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# WILLOW CREEK NOTES

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## WILLOW CREEK TEAMS:

**April 7<sup>th</sup> NO TEAM:** No team needed due to Joint Worship at Benton.

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

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

**April 28<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>**

Willow Creek will have a Congregational Meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> 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*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Joint Worship at Benton: 9:30am**   **Synod Meeting with Renee: 10:30am**

Interim Pastor Kent Stillson Email: [prstills@gmail.com](mailto:prstills@gmail.com)

Office Email: [bentonwillowoffice@gmail.com](mailto:bentonwillowoffice@gmail.com)



## **April Communion Dates:**

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



## **Confirmation Classes:**

Confirmation classes will resume Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. **Please note, Willow Creek and Benton students will be joining together at 6:30pm at Benton with Pastor Kent for the remainder of the year.**

## **Joint Worship & Synod Meeting – Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Willow Creek and Benton will have a combined worship at 9:30am on April 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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](mailto:clundeen@midco.net) by April 15, 2024. For further information, speak to Cheryl Akers.

## **Benton Rural Life Sunday Celebration – Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

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.*



## **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](mailto:bentonwillowoffice@gmail.com))

**WEBSITE ADDRESSES:** [wclcdellrapids.org](http://wclcdellrapids.org) & [bentonelca.org](http://bentonelca.org)

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

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

**ELECTRONIC GIVING** [www.wclcdellrapids.org](http://www.wclcdellrapids.org) & [www.bentonelca.org](http://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 7<sup>th</sup>** First Team – Doug & Sandy

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** Second Team – Roger & Linda

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** Third Team – Cheryl & Connie

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 7<sup>th</sup>.



## **Second Sunday Potluck - Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Benton Council Meeting – Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Council meets next on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Benton.

## **FOOD TO YOU with West Nidaros - Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

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.

## **Retirement Party for Wade Mulder - Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

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 13<sup>th</sup> at Benton Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall from 2:00-4:00 pm.