

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, March 1

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
9:00am—Baptism—Walter Peter Waage
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—Church School
3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive
6:30pm—8:00pm—5th Grade Communion Conv.

Monday, March 2

6:00pm—VBS Planning Meeting

Tuesday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

9:45am—Bible Study
5:15pm—6:30pm—Soup Supper
5:15pm—Worship—Sanctuary
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
6:00pm—Church School
7:00pm—Choir Practice
7:15pm—7th Grade Milestone Ministries Event
8:15pm—Raft

Thursday, March 5

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
6:00pm—Youth Team
6:30pm—Community Connections

Friday, March 6

8:30am—New Americans Sewing Class

Sunday, March 8

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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Custodian—Dan Kuzel

Sanctuary Choir Director—Ketina Francois

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Sunday, March 1, 2026
9:00 AM



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Sanctuary Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Hymn #323 vs 1,4,5: "God Loved The World"

Greeting

Kyrie p.184 vs 1,2

Holy Baptism

Hymn 595 vs 1—"Jesus Loves Me"

Prayer of the Day

Sharon Choir Anthem: "Be Thou My Vision"

Story Time

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Psalms 121

Gospel Acclamation p.189

John 3: 1-17

Sermon—Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Hymn #666 vs 1,3,4: "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Prayers of the People

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

*Distribution & Hymn #616:
"Jesus, Remember Me"*

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Hymn #638 vs 1,3: "Blessed Assurance"

Sending

Hymnals may be found under pews



On **Tuesday, March 3rd**, the Church Office will be closed but the building will still be open.



Lent 2026
Feasting & Fasting
Fasting from Scarcity. Feasting on Abundance.

Lent Worship Schedule on Wednesdays:
(Feb. 18—April 2)

Soup Suppers 5:15 pm – 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Worship 5:15 pm
Celebration Hall Worship 6:00 pm

2026 Lenten Soup-er Meals

The menu is as follows (subject to change!)

March 4: Chili Cookoff
March 11: Ham Chowder
March 18: Knoephla
March 25: Chicken Noodle

Also, there will be a gluten free vegan option each week. Servers are needed each week as well as volunteers to bring desserts. Set-uppers will be needed to get ready for the meal! Signups will be with others! Watch for signup in the narthex. Free will donations appreciated in support of the Feed My Starving Children program. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Adams at 701-739-5520.



Through Holy Baptism, we welcome into the Christian faith:

(9:00am) **Walter Peter Waege**, child of Brant & Kayla Waege. The sponsors for Walter are Scott Waege, Erin Boushee, & Tori Waege.

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.

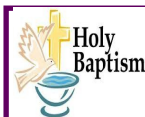
If you—or someone you know—has a heart for walking alongside teens in faith and life, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Deacon Jamie for more details or to apply.



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 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, March 15th 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.

YOUNG ADULTS

AGES 18-30

Life. Faith. Community.



BIBLE STUDY



FINANCES



WORK



DATING



FAMILY DYNAMICS

JOIN PEOPLE YOUR AGE TO TALK ABOUT IT ALL.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN US!

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 @ 7PM @ SHARON LUTHERAN



4th Annual Chili Cookoff

March 4, 2026

The Stewardship Teams 4th Annual Chili Cookoff is set for March 4, 2026! We are looking for 6-7 entries of various types of chili to include: Vegan, Gluten Free, Regular, Spicy, White and 2 Chef's Choice. We are looking forward to tasting all 7 chili's. It's first come first serve to sign up so make sure you get registered ASAP! Good luck to all entries.



The chili that will be offered to all this year will be the White Chili "It may be white (chili), but it's not cold" that won last year by Karen Axvig and Julie Hill. **Click on the QR Code to register.**

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!



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:

Applesauce (single serve cups)
Soup (must have pull-open top)
Nutri-Grain Bars