



Lenten Journey Continues



“Give us this day our daily bread; may all the world be clothed and fed.”

Each week we will gather for a simple meal, share in the contemplative Holden Evening Prayer, and explore the theme of Hunger. The following topics will be addressed creatively through discussion and drama:

- 1 Addressing the Root Causes of Poverty
- 2 Relief—Responding to the Immediate Needs of People
- 3 Development—Ensuring Sustainable Livelihoods
- 4 Education—Learning to Love Our Neighbors as Ourselves
- 5 Advocacy—Proclaiming the Lord’s Favor for All

The Lenten Offerings received on Wednesdays will be given to the ELCA’s World Hunger Appeal. The Sunday School will also be participating through the use of the Barnyard Hunger project.



Reminder:

Contact the office to order your Easter Lilies and Mother’s day flowers. Order Forms are also available at our website

www.sharonlc.org

Holy Week:

- April 21: Maundy Thursday: 7:00 pm Service
- April 22 Good Friday: 7:00 pm Service
- April 23 Easter Vigil: 7:00 pm Service
- April 24 Easter Day: 8:00 am and 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

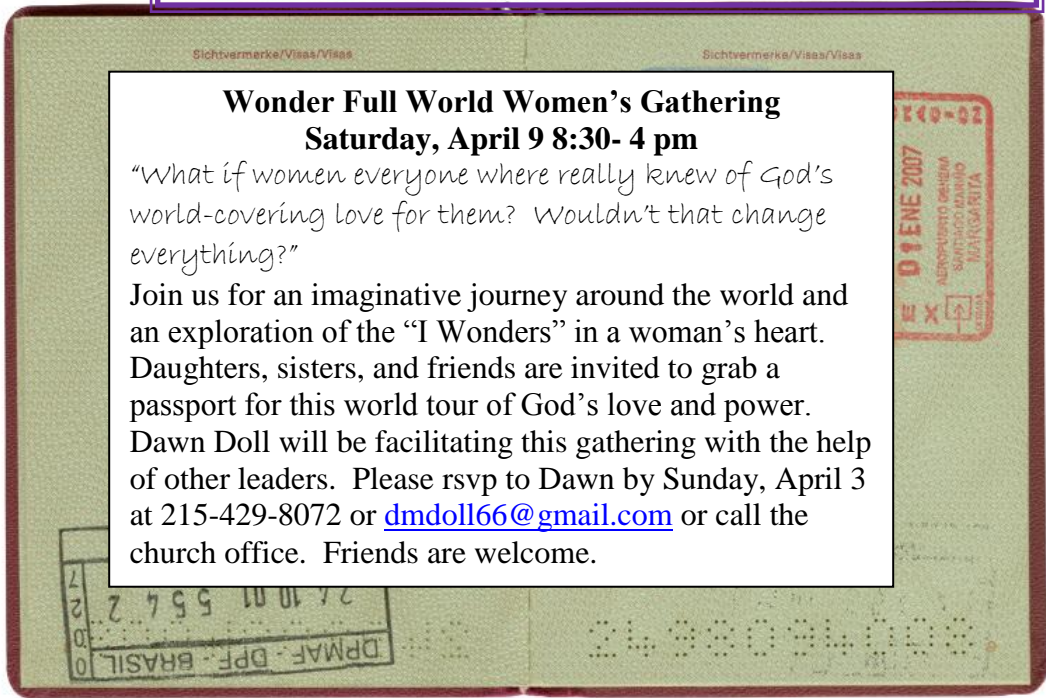
Wonder Full World Women’s Gathering Saturday, April 9 8:30- 4 pm

