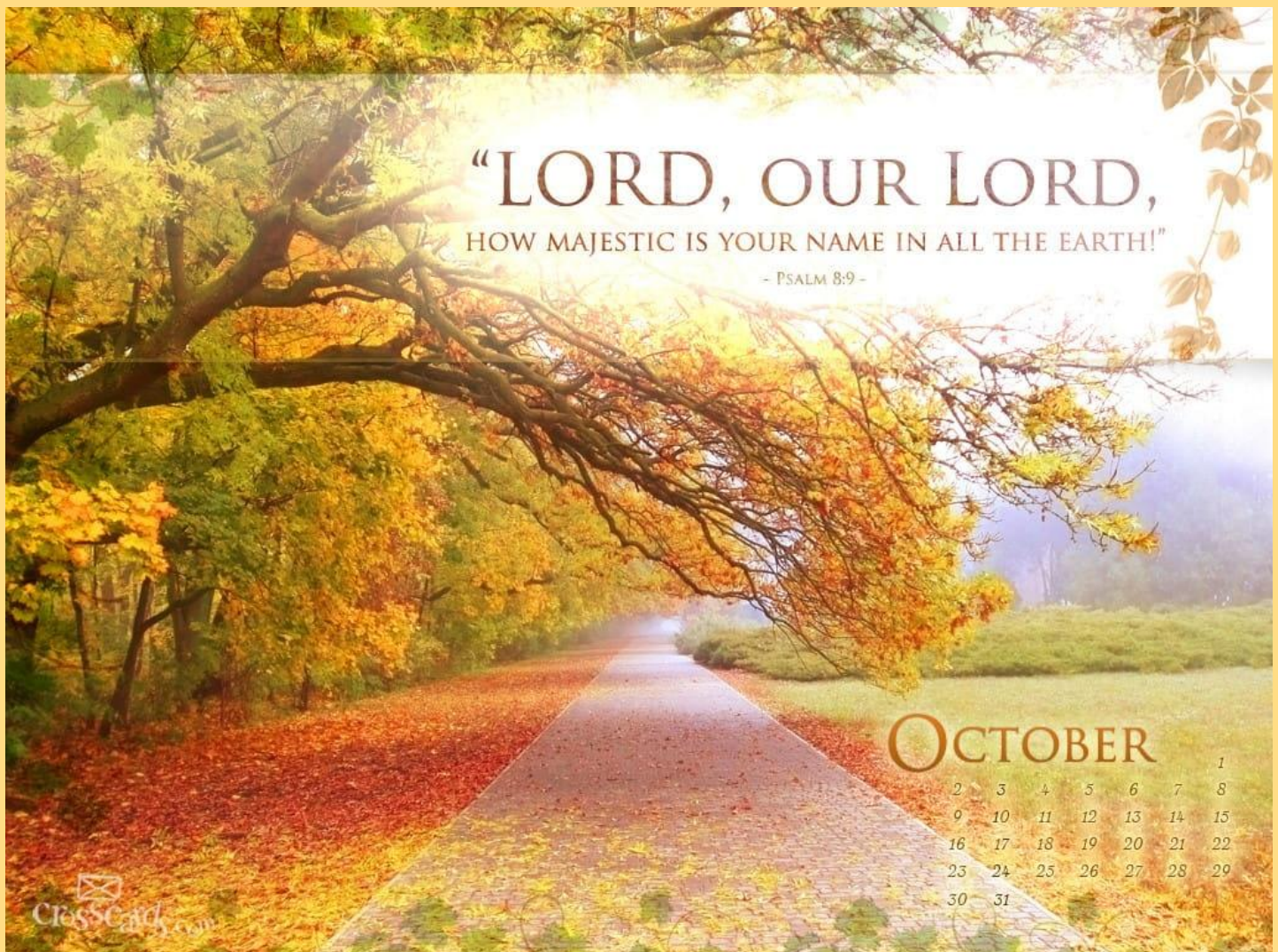


Light in the Beartooths

MESSIAH LUTHERAN NEWS

Pastor Ben Cherland



October

Council Corner

Dear Messiah Lutheran Church members and friends!

