

Sharon News

Monthly Newsletter of
Sharon Lutheran Church

Sharon Lutheran Church is a community
that strives to be:

Faith –filled

Rooted in God's Word

Loving

Connected to the community and world

Adaptive

October
2014

Mark Your Calendar

October 5

Blanket Sunday

October 12

**Youth will host Blessing
of the Animals 6-7 pm**

October 19

Make a Difference

October 26

Reformation Sunday

Note: October Sundays

9 am Adult Study on
Prayer with Pastor Doll

Sunday, Oct 19 "Make a Difference Day"

Mark your calendars and plan on being at Sharon for worship. We want to celebrate together. There is a new spirit tugging at us to be bold in our witness, to stretch toward making a difference, to encourage and lift up all who want to lend a hand and heart to our broader ministry together. **Wee Worship** has had a great start in the middle of September, we have begun a new cooperative monthly youth gathering and added a new confirmation partnership with three families from First Reformed United Church in Sunbury.

On October 19, we are encouraging as many of you to be present for worship as is possible. There will be posters in the narthex to check off your name as present for the day. The stewardship team, led by Jeff Whitman, is encouraging each of us to bring our best gift for the offering that day. If you have not had a chance to give an offering yet this year, now is the time. If you would like to add a gift to what you have given or intend to give or if you would like to be one of our Mortgage Heroes and give a gift of \$5000 (by the end of the year) to help clear the remaining mortgage of 22,500, you are welcome to consider this. You are also welcome to contribute a smaller gift to this mortgage goal as well. 2015 will mark our 225th Anniversary and we would love to burn the mortgage as part of that celebration.

MINISTRIES for CHILDREN, YOUTH & TEENS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

YOUNG: Sunday school begins on September 14 at 9am throughout Sharon's building. Ages five through sixth grades will meet as a group in the Story Room to hear the lesson for the day. Then the children will split into age groups and do an activity that connects with the story. The fifth and sixth graders will branch off for part of the time to "Dig Deeper" into the story. Please bring your friends to share in the activities and stories.

YOUTH/TEENS: Confirmation's theme for the year is Relationship. They will explore the meaning of their relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit in the Apostle's Creed for September and October. Senior high will delve into the book of James and explore the meaning of 'good deeds'.

ADULT: Adults continue to meet Tuesday mornings at 10:30am
We are always looking for leaders to share stories and topics they are passionate about as well as guide an adult group for a brief time period, such as two, four or six week time frames.
OCTOBER = PRAYER led by Pastor Doll

MEALS FOR SEALS Sunday School Style

During "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday the congregation was invited to participate in packing weekend meal bags for the Meals for Seals program, knot blankets for Kelsey's Dream and put together dresses for the DressAGirl organization. It was a successful and enthusiastic morning! Sharon's children were so focused on the bag packing that it has spilled over into their lives at school and at home. They are more aware of the needs of their classmates and are eager to "Make A Difference". They designed Donation Boxes for home and are collecting items for many organizations locally and globally.

WEE WORSHIP during 10:30am worship! Yes, Jesus loves you. Yes, Jesus loves you. Yes, Jesus loves you. The Bible tells us so.

We have begun a Wee Worship series with children ages 1 through 5 in the church nursery. The wee ones are welcome to join worship with their parent(s), wait for Pastor Doll to Gather & Bless them and then go to the nursery with the Sunday leaders. Topics will be chosen for each month, such as 'I See God's Love at Church, Jesus Loves Children, God Gives Me Food, Jesus Was a Baby, People at Church Help Me' and many more. We are seeking adult and student volunteers to partner and play with the children on a topic for the month. All aspects of Wee Worship will be provided. We also encourage at least one adult to stay with the younger children to help with their needs. Contact Susie Weller or Robin Kunkel to help enrich Sharon's children's worship time.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Within the past year, the Child Protection Policy Adhoc team has been meeting to formulate a policy for Sharon Lutheran Church. Members Rachel Dagle, Jenny Ruth Partica, Don Weirick, Pastor Doll and Robin Kunkel have been researching other policies as well as taking recommendations from Sharon's insurance company. The Adhoc Team and members of the Personnel Team would like to be prepared; it is in good form for Sharon to join many other organizations in adopting a formal policy to ensure the protection of children and youth against child abuse in a corporate setting. We are pleased to say we are near the final draft. Once the final draft is approved by the Personnel Team and the Upper Susquehanna Synod we will be able to put that into affect for Sharon in the Fall. In the future, there will be an opportunity for the adhoc team to present the details to the congregation as well as offering training sessions for adult leaders.