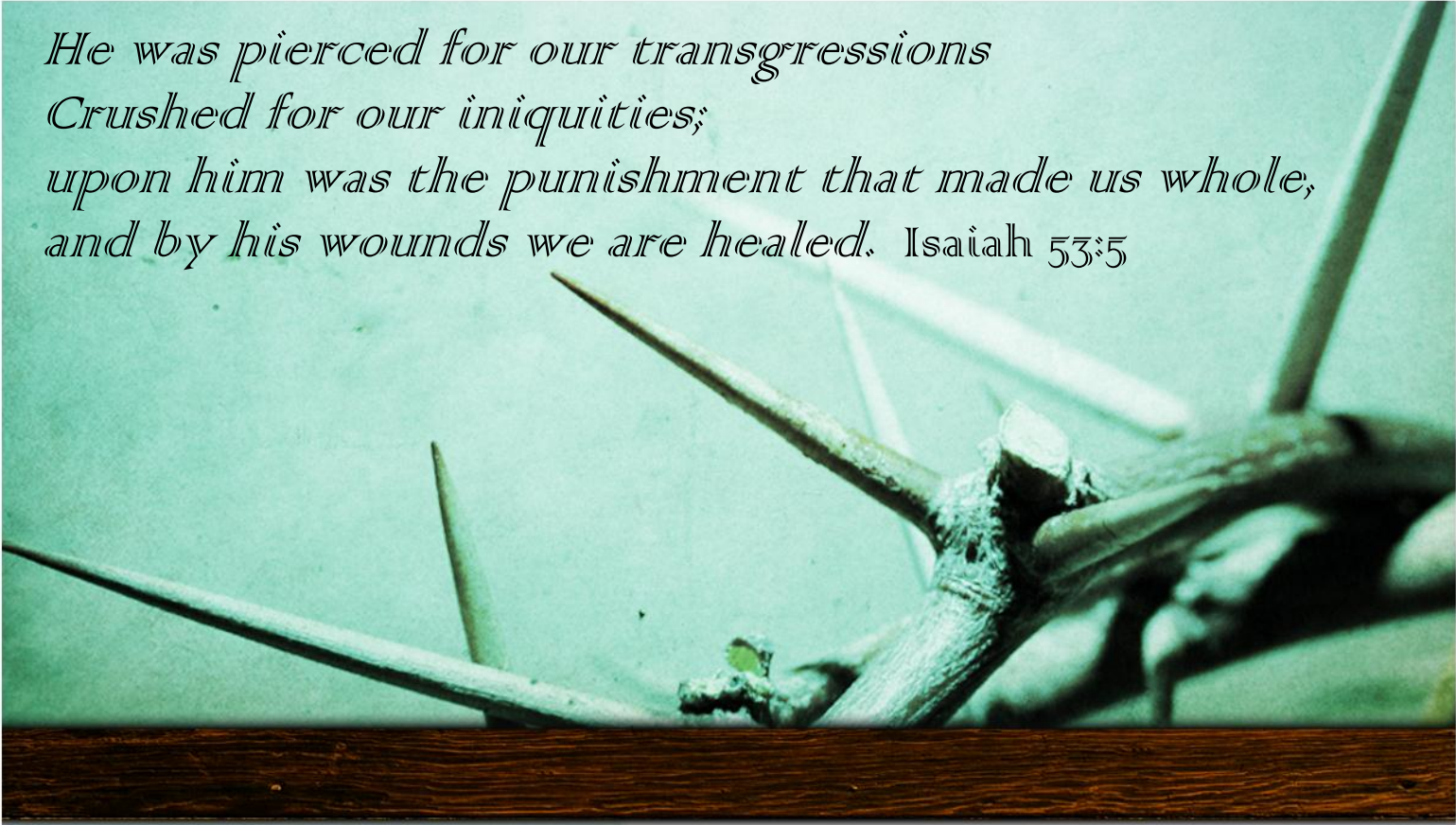
“What if women everyone where really knew of God’s world-covering love for them? Wouldn’t that change everything?”

Join us for an imaginative journey around the world and an exploration of the “I Wonders” in a woman’s heart. Daughters, sisters, and friends are invited to grab a passport for this world tour of God’s love and power. Dawn Doll will be facilitating this gathering with the help of other leaders. Please rsvp to Dawn by Sunday, April 3 at 215-429-8072 or dmdoll66@gmail.com or call the church office. Friends are welcome.

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*He was pierced for our transgressions
Crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5*

Mark Your Calendar

- **“Chasing Daylight” Bible Reflection**
Sunday mornings in the What’s Brewin’ room with Pastor Doll
- **Ministerium Lenten Worship**
7 pm on Sunday,
April 3 at Sharon
- **Wonder Full World Women’s Gathering.** April 9th 8:30am-4 pm
- **7-9th Grade Youth session with Pastor Doll.** Sunday, April 10 noon-2 pm

Thanks to all who continued to contribute Lenten Offerings for our desire to impact world hunger and gift animals through the Global Barnyard.

