

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

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Wednesday, January 8

9:45am—Bible Study
6:00pm—Church School
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
7:15pm—Safe Use of Technology
7:15pm—Gr. 6-9 Confirmation
7:15pm—R.A.F.T.

Thursday, January 9

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
9:00am—Quilters
1:00pm—Sharon Cares
5:30pm—Lay Ministry

Friday, January 10

2:00pm—Golden Age

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

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

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Wednesday, January 8, 2025



SHARON LUTHERAN CENTENNIAL
**Grounded in Faith
Growing in Faith**

Phone: 701-772-3122

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6:00pm—Celebration Hall Worship

Gathering Song — "Christmas Amazing Grace"

Welcome

Call to Worship (Matthew 2: 1-12)

Confession and Forgiveness

Song — "My Lighthouse"

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Song — "Jesus Light Of The World"

Story Time

Song — "The Lord Is My Light"

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon — Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Silence for Relection

Song — "We Three Kings"

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of God's People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lords Prayer

Distribution & Song — "Shine On Us"

Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Song — "For All That You Have Done"

Benediction

Song — "This Little Light Of Mine"

Sending

The worship is over;
the service begins.



Sharon Lutheran Nursery

The Nursery is open for families to use. The nursery is not staffed. Parents and guardians must supervise their children at all times while using the nursery. Please pick up after yourselves and clean up any messes for which you are responsible. A breastfeeding room can be accessed through the nursery. Please use the changing tables in the public restrooms for diaper changes.

Thanks to a church member donating a TV for our church nursery, we can now livestream both of our worship services in the church nursery. So, if you ever need to use the nursery during worship you can still participate in worship.



Transportation Opportunity

Do you or someone you know need a ride to church? The Sharon Cares Team has made arrangements with Grand Forks Taxi to provide transportation to and from church on Sunday mornings. If interested, please call the church office (701-772-3122) and get further details.

Golden Age Club

Friday, January 10 @ 2pm

Join the Golden Age Club for their monthly get together on January 10 for food, fellowship, and fun! The program for January will be a presentation about Alzheimer's and Dementia from a representative from Altru Health System.



"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

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday, January 8th: Wednesday Church School resumes at 6:00 pm; 6th-9th grade student/parent/guardian public forum on "Safe Use of Technology" from 7:15—8:15 pm in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 15: Regular 6th-9th grade Confirmation instruction and 5G resume

Wednesday, February 5: Area-Wide Confirmation Event from 7:15-8:15 pm in the Red River Performance Hall (more info to follow)

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!

We need your updated contact info!

We need to stay connected! We want to be able to keep you updated on church activities!

Do you have a new cell phone, or have disconnected your landline? Maybe you have a new email address, or maybe you have moved?

Please call the church office at (701)772-3122 and update this information.

Thank 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.