COOKIES FOR COLLEGE KIDS

October 5th

“Cookies for College Kids” is an event that sends cookies and well wishes to our college bound community. We will send cookies to our Sharon members attending college, university, enrolled in the military or a trade school. Youth 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to help prepare tins and boxes for our annual event. Please bring a bag lunch to the Senior High Youth Room after 10:30am worship. Sign up on the Youth Bulletin board or contact Robin Kunkel to participate.

DONATIONS & ADDRESSES: To prepare to send cookies, please give your student’s current or updated address to Carrie Dunn or Robin Kunkel. We also welcome batches of cookies, medium sized-round tins and money to offset the postage for the boxes. Thank you!

HAUNTED HOUSE FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 21

BOO! How many people like to be scared on Halloween? Well, to tell you the truth, I’m a little scared about being scared :{. But many others enjoy the thrill and fun of being scared or scaring others for a good cause. The youth going to Detroit next summer are planning a fundraiser that offers an alternative to ‘Tricking’ on All Hallows Eve. They are seeking volunteers from the congregation to help be ‘ghost guides’, refreshment servers and craft coordinators. We will also post a list of items to donate or loan for that evening. Bring your friends and family to Sharon on October 21, the same night as the Selinsgrove Halloween Parade, and join in the fun of our Haunted House Event.



President—Jeff Whitman; Vice President—Janet Bilger; Secretary—Carolyn Sands; Treasurer—Buzz Savidge; Christian Ed.—Susie Weller; Fellowship—Stacy Koch; Finance—Buzz Savidge; Mutual Ministry—Karen Bowen; Personnel—Carol Harrison; Property/Cemetery—Toby Skinner/Paul Grimes; Stewardship—Jeff Whitman; Social Ministry—Teresa Berger; Youth—Emily Spiegel; Welcoming—Stacy Koch; Worship and Music—Phil Riggs

Council Action Items

Approved the Treasurer's proposal to transfer funds of \$2,776.69 from the NNB checking account to the FNB checking account.

Approved Jenna Swartz as the accompanist for the New Generation Choir.

Approved to send Robin Kunkel's alternative employment proposal to the Personnel Team.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2015

Please remember, these dates are first come, first sponsored, so reserve your special date soon!

The cost to honor your loved one in this way is only \$30.00



JANUARY 4, 11, 18, 25; **FEBRUARY** 1, 8, 15, 22; **MARCH** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; **APRIL** 5, 12, 19, 26; **MAY** 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; **JUNE** 7, 14, 21, 28; **JULY** 12, 19, 26; **AUGUST** 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; **SEPTEMBER** 6, 13, 20, 27; **OCTOBER** 4, 11, 18, 25; **NOVEMBER** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; **DECEMBER** 6, 13, 20, 27



All women of Sharon are invited to attend the Fall Cluster Gathering held at Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury on October 19. Registration begins at 1:30pm.

This year’s theme “of Many Generations” is based on scripture Luke 1:45 and 48

Our presenter will be Stephanie Lewis. A sign up sheet is posted in the hallway bulletin board.

special note!

Hello to children, youth, parents, volunteers and members of Sharon Lutheran, Keith and I want to share important news with you which will redirect our lives at Sharon. I have been discerning a change in vocation for awhile and will be exploring a different opportunity in the beginning of October. What does this mean for our faith life with you at Sharon? It means that I will still be with the youth on Sunday mornings and for youth events and activities. I have learned so much from you, Sharon's children and youth and welcome the challenge of your questions. I have grown tremendously through the compassion and passion of you, the parents and volunteers. I have been supported and loved many times by you, the staff and many caring members at Sharon. For this I will always be grateful.

