

REMINDERS & BIRTHDAYS:

Please look for updated info on worship & events via our websites , Facebook pages, these weekly announcements or by contacting the office. (bentonwillowoffice@gmail.com/ 271-7388)

wclcdellrapids.org & bentonelca.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS All Willow Creek/Benton Announcements should be emailed by Tuesday each week and newsletter announcements by the 15th of each month. OFFICE CONTACT INFO listed above.

WAYS TO GIVE:

MAIL : Benton PO Box 706 Crooks, SD 57020

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ELECTRONIC GIVING Check the websites giving image.

www.wclcdellrapids.org & www.bentonelca.org

BENTON'S 'TEXT TO GIVE'

1: Text "give" to the number **1-605-205-7789**. The automated response will direct you to the webpage.

2: The donations webpage through your browser is

<https://bentonchurch.breezechms.com/give/online>



1 Benjamin Berg 2 Josh Schuette

3 Karla Hosinger, Steven Walters

4 Andrew Mulder, Jackie Benson, Adams Robert 5 Keith Halverson, Deanne Underwood, Christina Halverson, Amanda Schuette 6 Conner Person, Jason Mitzel

7 Lee Person, Ginger Rumzis 8 Ashton Benson, Levi Kretschmar 9 Ezekiel Hilmo

10 Shannon Lofswald 11 Carol Johnson, Melissa Klein, Kiley Riedel, Linda Linge 12 Jordan Person, Brynn Kindelspire 13 Tamie Hartman 14 Carter Warne

15 Connie Knippling, Jason Mitzel, Michelle Henderson, Brooke Chabra 16 Robert Person, Ellie Larson, Lilli Schenkel 17 Daren Heidebrink

18 Ron Person, Keith Johnson 19 Brittney Kendle, Kenneth Mader

20 Delight Jensen, Laura Larson 21 Trevor Freudenthal, Cooper Klein

22 Brady Bernards, Emmalyn Letson, Elijah Hoekman 23 Dale Benson, Emma Gulbrandson 25 Gregg Hilmo

26 Daxten Cornelius Scheibler

27 Joyce Linge, Sandy Schuette 28 Leon Johnson 29 Aspen McGreevy

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*Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy house of worship,
praise him under the open skies;
- Psalm 150:1 (The Message Bible)*

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Benton and Willow Congregations,

With a particularly harsh winter and near record-breaking snowfalls, I have a hunch that we will all be celebrating the coming summer days "under the open skies" as soon as we can!

Creation teaches us what to do with God's Word. Ever since creation was spoken into existence, it has been obeying God's Word. Creation is always responding to God's creative and redeeming word. It has no choice but to do what it was created to do. It is God's creation of human beings with our endless sinful desire to substitute our "wisdom" for God's Word who forget how to praise their creator. Thanks be to God who sent his Son to rescue us from ourselves!!

Along with the psalmist, I've always loved outdoor worship in all its forms and settings. This of course is always weather dependent but when the weather cooperates with worship, there is an added element of God's creation leading us in the praise of our awesome God. I'm thinking of a few weddings that were absolutely glorious outdoor celebrations of the gift of marriage!

I also think of the many opportunities that we will have to worship outdoors this May and through the summer: Benton will celebrate Rural Life Sunday hopefully outdoors on May 7th; we will gather outside at the graves of our loved ones on Memorial day weekend; our Wednesday bi-weekly "Spark the Faith" campfire events start on May 31st and the Arens' will be ready to host the first one outside for great food and informal worship; our youth will enjoy a week packed with outdoor campfire worship at Klein Ranch and Shetek Lutheran Bible Camps; we join with West Nidaros for a back-to-school outdoor worship in August; and I'm sure that we all will sprinkle in as many chances to celebrate God's Good Creation in all of the many ways that we take-in creation this summer. And in all this, I pray that you will do what you were created to do: Praise God in His Holy House! AMEN

- Pastor Tom Stadem

WILLOW CREEK & BENTON

Info and Events

CONFIRMATION



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

There are two remaining Wednesday night confirmation class nights in May on the 3rd & 10th. Benton Confirmation Students will be attending Klein Ranch Bible Camp from July 16-21. Willow Creek Confirmation youth will be attending Shetek Lutheran Confirmation Camp from July 30–Aug. 4.