Pastor’s Note

Holy Week 2011

There is not a more powerful, quieting time in the year for me greater than the moments of Holy Week. For days, there is a singular focus on the central, defining event of our salvation in Jesus. Old patterns of worship, stories of the salvation history of our God, and the contemplation of the depth, breadth, and unconditional grace, mercy, and love of God for you and me marks these Great Three Days—the Triduum—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of the Resurrection. I invite you to walk together through these days and to come and experience worship together. A special thanks to all who are giving extra time to sing and be part of worship during the week. Please note that Palm Sunday Worship will begin outside, weather permitting, on April 17th and the vigil on Saturday, April 23rd will begin outside in the parking lot at 8 p.m. and will continue inside with music shared by Dr. Susan Hegberg and by Nautical.

May God prepare your hearts to be awakened at the news of the Resurrection and new life for us.

God’s Peace, *Pastor Doll*

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Parish Associate's Projects MINISTRIES for CHILDREN, YOUTH & TEENS

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Tuesdays @ 10:30am Adult Bible Study – coffee served
Sunday @ 9:10am Chasing Daylight 5 to 6 sessions led by Pastor Doll

Sunday School ROTATION MODEL SCHEDULE

April 3 > Story = Vicki Kidd, Music = Dawn Doll, Activity = April Metzger
April 10 > ALL POSITIONS OPEN
April 17 > Story = Vicki Kidd, Music = Donna Goundie, Activity = ?
April 24 > ALL POSITIONS OPEN

CONFIRMATION CORNER
Dates to remember!
April 10 = Lunch & Lesson with Pastor Doll
May 1 = 9th Grade Project Due–Baptism Celebration
June 12 = 9th Graders Confirmed

YOUTH EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

April 3 = Mostly Mutts
April 8 & 9 = Senior High Lock In
May 1 = Mostly Mutts

YOUTH GROUP: Sundays @ 6 pm

For more information contact Robin Kunkel
robin.kunkel@sharonlc.org or Matt Marziale
matt@fixmehere.com

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD is

the Lenten theme for Sunday school. The children, with their families, are encouraged to collect change in their Barnyard Banks. We will tally the money each week in hopes to reach our goal of \$705.00. The Sunday school classes are trying to collect enough money to buy a cow \$500, sheep \$125, goat \$50, duck \$20 and chicks \$10. There are extra banks on the library table in the lobby. Feel free to take one and join the classes in donating to World Hunger.

MOSTLY MUTTS- APRIL 3

from 11:45 am to 3 pm for 3rd-6th graders. We will provide lunch for the children before traveling to Herndon to the Mostly Mutts complex. The children should wear old clothing and bring a change of shoes because they will be cleaning cages as well as feeding and walking the dogs. Donations of old blankets, dog toys, food and

biscuits will be collected in the lobby. Adult leaders are Dana Kemberling and Molly Aungst.

FRIENDSHIP POTLUCK LUNCHEON APRIL 10 after late worship. The Friendship Luncheon Fundraiser is an opportunity to help the youth to raise money for their trip to New Orleans. Most importantly, we call it "Friendship" because of the opportunity to become better acquainted with the students, their families and others at Sharon. Another reason for the "Friendship" lunch is to spread our blessings of great food and conversation to your friends, neighbors and families. There are many good cooks in this congregation and we ask you to share your favorite recipes with us on April 10! Sign up is on the Youth Bulletin board. Contact is Robin Kunkel.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Honor your mother or a loved one on Mother's Day by placing a beautiful pot of mixed annuals in the Nave. The 6½" pots of hardy flowers are grown by Engle's Greenhouse. They cost \$20.00 per pot and the proceeds go towards youth activities. Order forms will appear on April 3rd in the Literature rack and on the bulletin board by the church office. The deadline for ordering is April 24.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Summer brochures are now available for Camp Mount Luther. It's going to be an exciting summer, with traditional, specialty, and trip camps part of this year's schedule. Church camping is an important faith developer of our young people. Encourage a child to go to camp! If you didn't see a brochure yet, you can view it online or contact the camp office at 570-922-1587 and we'll send you a copy. For more information on Mount Luther, visit www.campmountluther.org.

FAMILY VBS! Coming August 7th

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CONNECT AND GROW AS WOMEN OF SHARON



All women of Sharon are welcome to participate in any of the following opportunities.

WOMEN OF SHARON CIRCLE: Because of the retreat on April 9, there will be no circle meeting this month.

