ages.

We hope you appreciate this fundraiser because instead of buying a product, you are investing directly in our students and changing lives. Your Youth Stock donation helps provide faith-centered opportunities for our youth to gather, serve, learn, and grow together. Thank you for your continued assistance throughout the year. We are grateful for your prayers, your listening ears, and your financial support.

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 soon. Thank you for your support!

## **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*



### **January 21:**

**The 5 Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride** By Joe Siple

With all his family and friends gone, one-hundred-year-old Murray McBride is looking for a reason to live. He finds it in Jason Cashman, a ten-year-old boy with a terminal heart defect and a list of five things he wants to do before he dies. Together, they race against the limited time each has left, ticking off wishes one by one. Along the way, Murray remembers what it’s like to be young, and Jason fights for the opportunity to grow old. But when tragedy strikes, their worlds are turned upside-down, and an unexpected gift is the only thing that can make Jason’s final wish come true.

### **February 18, 2025:**

**Still** By Rebecca and Kenneth Bender

More than four hundred Russian and Romanian Jewish homesteaders settled on about eighty-five farms in McIntosh County, North Dakota, beginning in 1905. After clearing rocks and boulders, growing wheat and flax, raising cattle and chickens, and selling cream from their sod houses, most were successful enough to own their own land.

Still is a history of five generations, a family we meet first as they flee Odessa and last as they make their ways as American Jews...and as Dakota farmers, as students and storekeepers, as soldiers and lawyers, and even as a teen in an international competition who stands face-to-face with Netanyahu.

**We are looking for volunteers to periodically go through the Worship Bags and Pray Grounds that our children use during worship services.**

**Basic instructions will be provided by church staff for keeping these areas neat and user friendly. Please contact educa-**

**tion@sharonlutheran.org or talk to the church staff if you can help out with this.**



### **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.*