

# 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](http://www.sharonlutheran.org)

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**IN-PERSON**—drop in offering plate

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### 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  
6:00pm—Youth 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)

### **Backpack Packing between Services**

10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall  
10:30am—Church School  
3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive

### Tuesday, January 13

8:30am—Faithfully Fit  
6:00pm—Ed Team  
6:00pm—Properties Team

### Wednesday, January 14

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

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**Custodian**—Dan Kuzel

**Sanctuary Choir Director**—Ketina Francois

Epiphany



**Wednesday, January 7, 2026**

**6:00pm**



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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**

Come join us for an interesting presentation by the Grand Forks Police Department about various scams and what to watch for. Golden Age will meet at 2:00 on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.



### 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)

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!



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!



### **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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



Global Friends Coalition is resettling Afrikaners from South Africa. If you have any furniture in good condition (clean and usable), please contact Global Friends at 701-746-8233 or email them at [info@gfcoalition.org](mailto:info@gfcoalition.org). They are collecting beds (queen, double, and twin size mattresses), bed frames, kitchen/dining tables and chairs, sofas (no wrap around), dressers, lamps, and comfortable chairs. Unlike past refugee resettlement, South Afrikaners are coming quickly so donations are needed now.



### **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.**