APRIL 30 - UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD WOMEN'S DAY OF LEARNING

This all-day event will be held at Sharon. **THEME: GOD'S CREATION...TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT.** Bible Study led by Rev. Gil Waldkoenig, professor at Gettysburg Seminary (son-in-law of Ken and Irene Fladmark). His subject is Ecology and Faith. How do we live harmoniously in God's world. Bring your Bibles.

Workshop - Carol Loveland, professor at Penn State Extension, will do a power point about Marseilles Shale and answer questions. This is a topic that is affecting all of our area. Questions and misinformation abound. Come and find out what is actually happening and ask questions. A special offering will be given to the Carol G. Main Scholarship fund for Liberian pastors' spouses.

Registration fee is \$12.00 - includes snacks and lunch. Registration deadline is April 20. Make checks payable to: Women of the ELCA and send to Peggy Bohart, 1669 Dauber Road, Cogan Station PA 17728.

Registration forms and details of this event are on the WELCA bulletin board. Pick yours up today and send in.

THE STITCHERS – This group meets every Monday at 1:00 pm in their room on the second floor. Help is needed to assemble, tie, and hem quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief and for local needs.

Knit & Crochet - Gather in the What's Brewin' Room on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Come to enjoy knitting prayer shawls or working on other items like preemie caps or other special needs items.

RETREAT FOR SHARON WOMEN AND FRIENDS – SATURDAY, APRIL 9 at the church.

Be sure to reserve this date for a women's retreat especially planned for women at Sharon and their friends. Dawn Doll will be leading this all-day event. Look for details on the front page! Mark your calendar now and invite a friend! in Hope to see YOU there.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Tuesday, April 26 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm Volunteers to supply food for the canteen and to help will be needed.

(From our Dec. 26 blood drive, 72 units of whole blood and an additional 14 double red cell products were collected. We collected enough blood to potentially help 230 patients in area hospitals.)

Dear Pastor Doll and members of Sharon:

Thank you for your ongoing support of Cub Scout Pack 3419.

We appreciate all that you do, seen and unseen, which allow our organization to meet and continue to grow.

(donation enclosed)

Sincerely,

Pack 3419 Committee Leaders

Thank you so much for sharing your church facilities for wrapping the American Cancer daffodils.

We had 15 volunteers and 1860 bunches of daffodils to wrap!

Thank you for helping to do a community mission project.

Sincerely, **Mary Laudenslager**

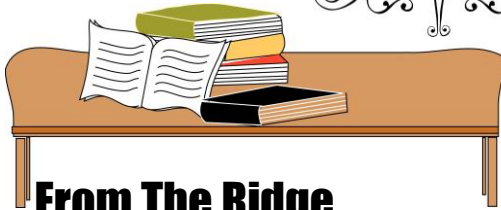
Thank You

Thanks my friends at Sharon church for your prayers and keeping in touch, I'm remembering the years when I served in the office. May God be with you.

With love and blessings,

Elva Hoch

PS a special thanks to Bob and Vi Soper for sharing communion with me.



From The Ridge....

“Road trip,” is what my brilliant Finnish-born Professor Dr. Kirsi Stjerna calls it. Yesterday was one of them- the once in a while multi-purpose trip away from the Seminary for another angle on the real world of Word and Sacrament ministry today. We need to balance our town and country type experiences with some urban ones. So seven of us spilled into the Seminary van and made our way down Routes 97 and 83 into center city Baltimore to meet the rest of our group. Off to worship it was at Faith Lutheran African American Church with the Reverend Doctor Eric T. Campbell and his parishioners. For sure, his take on the John 3:1-17 Gospel was powerfully filled with the Spirit. And there were spontaneous “Amen” choruses emanating from the parishioners during his delivery. It jarred us Seminarians a bit. This is the second such recent experience for us. Celebrating a Daniel Payne observance, the African American Bishop of AME with some of his

followers worshipped with us here in our Church of the Abiding Presence.

We Seminarians are not unlike so many Lutheran friends in our reserved skins of worship settings, or even in our relationships with one another. Why is it that we feel so uncomfortable sometimes with overt spontaneity representing the deep certain Spirit's presence most certainly within us? We asked ourselves later as we rode back to our Seminary home. We never really discovered a satisfactory answer. Instead we stopped at Rita's for a free ice treat being offered on the first day of spring. And we were certainly spontaneous about our enjoyment of that free unexpected gift! Hmm. By the way, we also had visited the Walters Art Museum to experience the Treasures of Heaven exhibit reflecting a taste of saints, relics and devotion in medieval Europe. You might enjoy that too. The exhibit is there until May 15.