Robin <><

We want to thank Pastor Doll for his wonderful visits and prayers, for the use of the church wheel chair and most of all, for the cards, calls and prayers we received from all of you. Kermit and I are very blessed to be members of this wonderful Sharon family.

Darlene Ritter



Thank you for the altar flowers, the cards, and the visits while I was a patient in Nottingham. I am at home now and slowly on the mend.
Sincerely, **Janet Skotedis**



Douglas App, Rose Aucker, Betty Aungst, Brian Baldwin, Terry Beaver, Barb Blakley, Amy Bush, Arline Callahan, Mike Carrol, Mary Jane Cross, Eleanor Dinius, Megan Durant, Charles Engelbrecht, Betty Ettinger, Jayme Fedder, Jim Gautsch Jr., Grace Greiner, Suah Harris, Jeremy Hoffman, Karen Hoke, Grace Hollenbach, David Holmes, Jr., Valerie Holmes, Pat Hower, Martha Hummel, Harvey Kreamer, Jr., Keith Landis, James Litzel, Doris Mull, Susan Mull, Kay Musser, Alyssa Oxenford, Elwood Partica, Maryanne Pinand, Lee Ann Pupo, Tina Reichenbach, Darlene Ritter, Karen Ritter, Miles Schrader, Evelyn Schroeder, Rev. Hugo Schroeder, Janet Skotedis, Tucker Small, Robert Stetler, William Turbitt, David Weimer, Ken and Chris Whitebread, Jeremy Wolfe, Gary Wydell, Curtis Zellers

Deployed in Military Service: Josh George, Kimber Kreamer, Ryan Kuster, David Spurling, Jake Tomko



Longacre, Amber	10/1
Keeney, Jacob	10/2
Pauling, Brian	10/2
Fries, Susan	10/4
Partica, Jenny Ruth	10/4
Rowe, Shirley	10/4
Bonsall, Madeline	10/7
Osgood, Steven	10/7
Williams, Judd	10/7
Jaegers, Rebecca	10/9
Matrey, Courtney	10/9
Engle, Marcella	10/10
Wentzel, Laura	10/10
Master, Christobel	10/12
Martin, Kaitlin	10/14
Pence, George	10/14
Bordner, Carli	10/15
Dagle, Romane	10/16
Machlan, Linda	10/16
Renninger, Ernest	10/16
Hummel Jr., Wayne	10/17
McGrath, Genevieve	10/17
Lindros, Emma	10/19
Hassinger, Tammy	10/22
Snyder, Carole	10/22
Nolder, Grace	10/23
Bickhart, Elizabeth	10/25
Miller, Aliza	10/25
Rowe, Eric	10/26
Rowe, Kim	10/26
Seiler, Mary	10/26
Stetler, June	10/27
Wentzel, Ethan	10/27
Deckard, Audrey	10/28
Weirick, Erma	10/28
Aucker, Andrew	10/29
Skotedis, Janet	10/30

From the Welcoming Team

Rally Day Breakfast

What a wonderful idea Stacy Koch !! Over 50 members were welcomed into the Fellowship with zinnia bouquets provided by Vi Soper. They enjoyed hot breakfast casseroles, apple and zucchini bread, coffee cakes, fruit, juice and coffee. Several members asked for recipes which we gladly share. Thanks to all the cooks: Teresa Berger, Grace Cote, Mary Pendley, Pat Pinkowski, Darlene Ritter, Kay Spigelmyer, and Jane and Garth Wenrich. A very special thanks to "Team Metzger" for helping with final cleanup and arranging for the leftovers to be shared with Haven Ministry! **Welcome Team**

French Toast Bake

10 oz. loaf French Bread	1 T vanilla extract
8 eggs	2 t grated orange rind
3 c. milk – 1 ½ c. milk & 1 ½ c. half & half	¾ t salt
2 T sugar	2 T butter
1 t cinnamon	

Fit bread slices into greased 9" x 13" x 2" pan. Mix all ingredients together except butter. Pour over bread. Slice butter over top. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Next morning, uncover and bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes until golden brown and fluffy. Serve with syrup or pudding.

