

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

Willow Creek 24795 470th Ave Dell Rapids, SD 57022

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. Once the system has your number stored, this will be a simple way to give right during the offering time!

2: The donations webpage through your browser is <https://bentonchurch.breezechms.com/give/online>

1 Jack Garness, Ashlyn Koopman

2 Jane Ackerman, Kim Stroschein

3 Leighton Gregersen **4** Laura Haynes, Maci Henderson, John Hegge

5 Bruce Mork, Erica Opland, Paul Mesner

6 Deb Carlson, RoSchell Vinzant **7** Noah Haynes **10** Maureen Eide

12 Colin Strong, Lucas Meyerink, Andy Berg

13 Robert Gregersen

15 Larry Person, Eric Smart **16** Michelle Kretzschmar

18 Brett Opland, Payson Foster **21** Louisa Marie Smart

23 Maria Kendle, Rhett Freudenthal **24** Eva Paulson

25 Rhonda Jongewaard

29 Ronae Foster, Kim Halverson, Gary Jongewaard, Tom Stadem

30 Brenda Garness **31** Bailee Kristin Elison

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and
wonderfully made. – Ps. 139:13-14

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Benton and Willow Creek Congregations,

I always tell people who need a spiritual hug to turn to Psalm 139. This ancient hymn of the church beautifully describes a God who is intimate with His creation, a God who knows our words even before we say them. This can be extremely comforting, or it can be extremely disturbing to have a God so close.

George MacDonald, a Scottish novelist, poet, writer, and pastor hints at the powerful assertions of this scripture as he states: “I would rather be what God chose to make me than the most glorious creature that I could think of. For to have been thought about – born in God’s thoughts – and then made by God, is the dearest, grandest, most precious thing in all thinking.”

As our Bible Camps approach their last weeks of summer and counselors head back to college or other job opportunities, I give thanks for their commitment to our kids. These counselors are specifically in the camp setting to impact kids in faith, to help them experience a camp week which tries to model a Psalm 139 understanding of who we are and whose we are.

We pray that the faith seeds that were planted in the youth of the Northern Rim who attended Klein Ranch last month will grow into a thankfulness for who God has made them to be. I’m also getting ready to take five confirmation youth to Shetek in a few days. We hope and pray for the same thing – our youth are loved for who they are, born in the mind of God before they breathed their first breath! AMEN

Pastor Tom Stadem

WILLOW CREEK & BENTON

Info and Events

2023 SUMMER PREACHING SERIES GALATIANS:



Pastor Tom will be preaching each summer Sunday on St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. Known as the "Magna Carta of Christian Freedom," Paul preaches against anything that would come in between our freedom in Christ to make God's free gift our work. Each Sunday, Pastor Tom will help us connect this ancient but timeless message to our daily lives.



COMMUNION DATES:

Join us for Communion Sundays on August 20th & 27th.

JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday August 15th at 6:30pm at Benton Lutheran Church

GUEST PREACHER

Sunday, August 6th

Join us for worship on Sunday, August 6th with our guest preacher Justin Peterson, who is a recent graduate of Luther House of Study.



Summer Holidays



Q E V J R H Y T L Z P F B I K I N G X S
W D C S E M A G N S U O S H S K O O B C
F A O I C E C R E A M T O V E P I J Z I
X N T B K G W L P H R Q E L R U T D R N
P O T E L O C S M A N B Y L I M A F E C
U M A V R I Z D W J G S R O F Q C X L I
C E G N S M O B R I Y N G T N H A S K P
H L E P F U E Q D L M C I Z O J V G N W
N I O T M R E L A X O M Y L B S N E I D
G P K Z R A J K O B H V I W E I Q F R A
S T M I X E C Y A N L D H N D V C O P U
D K E Q N O F R Z Q A J W A G B A H S G
N S L A M G B V E Y C A E X I D M R Z U
E J E M H E T C S M F R Q K T A P W T S
I D A L C S E I R O M E M R A Y I B N T
R H J U Z W T M A K B U I C V L N Q E X
F B E G A Z N S T R O P S D U R G L Y M
V A K R B X U W Q H S G N I E O N A C L
M G Y L U J D P S E N Z B E A C H I F R

August	canoeing	holidays	pool	sprinkler
barbecue	cottage	ice cream	popsicles	strawberries
beach	family	July	puzzles	summer camp
biking	friends	lake	reading	swimming
bonfires	games	lemonade	relax	traveling
books	hammock	memories	road trips	vacation
camping	hiking	picnics	sports	watermelon

Tree Valley Academy

WILLOW CREEK *NOTES*

WILLOW CREEK TEAMS

August 6th TEAM 3: Linda Linge, Terry and Kris Smart, Eric and Jenna Smart (*Louisa & Lilah*), Jared and Brenda Deters, Jay and Tina Soderquist (*Mya & Grace*)

August 13th TEAM 4: Justin and Lindsay Koepp (*Faith & Sawyer*), Ken & Debbie Mader, Shane and Beth Warne, Nancy Offerman, Steve Schmidt, Austin and Shelby Schmidt (*Lily & Elliot*)

August 20th TEAM 5: Rick and Sandy Zwart, Jason and Erin Mitzel (*Max*), Judy Stadem, Steve and Kim Bazata (*Kael & Mack*), David Olson (*Levi*)

August 27th TEAM 1: Tim and Lisa Rave, Joyce Linge, Kevin and Katie Hoekman (*Anna, Peter, Esther, & Elijah*), Phyllis Koepp, Zach Schroeder & Jayni Anderson

MEN'S COFFEE / QUILTING LADIES

Join us Saturdays at 8:30am at Willow Creek for goodies, coffee and fellowship. Also, join the "Quilting Girls" Mondays at 9am for quilting and fellowship!



FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Jelly, Sugars (brown or white), Oil, Flour, Brownie Mix, Pancake Mix, Ramen Noodles, Knorr Sides, Taco

Seasoning, Spaghetti Sauce, Boxed Pasta, Sloppy Joe, Instant Potatoes, Canned Pasta, Jello, Pudding, Breakfast bars, Juice, Coffee, Spices

Donations can also be taken to City Hall and Baltic School District

Monetary Donations are welcome – Please mail to PO Box 244 Baltic SD 57003

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SUMMER CAMPFIRES and FELLOWSHIP – 6PM

Two more Summer Campfires remaining. Join us for potluck, fellowship and singing around a campfire.

August 9th – Doug & Sandy Larson 313 E. 4th St Crooks/ 360-3838

August 23rd – Tom & Judy Stadems 2808 W. Kingston Dr. / 728-1553



“Iron Sharpens Iron”

Men's Group is ready to start up again beginning **August 16th, at 7am!** At Pastor Tom's house.

BENTON *NOTES*

BENTON WORSHIP TEAMS

August 6th Team 1 Doug & Sandy

August 13th Team 2 Roger & Linda

August 20th Team 3 Cheryl & Connie

August 27th Team 4 Butch & Lori

Thank you!

We want to express our heartfelt thanks for the cards, gifts and stories upon our Father and Grandfather's passing! He dearly loved this farming community and Benton! A special note of thanks to Pastor Stadem for the interment service and to the families who served lemonade and coffee following.

Most sincerely,
The Don Swenson Family



Blessing of the Backpack Sunday!

Sunday, August 13th at 10am in NEW HOPE PARK, Crooks

Benton will be joining West Nidaros again for a blessing of our school children and all of the adults who are called into teaching and assisting them in their education. School kids are asked to bring their backpacks with them and come forward for a special blessing on the school year. Please bring a lawnchair. A thrivent sponsored meal will follow the worship service so please bring a thank offering for the food.

