

## BENTON ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENTON WORSHIP TEAMS (team leaders listed)

**May 5th** First Team – Doug & Sandy

**May 12th** Second Team – Roger & Linda

**May 19th** Third Team – Cheryl & Connie

**May 26th** Fourth Team – Butch & Lori

### TODAY!

### ***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.***

### **POTLUCK DINNER AT BENTON – No potluck dinner on May 12th.**

Routinely our dinner is served on the second Sunday of the month. Due to the fact that we are serving dinner on May 5th with the Rural Life Sunday Celebration and that Mother's Day falls on the second Sunday we will not have a dinner on the second Sunday.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, May 5th, 2024**

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

Secretary: Becky Schmidt

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

### **Sunday Worship**

Willow Creek – 9:00am

Benton Worship - 10:45am

*Communion is served the first and second Sunday of each month.*



### **Confirmation Classes:**

***May 8<sup>th</sup> at Willow Creek.***

Please note, Willow Creek and Benton students will be joining together at 6:30pm with Pastor Kent for the remainder of the year.

*The last class will be on Wed. May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.*

### **Call Committee Members:**

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

**Benton** – Gary Jongeward, Kerrie Arens, and Linda Person

### **Bulletin/Newsletter Information:**

Bulletin Information – please have to the office by noon each Tuesday

Newsletter information – please have to the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thank you

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

### **Food Pantry Items Needed:**

Primary needs assessed for this month: Canned fruit, peanut butter, and jelly.

**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***

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

### ***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>

**Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024** – Worship service will change to summer hours.

Willow Creek Service – 8:30 am

Benton – 10:00 am



*Thank you to all the people who helped so graciously with teaching Sunday School this past year. We appreciate all of your time and efforts it takes with all the planning and preparing each and every week to bless our kids.*

*Thank you.*

## WILLOW CREEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY** - "Willow Creek will have their spring-cleaning event on Sunday, May 5 beginning at 2:00 PM. Please bring rakes, gloves, etc to help spruce up the outside and inside cleaning supplies as time allows. If it is too wet outside, we will have a backup date of May 19 at the same time. Please watch the bulletin and prayer chain for updates."

### **Willow Creek will be Celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2025.**

As we prepare to celebrate, we want to ensure that our celebration appeals to the majority of our members. Please complete a survey on the table in church entry. Feel free to write in any others ideas.

Surveys will be gathered at the end of May 2024.

We also need members to contact a committee member and join a subcommittee to assist with planning.

Correspondence and Hospitality – Linda Linge

Worship and Program - Paul Mesner

Finance - Kevin Hoekman

History - Kevin Hoekman

Catering - Andy Berg

Decorating - Bonnie Dybedahl

### **Willow Creek Worship Teams:**

**May 5th, 2024**, Team 2—Craig & Bonnie Dybedahl, Paul & Mary Mesner, Pat Nytroe, Steve & Sherri Tokheim

**May 12th, 2024**, Team 3—Linda Linge, Terry & Kris Smart, Eric & Jenna Smart (Louisa & Lilah), Jared & Brenda Deters, Jay & Tina Soderquist (Mya & Grace)

**May 19th, 2024**, Team 4—Justin & Lyndsay Koepp (Faith and Sawyer), Ken & Debbie Mader, Shane & Beth Warne, Nancy Offerman, Steve Schmidt, Austin & Shelby Schmidt (Lily & Elliot)

**May 26th, 2024**, Team 5— Rick & Sandy Zwart, Jason & Erin Mitzel (Max), Steve & Kim Bazata (Kael & Mack), David Olson (Levi)

### **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.