Country Brunch

16 oz. Shredded cheddar cheese	6 eggs
16 oz. Shredded mozzarella cheese	3 c. milk
2 ½ c. chopped ham	½ t dry mustard
16 slices white bread	¼ t onion powder

Grease 9" x 13" pan. Layer with half of the bread and half of the cheese; repeat. Combine rest of ingredients; pour over top of bread and cheese layers. Refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serves 12

From our Social Ministry Team

Blanket Sunday October 5

This is an Upper Susquehanna annual event. Women's groups at churches throughout the synod have been preparing for this since last October. The Stitchers here at Sharon are no exception. You will be able to see their amazing efforts on October 5. The Stitchers have also been making backpacks to fill with school supplies. Perhaps they could use your help with supplies--just ask.

Even if you are not making quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), you can help by making a donation. Any money collected will go toward purchasing cotton and wool blankets or assisting in the cost of shipping the quilts and blankets to those in need. For \$7.00 the synod can purchase a sturdy wool blanket; for \$2.25 LWR can ship the blanket to a destination where it is most needed. Look for the special Love Offering envelope marked for Blanket Sunday in your offering envelope packet.

"Christmas- at -Sea" Gift Sacks

Seafaring is a dismal and monotonous occupation in almost every season of the year. The ocean waters are cold and foreboding, and the seafarer has ample time to wonder about his destiny. . .and his family back home. Most of us ashore have worship services, family gatherings, dessert treats, and special decorations to remind us of the joy of Christmas. Most seafarers will have only the endless ocean. You can help buoy the spirits of seafarers by filling "Christmas-at-Sea" gift sacks that our ELCA port chaplains will deliver to crew members on board ships after they dock in New York harbor and before they set sail again in December. White plastic sacks will be set out in mid-October on a table in the narthex. Each bag will contain instructions on what clothing items are requested. This is an all-US\$ synod project in its fourth year. Deadline for turning in the filled bags is November 28--the day after Thanksgiving.

October Worship Volunteers

	Greeters	Acolytes	Readers	Ushers	Cantor/CA	Altar Guild
Oct 5	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Jim and Carole App	Vance Metzger	Fred Hooper	Bill and Barb Remaley	Chris Lupolt	Barb Remaley (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
	Deb Bernhisel Carol Harrison	Olivia Dunkle Madison Snyder	Harley Freed	Eric Rowe Toby Skinner	Jeff Whitman Sue Starr Doug Hassinger	Karen Bowen Grace Housley
Oct 12	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	John and Mary Pendley	Aaron Weirick	Diane Pauling	Terry Kissinger Brian Pauling	Lowell Leitzel	Alma Pauling (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
	Mike and Janet Bilger	Jessica Beaver Sarah Pennay	Carol Harrison	Bob and Vi Soper	Dave Deckard Don Housley	Carol Harrison Nancy Martin
Oct 19	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Terry and Judy Kissinger	Courtney Kemberling	Chris Lupolt	Jack and Kay Spigelmyer	Sue Pennay	Roseann Stetler (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
	Reuben and Kim Councill	Raechel Councill Elise Keeney	Deb Bernhisel	Todd and Laura Aungst	Bob Bradford Art Bowen Eric Rowe	Audrey Deckard
Oct 26	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Matt and April Metzger	Wyatt Metzger	John Pendley	Jim Black Don Bottiger	Carol Black	Maureen Ries (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
	Art and Karen Bowen	Markie Reiland Sean Dagle	Carol Bradford	Mike and Janet Bilger	Theresa Kuster Teresa Berger Kathy Reiland	Shirley Walter Jenny Ruth Partica



Contact the church office for more info!

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