

## 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](http://wclcdellrapids.org) & [bentonelca.org](http://bentonelca.org)

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

## WAYS TO GIVE:

**MAIL :** Benton PO Box 706 Crooks, SD 57020

Willow Creek 24795 470<sup>th</sup> Ave Dell Rapids, SD 57022

**ELECTRONIC GIVING** Check the websites giving image.

[www.wclcdellrapids.org](http://www.wclcdellrapids.org) & [www.bentonelca.org](http://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>



**3** Verla Hanson, Conlin Foster

**6** Elizabeth Dahl, Rocky Foster

**7** Kai Nielson

**8** John Bonander, Matt Dybedahl

**9** Caroline Halverson

**11** Paige Oien, Mack Bazata

**12** Claire Berg **13** Jan Larson

**15** Rylee Grave, Chad Nelson

**17** Dave Rogness, Stacy Carlson

**20** Dalton Foster **21** Gwyn Reiners **23** Lynda Fonder

**24** Terry Smart, Kim Bazata, Janessa Nelson, Mariah Snaza

**26** Todd Kendle, Austin Schmidt

**27** Trevor Benson **28** Alex Hegge **29** Laura Gregersen

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" - Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Dear Benton and Willow Creek Congregations,

As I sit in my office sheltered from the 103 degree heat today, it doesn't feel like any season is changing today, but there are signs that it will soon change. The corn ears are full. The busses have appeared on the streets and highways. Shadows on the north side of my house offer much more shade than two months ago and the melons are prolific.

The clear signs of a season changing are true for the church as well.

- Rally Sunday is just around the corner on September 10<sup>th</sup>!
- We are inviting our children back after a summer of tanning and growing into Sunday School. I am so thankful for parents who step up and lead to help us all fulfill those baptismal promises to raise our children in the faith.
- Our confirmation students will begin to meet weekly to continue on in discipleship, learning those key and faith producing articles of the church.
- As always, we hope to invite new households into our doors who are looking for a faith home.
- We will be looking for opportunities for adult learning once the dust of a busy Fall season settles down.

The biggest lesson that Solomon (most attribute this book to his teachings) teaches us through this book isn't that things change; it is that God in His Word never changes. All of the familiar verses of chapter three set us up for the most profound verse of all, verse 14: *"I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him."*

My prayer is that we never make church and growing as a disciple in Christ a season but that we always seek the one who has found us for our sake and for the ones who will witness God's blessings through us.

See you Sunday! Pastor Tom Stadem

# WILLOW CREEK & BENTON

## *Info and Events*



### SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Take note of our service time change starting **Sunday, September 10th**. Willow Creek 9:00am Benton 10:45am



### COMMUNION DATES

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be given in worship on Sept. 10th and Sept. 17th.

### JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

The Next Joint Council Meets at Willow Creek on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm



### *“Iron Sharpens Iron”*

Men’s Group meets weekly at 7am at Pastor Tom’s home for breakfast and a study.

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# September Word Search



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| SEPTEMBER | LABOR DAY | MORNING GLORY    |
| SCHOOL    | FALL      | EQUINOX          |
| ACORN     | AUTUMN    | PATRIOT DAY      |
| SUNFLOWER | HARVEST   | CONSTITUTION DAY |
| CLASSROOM | SAPPHIRE  | ASTER            |

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# WILLOW CREEK *NOTES*

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## WILLOW CREEK TEAMS

**Sept 3rd 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

**Sept 10th TEAM 3:** Linda Linge, Terry and Kris Smart, Eric and Jenna Smart (*Louisa & Lilah*), Jared and Brenda Deters, Jay and Tina Soderquist (*Mya & Grace*)

**Sept 17th 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*)

**Sept 24th TEAM 5:** Rick and Sandy Zwart, Jason and Erin Mitzel (*Max*), Judy Stadem, Steve and Kim Bazata (*Kael & Mack*), David Olson (*Levi*)



## WILLOW CREEK RALLY SUNDAY - Sept. 10th

Willow Creek will celebrate the beginning of Sunday School with a Rally Day **Sunday on September 10th**. School students are encouraged to bring their school backpacks and everyone is encouraged to wear their

school colors as we will plan a special blessing for our children and those who care for them this school year. **A fellowship Brunch will follow worship.**

## MEN'S COFFEE / QUILTING LADIES

Join us Saturdays at 8:30am at Willow Creek for food, coffee and fellowship. Join us Mondays at 9am as we enjoy quilting and fellowship at Willow Creek.

## FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Primary needs assessed for this month: Dried rice, Pasta, Stuffing, Personal care, Breakfast items, Pasta sauce, canned fruit, Mac n Cheese

*Monetary Donations – mail to PO Box 244 Baltic SD 57003*



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## *Info and Events*

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## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

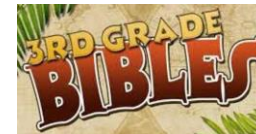
### Confirmation Class



*New first year 7<sup>th</sup> graders, returning second year students and those to be confirmed this Fall*

Come to our Confirmation Student/ Parent Orientation Meeting on Wednesday September, 6th at 6:30 pm

Classes for Confirmation Students will begin the following Wednesday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm



## ***THIRD GRADE BIBLES***

Stay tuned for Third grade Bible instruction classes to begin in September with a Presentation Sunday to follow!!

## The NORTHERN RIM

Senior High Youth gathering for September will be at Renner Lutheran Church on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 6:30pm

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# BENTON NOTES

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## BENTON WORSHIP TEAMS

**Sept. 3rd** First Team - Doug & Sandy

**Sept. 10th** Second Team – Roger & Linda

**Sept. 17th** Third Team - Cheryl & Connie

**Sept. 24th** Fourth Team - Butch & Lori

## BENTON RALLY SUNDAY EVENTS

- **Sunday, September 10th** -

**9:30 am Sunday School for every age.**

We will spend an hour getting reacquainted, pass out Sunday School Registration papers, and enjoy some donuts!

REMEMBER: We need helpers in our Sunday School classrooms. Can you teach, fill-in or help during the Sunday School year? Please let us know.

**10:45 am Outdoor Church** (*weather permitting*)

Come wearing your favorite school colors and lawn chairs

**11:45am** – Hotdog Potluck! Following worship: a hotdog meal will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert!



## BENTON SUNDAY SCHOOL 2023/2024

**Sunday School Theme:** “*Impossible Made Possible*” - Luke 18:27

Come hear the stories that show how things that are impossible for us are possible with God. Join us in art projects, songs and activities that will further share the Word of God.

*Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for Sunday School (ages 3 and up).*

*And the First Sunday of the month is **Sunday School for all ages.***

## ALL CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

**October 1st and November 5th.** (First Sunday each month)

All ages are invited to Come hear a message, participate in an activity and/or craft, and fellowship with our church community. Feel free to invite others. Come experience the Word of God in a different setting.

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# BENTON NOTES

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## SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCKS

**September 10th, October 8th, and November 12th**

Join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month for potluck following worship service!

## BENTON COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

## MENTORING OPPORTUNITY

LSS & Renberg Elementary are partnering together to find mentors in our community. Renberg Elementary in Renner is in need of mentors for an additional 10 students. Would you consider this opportunity? It would take an hour a week and make an impact in the life of a child in your neighborhood! Contact Michelle at [Mentoring@LssSD.org](mailto:Mentoring@LssSD.org) or 605-444-7801 for more information.



## SMOKE OFF SMACKDOWN

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Smoke Off/Smackdown** is planned for Saturday, Oct. 21 beginning around 4pm. A **special pie/dessert contest** will round out this awesome food and fun fiesta. The board of Evangelism is sponsoring this community invitation event so plan now to enter your cooking talents into the event. Contact Angie Mulder, Gary Jongewaard, Roger Person, or Pastor Tom with any questions.

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation Sunday will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The families of all four confirmation students, who have 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> generation ties to the original charter members of Benton, would like to invite the congregation to a meal following worship hosted by the grandparents of each of the students!

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