It would be a great “road trip” for you too!

In Christ, Carol Black

I received a prayer shawl last weekend that is so special. It was given to me by Laura Aungst, my sister Pam's sister in-law.

It's in my favorite color-purple and is so soft and just the right size. This is a wonderful ministry-loved my handmade card too!

God has been so faithful to me over the past year since I heard the words “stage four lung cancer.”

Scripture is true “When we seek him, He will be found.” What a promise.

Love in Christ,

Pat Torbet



Dear Sharon Members, Staff, and friends: thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers, and prayer shawl delivered by Mr. . and Mrs. Bob Soper on 2/21, when they came to visit and give me Holy Eucharist. If any of you are in this ear, please stop in and say Hi and visit. I really appreciate all you people do.

Thanks again, Sincerely,

Rachel Betzer



Worship Aloud

Featuring
Nautical



Nautical, Sharon Lutheran's praise band, served as the "House Band" for the Upper Susquehanna Synod Youth Retreat on March 4-5. We shared our music with a few dozen youth and adults from our synod at Camp Mount Luther and enjoyed worshipping with them! We'd love to have you come experience worship with *us* right here at Sharon Lutheran on the third Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm! We sing, praise, discuss, and learn together in a relaxed setting.

In April, we will NOT be holding our normal Sunday night service -- instead, we will be participating in the Easter Vigil service on Saturday, 23 April. In May, however, we'll return to our usual time -- remember, third Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm!

We're also looking for people to volunteer as readers and discussion leaders over the next several months.

PLEASE let us know if you're interested; we'd love to have you as a part of our worship team. ALSO, if you're ever interested in singing with Nautical, join us at 5:45 pm on Mondays for rehearsals in the nave, even if you can only join us for a month or two at a time!

Please contact Lauren Marziale at LaurenLBush@yahoo.com or [724-681-3807](tel:724-681-3807) if you're interested in being a part of Worship Aloud! :)



The American Cancer Society is sponsoring the Relay for Life on June 3 and 4 at Susquehanna University between 1:00 pm Friday, and 1:00 pm Saturday.

Sharon's team, the Rose of Sharon is organized and ready to go! The team welcomes anyone that would like to be a part of the team, so please join in to help fight this dreaded disease.

The team members are:

Laura Aungst, Jim and Carole App, Deb Bernhisel, Art and Karen Bowen, Dave Deckard, Mike, Donna, and Donovan Goundie, Barbara Grubb, Carol Harrison, Don and Grace Housley, Rae Mitterling, Maureen Ries, Carmen Rowe, Eric Rowe and Julie Ross, and Shirley Rowe. Remember, we need and want you too!

As a reminder, the survivors walk is at 6:00 pm Friday evening. Luminaries in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one that has cancer can be purchased from any team member. The luminaries are placed around the track with the names on it.

The Youth Committee of Sharon is sponsoring our team, the Rose of Sharon.

Please contact Shirley Rowe for any questions-374-1794

Happy Birthday to you in April

Myers, Todd	4/1
App, James	4/2
Ortner, Danilo	4/2
Walter, Shirley	4/2
Madison, Doug	4/3
Bilger, Deidre	4/4
Christine, Brock	4/5
Hummel, Aron	4/5
Dressler, Logan	4/7
Soper, Robert	4/7
Wenrich, Amber	4/7
Winey, Andrea	4/7
Kalcich, Emma	4/8
Kemberling, Kyle	4/9
Bastress, Robbie	4/13
Ritter, Kermit	4/13
Sechrist, Patricia	4/14
Wolfe, Jeremy	4/14
Schlingmann Jr., Joseph	4/15
Beaver, Chelsey	4/16
Bradford, Carol	4/16
Hoke, Amelia	4/16
Partica, Jerry	4/16
Dagle, Jodie	4/17
Fasold, Matthew	4/17
Osgood, Shaun	4/17
Ferster, Sue	4/18
Spigelmyer, Lee	4/18
Harris, Suah	4/20
Krebs, Nicole	4/20
Miller, Josh	4/20
Smith, Mike	4/20
Soper, Zachary	4/22
Inch, Marlin	4/23
Fasold, Charles	4/24
Hoke, Joshua	4/24
Kepler, Ernest	4/24
Mayo, Shirley	4/24
Hanson, Carol	4/25
Kissinger, Kellee	4/26
Kissinger, Beatrice	4/27
Sandstrom, Derick	4/27
Aungst, Brandon	4/28
Fogle, Robert	4/28
Traher, Ann	4/28



