


There will be **no** worship on Wednesday, November 25th. There will be a Thanksgiving service held on Tuesday, November 24 @ 6pm in Celebration Hall with an ice cream social following the service.

## "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, December 20th 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.




Sharon Lutheran Church will provide bell ringing for Salvation Army on Monday, December 21st from 10am-6pm. Each shift will be for 1 hour.

**The following slots is still available:**
12pm-1pm (1 slot)

Please sign up in Sign-Up Genius or contact the church office. Thank you!

## Sharon Lutheran's Backpack Program

Because of your incredible generosity, Sharon's Backpack Program is expanding! Your financial donations will now benefit students at Ben Franklin Elementary as well as Red River High School.

Beginning this month, we will now supply healthy snacks, on-the-go breakfast items, and feminine hygiene products to our high school neighbors next door.

Thank you for your amazing support of food and money that makes sure students in our community are not going hungry. Stay tuned for an updated name to the Backpack Program that will reflect this expansion.



## Church Decorating

**Please join us!**
**November 30th**
**5:00pm**



## Christmas Flowers

*Poinsettias and other floral arrangements help beautify the church during the Christmas season.*

If you would like to purchase a plant in loving memory or in honor of a loved one, your $20 donation will help purchase flowers and other items to help decorate the worship spaces for the Christmas season.

Please have your donation to the church office **before noon on December 4th.** Thank you!




Our Stewardship Fall Campaign theme this year is "Abounding with Grace." Our focus this time is to provide thoughtful spoken pieces without a specific Commitment Sunday focus. We hope that you will consider these messages when you determine your giving for next year.

For the first week, the topic is "Everything Belongs to God." Cheryl Nyhlen will speak on the topic. She will give her talk on November 8th and 11th. After the 11th, a video recording of her talk will appear on Facebook.

For the second week, the topic is "Generosity Changes Lives (with a volunteering focus)". Shawn Senescall will give this talk. He is giving the presentation on November 15th and it will appear on Facebook after this date.

For the third week, the topic is "Growing as Disciples". Eric Roeder will speak and his presentation is scheduled for November 22nd.

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!




The Community Connections Team invites the congregation to make a difference in the lives of those around the world by donating to God's Global Barnyard.

- Choose an ornament off the tree representing the gift you'd like to make.
- Place your check made payable to ELCA in the provided envelope and indicate which gift you are sponsoring.
- Turn the envelope into the church office and keep the ornament as a reminder of your generosity.

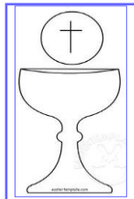



Please wrap gifts, unless otherwise noted.

Securely attach ornament to gift.

Place wrapped gift under the Giving Tree anytime before the due date.

**Gifts are due back Monday, December 14th**



## 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.***

## 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:

w*ww.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:**
www.sharonlutheran.org/giving

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

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**Wednesday, November 18**
9:45am – Bible Study
1:30pm – Rachel Circle
6:00pm – Worship – Celebration Hall
6:00pm – Church School
7:15pm – Grades 6-8 & Grade 9 Confirmation
8:15pm – Raft & 5G

**Thursday, November 19**
8:30am – Faithfully Fit
1:00pm – Sarah Circle
1:00pm – Area Wide Confirmation Mtg
5:30pm – Worship Team

**Sunday, November 22**
8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am – Worship – Sanctuary
10:30am – Worship – Celebration Hall
10:30am – Church School
10:30am – Baptism – Harrison Brock Stevens
3:45pm – 3-4-5 Alive

**Monday, November 23**
1:00pm – Hannah Circle

**Tuesday, November 24**
8:30am – Faithfully Fit
6:00pm – Worship – Celebration Hall

**Wednesday, November 25**
9:45am – Bible Study

**Education Coordinator—**Heather Peters (hpeters@sharonlutheran.org)
**Worship Director—**Roxanne Gessler (rgessler@sharonlutheran.org)
**Organist—**Sue Kerr
**Custodian—**Dan Kuzel
**Sanctuary Choir Director**—Ketina Francois



## Wednesday, November 18, 2026
## 6:00pm

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## Celebration Hall

***Gathering Songs—***
*"Rescuer (Good News)" & "Endless Light"*
**Welcome**
**Shawn Senescall –** "Generosity Changes Lives"
**Call to Worship (Matthew 25: 14-30)**
**Confession & Forgiveness**
***Song—****"Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory"*
**Greeting**
**Prayer of the Day**
**Storytime**
***Song—****"Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ"*
**Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17**
**1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11**
***Song—****"God's Work, Our Hands"*
**Matthew 25: 14-30**
**Sermon—** Deacon Jamie Travers
**Moment for Quiet Reflection**
***Song—****"Live Christ"*
**The Apostles' Creed**
**Prayers of the People**
**Sharing God's Peace**
**Offering**
**Offering Prayer**
**Words of Institution**
**The Lord's Prayer**
***Distribution & Song –***
*"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"*
**Blessing**
**Prayer after Communion**
**Benediction**
***Song—****"So So Good"*
**Sending**
The Worship is over;
the service begins.