



***If you are out and about and would like to visit with some great people, the following Church Members would love to have a call, visitors or both!***

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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.

#### **Baltic Food Bank Needs List: updated 6-1-2026**

Hearty soups, crackers, sugar (white, brown, powdered), oil, juice, tea or coffee, cereal, breakfast bars, canned fruit, ramen, chicken/tuna helper, condiments (mayo or miracle whip, ketchup, barbeque sauce), salad dressings, pancake mix and syrup, pasta or rice sides, spaghetti sauce, pasta, jell-o and pudding, cake/brownie/muffin mixes, dish soap, laundry soap, personal hygiene products (tissues, bar soap or body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental picks or floss).

The Baltic Food Bank, 550 3rd Street, is open to all residents of Baltic and Crooks. It is open the second Wednesday of every month from 6:00-7:00 p.m., as well as the fourth Sunday of every month from 10:30-11:30 a.m., as well as by emergency appointment by calling 605-529-5032.

Food donations can be dropped off at: Baltic School Commons, Baltic City Hall, Baltic Lutheran Church, East Nidaros Lutheran Church, or West Nidaros Lutheran Church.

Monetary donations can be sent to: PO Box 244, Baltic, SD 57003.

Thank you for supporting families in your community!

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday July 12th, 2026**

**Vicar Kendra Kappler**, 605-951-8841, [kappler2002@gmail.com](mailto:kappler2002@gmail.com)  
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**Summer Worship Schedule**

**through Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

***Willow Creek will start worship at 8:30am, Benton will start worship at 10:00am***

***No Sunday School at either church.***

***Both churches live stream worship on Facebook.***



**Big THANK YOU to all who helped serve “The Banquet” this past Tuesday evening. Truly appreciated.**



***The next Campfire/Potluck will be TONIGHT, Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at Gary & Rhonda Jongewaard, 204 W 6<sup>th</sup> St, Crooks***

***July 26<sup>th</sup> Campfire will be at Steve Schmidt’s 24929 471<sup>st</sup> St, Baltic***

***These are Great Fellowship Opportunities. If you would like to host a campfire, please contact the church office or there is a signup sheet at Benton.***

***Still open dates are Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> and Aug. Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>.***



The series is entitled "Grounded in Connection" and it focuses on how relationships are the cornerstone of who we are as people of faith. We learn and grow through relationships. Looking at the following stories, we'll explore the joys and complexities of relationships and be reminded how God shows us the way of connection, mercy and grace.

Week One: July 12 - Adam and Eve - Genesis 2:4-22

Week Two: July 19 - Ten Commandments - Exodus 20:1-21

Week Three: July 26 - Widow at Zarepath - 1 Kings 17:8-16

Week Four: Aug 2 - Esther and Mordecai - Esther 4

Week Five: Aug 9 - Peter's Betrayal and re-entry - John 18 and 21



Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Benton and Willow Creek Lutheran Churches**

"Joint Worship Service"

10am, at Willow Creek Lutheran Church

"Backpack Sunday"

All Kids, bring your school backpacks to worship on Sunday 8/9, at Willow Creek for a special blessing.

Following worship we will be putting together backpacks and having the kids decorate cards to place in each backpack. Backpacks will be donated to the local schools that our kids attend. Treats and coffee will follow.

Willow Creek Lutheran Church

24795 470<sup>th</sup> Ave

Dell Rapids, SD 57022

(Approx. 9 miles north of Crooks)

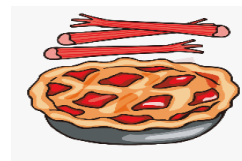
*The Children's Offering for the month of July will go towards the cost of the backpack supplies. Thank you.*

*We will be having three more Joint Worship Services throughout the year.*

Thank you, the Parish Worship & Music Committee



## BENTON ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Benton Ladies are selling rhubarb pies. If you would like to purchase some pies, they are \$12.00 for the large and \$7.00 for the small.**



**Sunday Mornings at Benton Coffee/Fellowship will start 45 minutes prior to worship. All are welcome to join us for this time of fellowship.**

**BENTON WORSHIP TEAMS FOR 2026** (team leaders listed)

**July 5th, First Team – Doug & Sandy, Communion**

**July 12th, Second Team – Roger & Linda, Communion**

**July 19th, Third Team – Cheryl & Connie, Communion**

**July 26th, Fourth Team - Butch & Lori, Communion**

*Please check the newsletter to see what team you are on and the list of duties to be completed each Sunday.*

## WILLOW CREEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WILLOW CREEK WORSHIP TEAMS: 2026**

**July 5th, Team 5, Communion**

**July 12th, Team 1, Communion**

**July 19th, Team 2, Communion**

**July 26th, Team 3, Communion**

*Teams are listed in the newsletter.*

*Worship teams not only serve coffee/treats after worship but help before, during and after worship to assist with ushering, reading lessons, communion, clean up.....*



**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.