
WILLOW CREEK NOTES

WILLOW CREEK TEAMS:

March 31st TEAM 3: Linda Linge, Terry & Kris Smart, Eric & Jenna Smart (*Louisa & Lilah*), Jared & Brenda Deters, Jay & Tina Soderquist (*Mya & Grace*)

April 7th NO TEAM: No team needed due to Joint Worship at Benton.

April 14th TEAM 4: Justin & Lindsay Koepp (*Faith & Sawyer*), Ken & Debbie Mader, Shane & Beth Warne, Nancy Offerman, Steve Schmidt, Austin & Shelby Schmidt (*Lily & Elliot*)

April 21st TEAM 5: Rick & Sandy Zwart, Jason & Erin Mitzel (*Max*), Steve & Kim Bazata (*Kael & Mack*), David Olson (*Levi*)

April 28th TEAM 1: Tim & Lisa Rave, Kevin & Katie Hoekman (*Anna, Peter, Esther, & Elijah*), Phyllis Koepp, Zach Schroeder & Jayni Anderson

Men's Coffee / Quilting Ladies:

MEN: Join us on Saturdays at 8:30 am at Willow Creek for food, coffee, and fellowship. On the First Saturday of every month, the men provide a Pancake Breakfast during their coffee fellowship time.

WOMEN: Join us on Mondays at 9am as we enjoy quilting and fellowship at Willow Creek.

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, April 14th

Willow Creek will have a Congregational Meeting on April 14th to discuss and vote on the Sanctuary Renovation Project. Everyone is encouraged to attend!



Food Pantry Items Needed:

Primary needs assessed for this month: White sugar, brown sugar, canned vegetables, Knorr sides, spaghetti sauce, ramen noodles, sloppy joe, peanut butter, brownie mix, laundry soap, Kleenex, shampoo, conditioner, paper towels, toilet paper.

Please no expired or opened food.

Donations can also be dropped off at Baltic City Hall, Baltic School Commons, or in the entry way of Baltic Lutheran or East Nidaros Church.

Monetary Donations – Mail to PO Box 244 Baltic SD 57003

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 31st, 2024

Willow Creek Worship: 9:00am Benton Worship: 10:45am

Office Email: bentonwillowoffice@gmail.com



April Communion Dates:

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be given in worship on Sunday, April 7th and April 14th.



Confirmation Classes:

Confirmation classes will resume Wednesday, April 17th.

6:00 pm – 2nd-year students at Benton

7:15 pm – 1st-year students at Willow Creek

Joint Worship & Synod Meeting – Sunday, April 7th

Willow Creek and Benton will have a combined worship at 9:30am on April 7th at Benton. Following worship, there will be a meeting with Renee from the Synod to discuss the process in hiring a new pastor and answering any questions. Congregations are encouraged to attend the meeting! There will be **NO Sunday School** that day.

Call Committee Members:

Willow Creek – Paul Mesner, Beth Warne, and Bonnie Dybedahl

Benton – Gary Jongeward, Kerrie Arens, and Linda Person

Secretary Position Filled

Becky Schmidt has accepted the Secretary position. She will transition into the role in April. Please welcome & congratulate her in her new role!

FOOD TO YOU with West Nidaros - Thursday, April 11th
Benton will be participating with West Nidaros for Food to You. We'll be collecting **cereal boxes** for the event. If you would like to volunteer, a sign-up sheet is available. For further questions please see Maria Kendle.

WELCA Crossroads Conference Spring Gathering is on April 20, 2024 from 8:30am – 2:30pm at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD. The theme is “Let’s Get Connected.” All are Welcome! RSVP to clundeen@midco.net by April 15, 2024. For further information, speak to Cheryl Akers.



Easter Flowers in Honor or Memory of

Terry Opp	(Barb Opp)
Felix Lee Schmidt	(Matt, Amy, & Emmitt Schmidt)
Harry & Louise Benson	(Kenny & Linda Benson)
Walt & Alica Carson	(Kenny & Linda Benson)
David Biever	(Cindi Biever)
Don Koopman	(Hoekman Family)
Evelyn Questad	(Hoekman Family)

COMMUNICATION & GIVING INFORMATION:



Look for updated info on worship & events via our websites, Facebook pages, these weekly announcements, or by contacting the office.
(bentonwillowoffice@gmail.com)

WEBSITE ADDRESSES: wclcdellrapids.org & bentonelca.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS All Willow Creek/Benton Announcements should be emailed by Tuesday 12:00pm each week, and newsletter announcements by the 15th of each month.

We appreciate your faithfulness! **MAIL:** Benton PO Box 706 Crooks, SD 57020
Willow Creek 24795 470th Ave Dell Rapids, SD 57022

ELECTRONIC GIVING www.wclcdellrapids.org & www.bentonelca.org

BENTON'S 'TEXT TO GIVE'. Text "give" to the number **1-605-205-7789**. The automated response will direct you to the webpage. Have the system store your information for easy giving. Webpage through browser <https://bentonchurch.breezechms.com/give/online>

BENTON NOTES

BENTON WORSHIP TEAMS (team leaders listed)

April 7th First Team – Doug & Sandy
April 14th Second Team – Roger & Linda
April 21st Third Team – Cheryl & Connie
April 28th Fourth Team – Butch & Lori

Benton Sunday School 2023/2024

Sunday School Theme: *"Impossible Made Possible"* - Luke 18:27
Hear the stories that show how things that are impossible for us are possible with God. Join us in art projects, songs, and activities to share God's Word further. ***Join us each Sunday at 9:30 am for Sunday School (ages 3+).***

NO All Church Sunday School in April

Due to our Joint Worship and Synod Meeting with Renee, there will be NO All Church Sunday School on April 7th.



Second Sunday Potluck - Sunday, April 14th
Our monthly Second Sunday Potluck will take place on Sunday, April 14th. Join us as we share in faith and fellowship!

Retirement Party for Wade Mulder - Saturday, April 13th

All are invited to celebrate with Wade Mulder & Family as he retires from the Sioux Falls Fire Department with 23 years of service! The celebration will be April 13th at Benton Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Toy Donations for Children’s Home Society:

The Mission Committee is asking Benton to consider donating children’s toys to the Children’s Home Society of Sioux Falls. Barbies, dolls, card games, trading cards, jr. size footballs, trucks, books, coloring books, hero action figures, etc. A display will be set up in the fellowship hall; **toys can be dropped off there through the end of Lent.**