

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 4

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
No Church School

Monday, January 5

6:00pm—Fellowship Team

Tuesday, January 6

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
9:30am—Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:30pm—Stewardship Team

Wednesday, January 7

9:45am—Bible Study
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
6:00pm—Church School
7:00pm—Choir Practice
7:15pm—Confirmation
8:15pm—RAFT & 5G

Thursday, January 8

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
9:00am—Quilting
1:00pm—Sharon Cares
5:30pm—Worship Team
6:30pm—Community Connections

Friday, January 9

2:00pm—Golden Age

Sunday, January 11

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
10:00am—Everyone has a Birthday (South Hall)
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—Church School
3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive

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Sunday, January 4, 2026
10:30am



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Celebration Hall Worship

Gathering Song: “Christmas Amazing Grace”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

Song: “My Lighthouse”

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Song: “Jesus Light Of The World”

Storytime

Song: “This Little Light Of Mine”

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon—Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Moment for Reflection

Song: “All is Well”

The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of God’s People

Sharing God’s Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Distribution & Song: “Shine On Us”

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Song: “We Three Kings”

Sending

The Worship is over;
the service begins.

"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 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.

Golden Age Club Friday, January 9 at 2:00 pm

Join us for a potluck meal and special music from our Sanctuary Choir Director, Ketina Francois. Please bring a dish of any kind to share if you are able. You are also invited to bring a wrapped gift for Northland Rescue Mission. If you bring a wrapped gift, please mark if it is for a man or woman.



Everyone Has a Birthday!!

On Sunday, January 11th, we will have a birthday party for you and for everyone! We invite and hope you will come to South Hall at 10:00am for cupcakes, fellowship, and conversation. If you are coming for Church School or worship, please come early or stay after the 9:00am service.

The "Everyone Has a Birthday" celebration is an opportunity to say thanks to God for our birth and another year. It is also an opportunity to say Happy Birthday to those who may not get a normal birthday party because they don't have local family or friends to celebrate with. So, no matter when your birthday is, please join us to celebrate you and others on January 11th. Happy Birthday and God Bless!

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.

Thank you for your support.



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:

Nutrigrain Fruit Bars
Instant Oatmeal (no nuts)
Crystal Light Packets
Fruit Cups (no applesauce)



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.

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.



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!