

BENTON ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENTON ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2025, FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

ALL REPORTS ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY JANUARY 4TH, 2025.

MISSION – Mission is going to be collecting new toys for the Family Visitation Center in Sioux Falls this Advent Season. Anyone wanting to purchase and donate new toys (\$5-\$10ish), please bring them unwrapped to the Church on Sunday, Dec. 15th. We will deliver the toys to the Center on Dec. 16th.

Another Advent Mission – this Mission emphasis will be to the Lutheran Center Disaster Response specifically to go to Hurricane Relief/Recovery from the recent devastation. This will be collected from the LOOSE OFFERING during the Advent Season, Dec. 1st through Christmas Eve.

BENTON WORSHIP TEAMS FOR DECEMBER (team leaders listed)

- Dec. 1st First Team – Doug & Sandy
- Dec. 8th Second Team – Roger & Linda
- Dec. 15th Third Team – Cheryl & Connie
- Dec. 22nd Fourth Team – Butch & Lori
- Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve – **need volunteers**
- Dec. 29th – **need volunteers**

If you are out and about and would like to visit with some great people, the following Church Members would love to have visitors.

Dorothy Rogness
4709 E 6th St
Apt. #301
Sioux Falls, SD 57110
605-321-0714

Keith & Caroline Halverson
26026 469th Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57107
605-332-6201

Russ & Irene Midden
#302 Bernadine Place
Hartford, SD 57033
605-370-7368

Fran Alberty
4001 S. Marion Rd. Apt. #31
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
605-543-5312

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 8th, 2024

Interim Minister – Randy Nicholas, 956-222-6876, email- sheodoe@yahoo.com

Secretary: Becky Schmidt, Office Email: bentonwillowoffice@gmail.com

Church phone – 605-543-5384

Worship and Sunday School Times-

Willow Creek Worship Service at 9:00am, Sunday School to follow worship.

Benton- Sunday School at 9:30am, Worship Service at 10:45am

Communion – first and second Sunday of each month.

Confirmation- Wed. evenings, 7pm at Benton Lutheran Church

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!! Benton and Willow Creek will need 3-4 volunteers from each to serve on a committee to help support our ministry student “Kendra Kappler” as she begins the collaborative learning program. Please consider volunteering as this is a wonderful mission our Parish has taken on. We all want Kendra to have a positive and meaningful learning experience. Please contact Katie Hoekman (Willow Creek) or Dan Larson (Benton) if you would like to volunteer.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Both Benton and Willow Creek will have their Sunday School programs on Dec. 15th, 2024, during the Sunday Worship Service.

Willow Creek – treats will be served after the program.

Benton will have pork loin sandwiches and potluck side dishes/treats lunch following the program.



December 24th, Christmas Eve Worship at Benton, 5:00pm

December 25th, Christmas Day Worship at Willow Creek, 10:00am

Bulletin/Newsletter Information:

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

Newsletter information – please have to the office by the 15th of each month.

WILLOW CREEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WILLOW CREEK ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 2025,
FOLLOWING WORSHIP.**

ALL REPORTS ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY JANUARY 4TH, 2025.



Willow Creek 150th Anniversary - September 13-14, 2025

Planning for this celebratory milestone has begun.

We welcome ideas and opinions. The Head Planning Team consists of the following with the subcommittee they are heading:

- Linda Linge (Hospitality and Correspondence Subcommittee)
- Andy Berg (Catering / Food Subcommittee)
- Bonnie Dybedahl (Decorating Subcommittee)
- Kevin Hoekman (History Subcommittee and Finance Subcommittee)
- Paul Mesner (Worship & Music Subcommittee)
- Cemetery History Subcommittee (people needed)
- Please reach out to the people heading the subcommittee that interests you. It will take our whole 'village' to ensure we have a grand, historic celebration.

Please also start submitting photos or historical information. These will be used for display and/or for the history book that is being compiled.

Please contact any Head Planning Team member with questions and/or ideas.

WILLOW CREEK WORSHIP TEAMS:

Dec. 1st, Team 2

Dec. 8th, Team 3

Dec. 15th, Team 4

Dec. 22nd, Team 5

Dec. 29th, Team 1

Teams are also listed in the newsletter.

TEAM 1: Tim and Lisa Rave, Kevin and Katie Hoekman (*Anna, Peter, Esther, & Elijah*), Phyllis Koepp, Zach and Jayni Schroeder (*Otto*)

TEAM 2: Craig and Bonnie Dybdahl, Mary & Paul Mesner, Pat Nytroe, Andy and Laura Berg (*Claire & Ben*), Steve and Sheri Tokheim

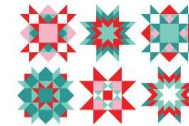
TEAM 3: Linda Linge, Terry and Kris Smart, Eric and Jenna Smart (*Louisa & Lilah*), Jared and Brenda Deters, Jay and Tina Soderquist (*Mya & Grace*)

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*)

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



MENS COFFEE: 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.



WOMENS QUILTING: Join us on Mondays at 9am as we enjoy quilting and fellowship at Willow Creek.



Items needed are- white sugar, brown sugar, Ramen noodles, boxed potatoes, Knorr sides, canned vegetables, boxed pasta, saltine crackers, spaghetti sauce, taco seasoning, snack crackers, sloppy joe mix, brownie mix, pancake mix, flour, cooking oil, jelly, peanut butter, Kleenex, laundry soap, shampoo and conditioner, dish soap, body wash, toothpaste, paper towels and 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