COMMUNION SUNDAYS IN MAY

Sundays May 14th and May 21st



MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 14th Let's celebrate the mothers in our lives!

BANQUET SERVING

Monday, June 5th

Benton, Willow Creek and West Nidaros will be serving the Banquet West on **Monday, June 5th** for the evening meal. We will need 4 people between the churches to come early to prep and 15 total to be part of serving the meal. Be watching for a sign up for this annual event.

THE NEXT Northern Rim High School Youth Gathering

is on Sunday, June 11th from 5pm to 6:30pm. The location is to be determined. The following youth are headed to Klein Ranch this summer from July 16-21: Claire Berg from Willow Creek; Tori O'Toole, Dominick and Dawson Larson, Justin Person and friend Lane Maske from Benton.

Mother's Day Word Search

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WILLOW CREEK *NOTES*

WILLOW CREEK TEAMS:

May 7th TEAM 5: Rick and Sandy Zwart, Jason and Erin Mitzel (*Max*), Judy Stadem, Steve and Kim Bazata (*Kael & Mack*), **David Olson** (*Levi*)

May 14th TEAM 1: Tim and Lisa Rave, Joyce Linge, Kevin and Katie Hoekman (*Anna, Peter, Esther, & Elijah*), Phyllis Koepp, **Zach Schroeder & Jayni Anderson**

May 21st TEAM 2: Craig and Bonnie Dybdahl, Mary & **Paul Mesner**, Pat Nytroe, Shawn and Danielle (*Addy, Kinley, Braxton, Easton, Asher*), Andy and Laura Berg (*Claire & Ben*), Steve and Sheri Tokheim

May 28th TEAM 3: Linda Linge, Terry and Kris Smart, Eric and Jenna Smart (*Louisa & Lilah*), Jared and Brenda Deters, Jay and Tina Soderquist (*Mya & Grace*)

June 4th TEAM 4: Justin and Lindsay Koepp (*Faith & Sawyer*), **Ken & Debbie Mader**, Shane and Beth Warne, Nancy Offerman, Steve and Brenda Schmidt, Austin and Shelby Schmidt (*Lilly & Everet*)

**Please take note of the revised Willow Creek team lists.
Welcome to our newest worship team members in bold!!*

MEN'S COFFEE / QUILTING LADIES

Join us Saturdays at 8:30am at Willow Creek for goodies, coffee and fellowship.

There will be a Pancake Breakfast on the first Saturday of every month.

Also, join the "Quilting Girls" Mondays at 9am for quilting and fellowship!



FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Paper Towels, Napkins, Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Women's razors, Personal Hygiene Items, Peanut Butter, Jelly

Baking Needs, Knorr Rice Sides, Knorr Noodle Sides, Coffee, Juice, Salad Dressing, Oil, Flour, Sugar, Cake Mixes, Cookie Mixes, Brown Mixes, Jello, Pudding *Monetary Donations are welcome – Please mail to PO Box 244 Baltic SD 57003*

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Info and Events

Season III of the "THE CHOSEN" – 5pm each Sunday



Each new episode of the third season will be shown in the Benton fellowship Hall. Sunday nights at 5pm. Each household is invited to bring a dish to pass and enjoy a meal together before the video. Lively discussion always follows each episode! Eight episodes complete season III. Come and invite a friend.



SUMMER CAMPFIRES and FELLOWSHIP

Each summer (on rotating Wednesdays) we like to enjoy a potluck and singing around a campfire. Are you able to host a campfire at your house this summer? Please let

Monica know so we can put on the calendar.
bentonwillowoffice@gmail.com or 271-7388

Our First Campfire of the Season **May 31st**

Other dates: June 14th, June 28th, July 12th, July 26th, Aug 9th, Aug 23rd

MEMORIAL WEEKEND

May 27th – 29th



Benton Church will be offering some coffee and visiting hours for guests who visit loved ones over Memorial Weekend. Feel free to stop by between **1:00-4:00pm on Saturday, Sunday, or Monday.**

Willow Creek will host a brief Memorial Service on **Monday, May 29th**. The Dell Rapids Legion Firing Squad will perform a memorial tribute. Guests are invited into the church fellowship hall for a light reception following the service. Stay tuned for the time.

