



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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605-370-7368

Keith & Caroline Halverson
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Sioux Falls, SD 57107
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Bulletin Information – please have to the office by noon each Tuesday.

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

Baltic Food Bank Needs List: updated 7-14-2026

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 19th, 2026

Vicar Kendra Kappler, 605-951-8841, kappler2002@gmail.com
Secretary: Becky Schmidt, Office Email: bentonwillowoffice@gmail.com
Church phone – 605-543-5384



Summer Worship Schedule

Through Sunday, September 6th, 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.

August 9th – Joint Worship at Willow Creek, 10am, Backpack Sunday



**The next Campfire/Potluck will be, Sunday,
July 26th at Steve Schmidt's
24929 471st St, Baltic**

**Thank you to Gary & Rhonda Jongewaard for hosting
last week.**

**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.**

August 9th is still open. August 23rd will be at Wade & Angie Mulder



**Congratulations and Best Wishes to
“Cody Noe and Grace Schildhauer”.
They were married last weekend (7/11) at Benton
Lutheran Church.**



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 9th, 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 470th Ave

Dell Rapids, SD 57022

(Approx. 9 miles north of Crooks)

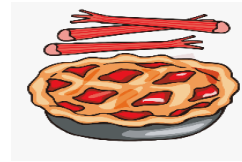


The Children's Offering for the month of July will go towards the cost of the backpack supplies. Thank you.

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

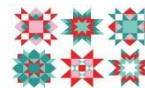
July 26th, Team 3, Communion

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.