My hope is that this message finds you well and you are enjoying the fall colors, cooler temperature, and God's love surrounding you.

Our Pastor Ben has been away on sabbatical to Europe since July. He has walked many miles through Norway on the Gudbrandsdalsleden, spent time traveling through Germany exploring "Lutherland", and experienced an international ecumenical Christian monastic community in France. Pastor Ben cut his time in Europe a bit short due to the start of the Iowa Preaching Program he was accepted into this spring. He is now spending the next 10 days with family before returning to Messiah on October 14th.

Over the last months, you have stepped up by supporting the workings of our congregation and being faithful members and friends. We have had retired clergy, LMA's and our Church musicians leading our worship. We have joined Calvary and Red Lodge Community Church for summer services at Kaleva and on Beartooth Pass. In October, we welcome Pastor Kim Wilker on October 4th and Pastor Peter Christ on October 11th to lead our service.

Bishop Ben Quanbeck of the Montana Synod is joining us on October 18th as we are welcoming Pastor Ben home. Bishop Ben is going to meet with your Messiah Church Council after the service to help us navigate the coming months as we embrace Messiah's mission and vision:

As a community of Christ's followers, we seek to grow, making a difference in the lives of others.

Live by Faith. Share Christ's Love. Be a Voice of Hope.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Katrin Chandler, Messiah Church Council President

Pastor Ben will be out of the office starting July 20 through October 13. If you need anything immediate in the mean time, contact Dianne Milleson at the Messiah church office. For pastoral emergencies, (Billings) reach out to Rev. Teresa Clark at the Red Lodge Community Church or (Red Lodge) Rev. Aimee Altizer at Calvary Episcopal Church.



Neighboring Nations Indigenous Arts and Culture Festival

October 8-12, 2026
Red Lodge, Montana



Fireside Chat

Thursday, Oct. 8 | 5:30-7:00
Lutheran Church

"Stories That Make Us Relatives: An Evening of Storytelling
and Conversation."



Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy (Oglala Lakota), the first Native female theologian in the ELCA Christian tradition, is joining us for for a pre-festival fireside chat centered on storytelling, relationship, and responsibility.

Join Dr. Sherman-Conroy for an evening exploring the stories we inherit, the stories we tell about one another, and how listening differently can change the way we understand our responsibilities to one another and to the places we call home.

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Messiah Chimes and Handbells Celebrates Reformation Sunday

For many generations, bell sounds literally reminded/demanded villagers' attention to worship, and even weather events. Reformation, among many other changes, eliminated the magical/mystical power of bells in the hands of priests. Yet, bell sounds were never eliminated from calling the faithful to prayer.

In that tradition, Messiah's Reformation Sunday (October 25) will hear our handbells sounding *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*.

As you hear our ringing, learn more about what it takes to become a handbell ringer. Contact Dick or Martha Crofts for more information.



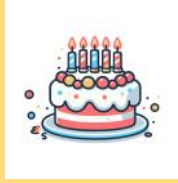
Capital Campaign Update

As you may be aware, we have an exciting opportunity before us. Thanks to the generosity of several individuals and couples, we have created a \$50,000 matching fund to help pay down the principal of the building loan. Between now and January 15, 2027, funds designated for the matching fund will be matched, up to \$50,000. So far, we have received just over \$15,000 which has been matched. That \$15,000 has now become \$30,000.

If you wish to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, please write "matching loan fund" in the memo line of your check or in the comment box in Vanco. Gifts can be given by mailing checks to the church, by placing them in the offering plate, or electronically. We ask, as we prayerfully consider our possible gifts, that gifts to the matching fund be over and above our regular giving.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact Paul Schauer, the coordinator, at pschauer62@gmail.com or 701-391-0584.

A huge THANK YOU to all who are contributing and to the donors of the matching pool (they wish to remain anonymous).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

10/3 Todd Daily
10/4 Alecia Benton
10/7 Kathy Benton
10/11 Aiden Moore
10/23 Kathy Kreatz
10/24 Al Stuber

Pillow Stuffing needed!

