



Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 25th
3:00pm-5:00pm

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 to hand out treats. It's also a fun opportunity to wear a costume. If you would like to donate treats, please bring them to the church office by October 23. Calvary Lutheran Church will also be hosting a Trunk or Treat event at the same time, so visit both churches.



"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 18th 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.

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!



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.



Sharon Lutheran's Backpack Program

New Packing Date:
Sunday, October 18 @ 10am

We are now accepting donations again for Ben Franklin Elementary School to provide children in low-income families with extra food during the whole school year. We will pack monthly on the second Sunday of each month. We invite you to join us by donating the following items:

- Ramen Noodles**
- Macaroni & Cheese**
- Juice Boxes (*no Capri/Kool Aid pouches*)**
- Instant Oatmeal Packets (*nut-free*)**
- Applesauce/Fruit Cups (*no fruit snacks*)**
- Soup (*must have pull-open top*)**
- Ravioli (*canned and with pull-open top*)**
- Small Bags of Potato Chips**

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.

Winterwear Drive

October 4-25, 2026

Love In Action invites you to join us in making a powerful difference this winter. Together, we can bring warmth and hope to those struggling to stay warm. Please consider donating new or gently used winter jackets, gloves, hats, and boots for people of all ages and sizes. Your kindness has the power to transform lives and light up the coldest days. We deeply thank you for your compassion and generosity—your support truly matters!

More Information: Call 507-382-4587

Christmas Wreaths and Greenery Sale

Wreath Sales are underway! Please visit the table in the narthex after worship services from October 7th through November 4th to purchase your holiday items. Proceeds support students participating in next summer's middle school mission trip (Rapid City, SD) and high school ELCA Youth Gathering (Minneapolis, MN). All items will be available for pickup beginning November 24th.

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

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.



MAIL A CHECK: 1720 S. 20th Street, Grand Forks, ND 58201

DIRECT GIVING:
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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, October 11

9:00am—Congregational Meeting & Breakfast Potluck
10:30 – 3rd Grade Bible Presentations
10:30am – Worship – Celebration Hall
10:30am – Church School
10:30am – Lamb's Milestone Ministry
12:00pm – Lefse Making
3:45pm – 3-4-5 Alive
4:00pm – 10th Grade Confirmation

Monday, October 12

7:00am – Lefse Making
6:00pm – Ed Team
6:00pm – Fellowship Team

Tuesday, October 13

7:30am – Lefse Making
6:00pm – Properties Team

Wednesday, October 14

9:45am – Bible Study
6:00pm – 3rd Grade Bible Presentation
6:00pm – Worship – Celebration Hall
6:00pm – Church School
6:00pm – Lamb's Milestone Ministry
7:15pm – Grades 6-8 and Grade 9 Confirmation
8:15pm – Raft
8:15pm – 5G

Thursday, October 15

8:30am – Faithfully Fit
1:00pm – Sarah Circle
7:00pm – Young Adults

Saturday, October 17

10:00am Visitation/11:00am Funeral – Larry Adsem

Sunday, October 18

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
10:00am – Backpack Packing
10:30am – Worship – Celebration Hall
10:30am – Church School
10:30am – Lamb's Milestone Ministry
10:30am – Lamb's Bible Presentation
3:45pm – 3-4-5 Alive

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20th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 11, 2026

10:30am



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Celebration Hall

Gathering Song—"Praise"

Welcome

Call to Worship

Song—"Shepherd Of My Soul"

Confession (inspired by Psalm 23)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song—"Still Waters"

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Sharon Handbell Quartet—"Jesus Loves Me"

Story Time

Song—"The Wedding Banquet"

Service for Receiving Bibles

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Philippians 4: 4-9

Matthew 22: 1-14

Sermon—Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Song—"All Are Welcome"

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution & Songs –

"Let Us Break Bread Together" & "Free Amen"

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction Song—"The Commission"

Song—"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Sending

The Worship is over;
the service begins.