Council at its March 21, 2011 meeting took the following actions:

1. Approved Brandy Savidge and Paul Grimes as delegates to the Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly at Susquehanna University on June 17 and 18. Approved, as Alternate Delegate is Jim Black and Visitor as Carol Black.
2. Recommended for presentation to the Congregation is a revision to clarify and simplify the Distributions section of the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) policy. By Constitution rules, the Congregation will vote to take action on the proposal at two consecutive meetings with the first in November 2011 and the second either in January or February 2012. Questions can be addressed to Greg Kramer.
3. Approved amending the recent action to send the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund \$1,900 from the Christabelle Bolig estate to designate the ELCA to have the funds to go to recovery efforts in Japan.
4. As information, Sharon members who use Thrivent Financial for investments may be eligible for designating Choice Dollars for financial support to Sharon or other ELCA organizations. For details contact your Thrivent representative.
5. As information, Sharon members who know of a needy family that could use an Easter food basket are asked to contact by April 9 either Don Harnum or Grace Housley

Adult acolytes are needed. Acolyting isn't just for kids and confirmation students. All ages (not below 4th grade) are encouraged to get involved. Although this volunteer service isn't typical at Sharon Church, in many churches adult acolytes are the norm. A recruiting day for signing up will be at the Strawberry Festival on June 5. All new recruits will be asked to attend a brief training session. Also, prior to the Strawberry Festival, a sign-up day will be offered between church services and after the late service in the church narthex. This date TBA.

Worship and Music's WISH LIST:

Music Stands- 6 needed (\$50.00 each) -\$100.00 has been donated
 Piano Dollies- 2 needed (\$542.00 + shipping for one or \$490.00 + shipping for two or more orders)
 Fair Linens (\$380-600.00)
 Chancel Choir Gowns- 15 needed (\$90.00 each)
 Baby Grand Piano for Nave- 6 feet (if interested see Pastor)

Checks made payable to Sharon Lutheran Church

Worship Volunteers

Date	Acolytes	Greeters	Readers	Ushers	Cantors/ Comm. Assistants	Altar Guild Bread
April						
3-Apr	1st Service	1st Service	1st Service	1st Service	1st Service	
	Thomas and Meredith Lemons		Diane Pauling	Don Bottiger, Jack Spigelmyer	Pastor Doll, Nancy Martin	Marj Savidge
	2nd Service	2nd Service	2nd Service	2nd Service	2nd Service	
	Markie and Casey Reiland		Pam Aungst	Harvey Murray, Toby Skinner, Dorothy Anderson	Jeff Whitman, Carol Hanson, Don Harnum	Vi Soper, Shirley Rowe, B: Mary Partica
10-Apr	1st Service	1st Service	1st Service	1st Service	1st Service	
	Matt Longacre and Austin Stroup		Joyce Kuster	Terry Kissinger	Pastor Doll, Kody Hummel	Brandy Savidge
	2nd Service	2nd Service	2nd Service	2nd Service	2nd Service	
	Kyle and Drew Nickler		Toby Skinner	Bill and Pat Pinkowski, Kermit Ritter	Kathy Reiland, Maureen Ries, Doug Hassinger	Karen Bowen, Grace Housley, B: Brandy Savidge
17-Apr	1st Service	1st Service	1st Service	1st Service	1st Service	
	Kyle Kemberling and Kyle Rowe			Jim Black, John and Roseann Stetler	Pastor Doll, Sue Starr	Maureen Ries
	2nd Service	2nd Service	2nd Service	2nd Service	2nd Service	
	Jessica and Tyler Beaver			Art and Karen Bowen	Bob Bradford, Ed Barben, Dave Deckard	Jean Leach, Phyllis Stuck, B: Maureen Ries
Easter , 24-Apr	1st Service	1st Service	1st Service	1st Service	1st Service	
	Tyler Krebs		Tammy Hassinger	Doug and Tammy Hassinger	Sue Pennay, Chris Lupolt, Kody Hummel	Vi Carr
	2nd Service	2nd Service	2nd Service	2nd Service	2nd Service	
	Nicole Krebs		Linda McMillin	Rodney Ries and Carol Harrison	Bob Bradford, Sue Starr, Kim Rowe	Vi Carr, Ruth Reuning, Linda Gautsch, B: Clara Wagner