Messiah has been given lots of fabric with Christmas designs. These would be perfect to make pillows for kids' gifts for our December Christmas Kids Shoppe, but Barb is needing pillow stuffing, that fluffy polyester kind or even pillow forms that are filled with polyester. If you can donate such, please leave your contributions in the quilt room.

Thank you, Barb Ostrum

PRAYER SHAWLS

If you would like to help knit prayer shawls, please contact Pat Thompson.

If you need a prayer shawl, please contact Pat Thompson or Dianne Milleson.



10/26 Chris & Kathy
Benton

WOMENS SAFARI BOOK CLUB



Date: Oct. 15
Time: 3:00
Book: Lady Tan's Circle
Of Friends
Author: Lisa See
Facilitator: Kim Elsberry
Location: Home of
Martha Crofts



Messiah Charity Hand Quilters need your help to continue this ministry. We meet from 1pm—3 pm each Monday. Please bring a thimble, small scissors and a quilting needle. We will teach you what you need to know. If you don't have any of these things, come anyway and We will help get you set up.

Contact host, Marla Ebel, at 406-664-3178
for more Information

Let's keep in touch!

If email is not your favorite way of receiving communications from the church, please talk to Dianne in the office and let her know how you prefer to be contacted.



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Are you wondering what happened to that "yee-haw" at the end of the service, following "Thanks be to God"? Well, that was our brother in Christ, Don Lindall, and he has moved to the Vista, a part of St. John's United senior housing in Billings.

I was able to visit Don this past week. He is doing well and absolutely loves his new home. He says "it's like a 5 star hotel with room service." His apartment is filled with mementos of his big game hunting trips to Africa and photos of family and friends. He has resumed playing his guitar (he sang and played "The Gambler" for me), and stays fit walking around the campus with his trekking poles.

Don asked me to tell everyone he really misses Messiah and hopes to be able to come visit in the future.

YEE-HAW!

Dianne Milleson



Hebrews 4:16: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the prayer request book by the church office.

We ask that you re-submit requests at the first of each month if they are still desired
Or contact the church office at 406-446-2430 or email requests to redlodgemessiah@gmail.com
with specific information and permission from the person you are adding.

The people of Messiah are praying for

Pastor Ben, Renee Boyer, Hannah Gonzales, the family of Pat Keifert, Dolly Koski,
Rick and Sandy Koski, Jim Kyner, Mary Lair, Bob Pollock, Carlos Ramalho,
Nick Roselius, Sadie Sceva, David Smiley, Guynema Terry, Pat Thompson
and

The unspoken prayer requests of our congregation.

A little hymn humor submitted by Beverly Urbaniak.

Hymn Humor

The Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him With Many Crowns
The Weatherman's Hymn.....There Shall Be Showers of Blessing
The Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn.....There Is A Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn.....Standing on the Promises
The Optometrist's Hymn.....Open My Eyes That I Might See
The IRS Agent's Hymn.....I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn.....Pass It On
The Shopper's Hymn.....Sweet By and By
The Realtor's Hymn.....I've Got A Mansion Just Over the Hilltop
The Pilot's Hymn.....I'll Fly Away
The Paramedic's Hymn.....Revive Us Again
The Judge's Hymn.....Almost Persuaded
The Psychiatrist's Hymn.....Just A Little Talk With Jesus
The Architect's Hymn.....How Firm A Foundation
The Credit Card Telemarketer's Hymn.....A Charge To Keep I Have
The Zookeeper's Hymn.....All Creatures of Our God & King
The Postal Worker's Hymn.....So Send I You
The Waiter's Hymn.....Fill My Cup, Lord
The Gardener's Hymn.....Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
The Lifeguard's Hymn.....Rescue the Perishing
The Criminal's Hymn.....Search Me, O God
The Baker's Hymn.....When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder
The Shoe Repairer's Hymn.....It Is Well With My Soul
The Travel Agent's Hymn.....Anywhere With Jesus
The Geologist's Hymn.....Rock of Ages
The Hematologist's Hymn.....Are You Washed In the Blood?
The Menswear Clerk's Hymn.....Blest Be the Tie
The Umpire's Hymn.....I Need No Other Argument
The Librarian's Hymn.....Whispering Hope