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BENTON *NOTES*

BENTON WORSHIP TEAMS:

MAY 7th Team 1 Doug & Sandy

MAY 14th Team 2 Roger & Linda

MAY 21st Team 3 Cheryl & Carol

MAY 28th Team 4 Butch & Lori

**Please take note of the changes to our worship teams.*

Welcome to our newest worship team members in bold!

Contact the office with questions.

First Sunday Team - Doug & Sandy: Wade / Angie Mulder, Garrison Mulder; Bryant / Lori Filler; Nate & Kim Strosheim, Shannon Lofswold / Dave Phelps, Dave / Dixie Rogness, Chantel Olson, Dan / Laura Larson (*Dawson & Dominick*), Barb Opp, Joe / Jayna Backus (*Boston and Brystal*), Jordan / Tammy Person (*Justin and Jessalynn*), Edna Haase, Judy Stadem, Rocky / Jackie Foster (*Marin, Hadlee, Payson, and Conlin*)

Second Sunday Team - Roger & Linda: Jolene Izadaness; Keith / Lisa Johnson (*Tyler and Trey*); Patty Mork, Gary / Rhonda Jongewaard (*Gabrielle*), Dave / Faye Gilderhaus, Dennis / Cheryl Aker, Todd / Maria Kendle and Brittney (*Braylynn and Nora*), Lynda Fonder, Kari Vosburg, Bob / Sandi Schuette, Eric/ **Amanda Schuette** (*Ethan & Audrey*), Lee / Julie Person (*Connor*), **Gwyn & Joyce Reiners**

Third Sunday Team - Cheryl & Carol: Jim & Jackie Johnson; Ashton Benson (*Riley*), Kenny / Linda Benson, Cheryl Schoer, Judy Bernards, Connie Foster, Susie Schmidt (*Nolan, Blake and Logan*) Scott / Bonnie Mews, Tom / Barb Lanning, Pat / Noel Ahl, Jan / Darryll Larson, **Ryan McNamara/Lacie Foster** (*Bridger, Sutton, & Leighton*)

Fourth Sunday Team - Butch & Lori: Matt / Laura Haynes (*Riley, Noah and Maci Jo*), Larry Person, Dale / Pat Benson; Derry / Jan Benson; Tyler / Melissa Klein (*Blakeley, Cooper, & Shiloh*), Ron / Judi Person, Ronae Foster (*Dalton and Tori*), Jamen / Jackie Benson (*Trevor and Brady*), Rick / Kerrie Arens, John / Jenny Mohr (*Landon, Lilli, Jaxton, Jace*), Trevor / Annie Freudenthal (*Jace, Rhett, and Liam*)

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Benton Spring Work Day: May 6th

The board of property is hosting a Spring Work day on May 6th starting at 8am. Some of the items that they hope to complete are as follows: Church repairs to trim and flashing, replace some missing soffits, apply glazing compound and paint to northside storm windows, install two more security cameras and run the cable, replace a storm window over the West Side Stained glass, and finally clean up landscaping rock and any necessary trimming. If you have an interest in helping, please notify Rocky Foster at (605) 359-6735 or any property board member: Wade Mulder, Roger Person, Doug Larson, Nate Stroschein, Derry Benson, Dan Larson, or Gary Jongewaard.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

CELEBRATION: May 7th

The annual Benton Lutheran Rural Life Sunday begins with **9:30am Sunday School for all ages**. There will be a rural themed Sunday School in the light of God's Creation. Farmers bring animals, seeds, dirt, and rural decorations to help us all celebrate our rural roots. **At 10:45am** we will worship outdoors (weather permitting) and include a blessing of the Seed, Soil, Water, Animals, and the Farmers. This is a great day to invite your friends and neighbors to come and Worship with us. **A kid friendly rural meal will be served following worship!** *This Sunday will also be the Last Day of Sunday School*



GRADUATION CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 14th Congratulations Seniors:

Benton: Noah Haynes and Brady Benson

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