Messiah Calendar—October, 2026

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
				1 Women's Bible Study—Noon	2	3
4 Worship 10:00 am Palisades HOA 4:00 pm	5 Great Books 9:00 am Quilting 1:00 pm	6	7	8 Women's Bible Study—Noon Indigenous Neighbors 5:30	9	10
11 Worship 10:00 am	12 Great Books 9:00 am Quilting 1:00 pm 	13	14	15 Women's Bible Study—Noon Safari Book Club 3:00 pm	16	17
18 Worship 10:00 am	19 Great Books 9:00 am Quilting 1:00 pm	20	21	22	23	24
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Each month Messiah Lutheran supports a designated charity. If you would like to contribute to this cause, please designate “special offering” on your check or with your online gift.

Special Projects 2026

January: Bare Tooth Food Bank
February: Boys and Girls Club
March: St. John’s Ministries
April: LWR Quilters
May: Christikon
June: Montana Synod Hunger Fund

July: RLACF Fun Run
August: Carbon County Arts Guild Youth Education
September: ELCA World Hunger
October: DSVS
November: Campus Ministries
December: CART

A Montana-based nonprofit, Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (DSVS) serves Carbon and Stillwater counties, offering a range of services for individuals and families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

The survivors we serve come from a variety of backgrounds and the help we offer is provided without regard to gender, ethnicity, income, age, ability, religion or sexual orientation. It’s all free and 100 percent confidential. While many of our clients are referred to us through the criminal justice system, filing charges against an abuser or perpetrator is not a prerequisite for our services. Our work was started in 1999, by Mitzi Vorachek, a Red Lodge woman who simply recognized a need in her community. With more than 25 years of leadership in domestic violence prevention and intervention, she provided a foundation for the development of DSVS as it is today. Her experience included developing curriculum and training programs for law enforcement, schools, and medical communities as well as conducting domestic violence research. She also trained countless domestic violence advocates and managed a rape crisis hotline in a major U.S. city. In her time at DSVS, she took on several roles, including Executive Director, and retired in 2013.

Early on, Mitzi was joined by Dr. Allison Smith-Estelle, PhD, who had extensive experience in domestic and sexual violence intervention both in the U.S. and abroad. With a background in advocacy for survivors of violence as well as curriculum development and training for advocates, Allison served as DSVS’s first program director. Allison later served as the Executive Director and is the primary author of Power Up, Speak Out!, a school-based program that teaches the basics of healthy relationships to middle schoolers.

Since its founding, DSVS has helped hundreds of survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking through direct services, therapy, and temporary housing support. We operate a 24-hour a day helpline, Power Up, Speak Out!, and a community wide mentoring program. We do this important work with a small staff, and the help of an engaged and diverse board of directors and dedicated, selfless volunteers.

The critical work we do is powered by donations from people from all walks of life who believe like we do, that everyone deserves healthy relationships.



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Messiah's Mission

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HOW TO CONTACT US AND STAY IN TOUCH:

Office Hours: Administrative: Mon-Thurs. 11 am - 3 pm

Messiah Lutheran Church phone: 406-446-2430

Administrative Assistant, Dianne Milleson's cell phone: 406-425-3222

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday : 11-4:00

Wednesday: 12:00-4:00

Thursday: 11:00-4:00

Friday: 12:00-4:00

Sunday: PM

From Monday July 20th to October 13th Pastor Ben will be on Sabbatical. In case of emergencies, please contact Rev. Aimee Altizer at Calvary Episcopal Church or Rev. Teresa Clark at Red Lodge Community UCC.

Church Address: P.O. Box 1330
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Facebook: Messiah Lutheran

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Prayer Requests: redlodgemessiah@gmail.com

Pastor Ben: pastorbencherland@gmail.com

Sunday Worship Service:

10:00 a.m. Worship



In an effort to make Messiah comfortable and welcoming for everyone we ask that you refrain from using strong personal scents or perfumes.

Thank you.

