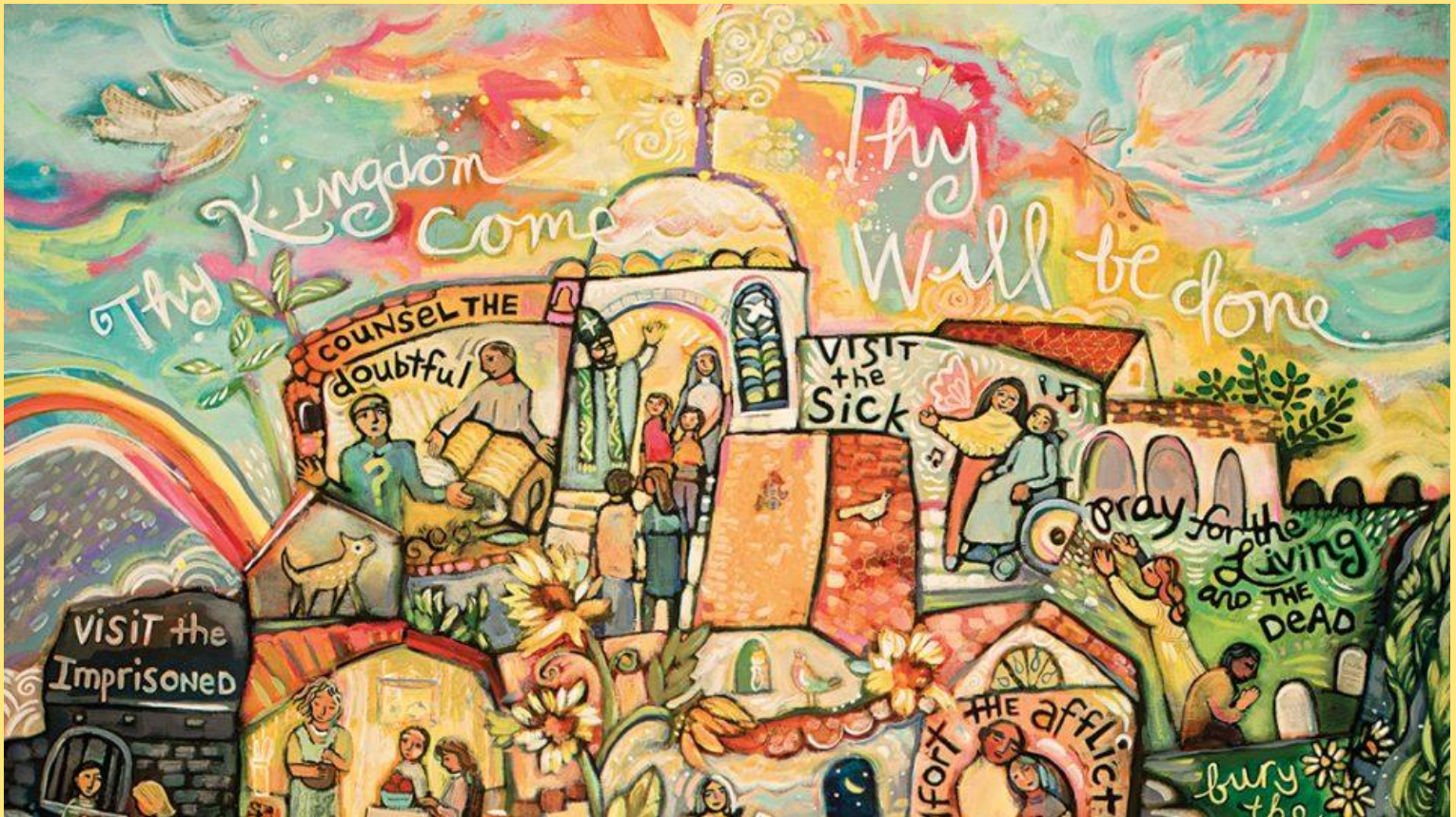


Light in the Beartooths

MESSIAH LUTHERAN NEWS

Pastor Ben Cherland



Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those

who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

Amen.

August, 2024

Dear Messiah,

We are rounding the last corner of summer and anticipating fall – can you believe it?! A few things will be starting up in this next season that will grow our relationships with each other and with the Spirit of God who is guiding the way. We had a good adult forum during the 9:00-10:00 hour before worship Sunday, July 28, during which we discussed the proposed Congregational Care Committee. A number of details were actually decided at that meeting that will keep confidentiality central to our work. And while more details will need deciding in the coming month, the “road” will be made as we walk it together.

In the wake of that meeting, a few people have offered lists of skills they have that could be put to use by this committee in support of our members. Enough of such lists have come across my desk that a new element of this Congregation Care Committee is forming, something we might call a Congregational Care Inventory.

This collection of things members are willing to offer would be a place committee members could turn to get help where it is needed. Examples of such things include basic computer problem help, the purging and simplifying of financial records and files, help with paying bills such as disputes or confusing billing mysteries (of which there are so many!), searching for professionals who might be able to offer specialized help and resources, and taking things to the post office, the recycling center and picking up groceries / prescriptions / etc. just to name a few. These could also include delivering meals, providing company to relieve adult care providers, a simple visit, moving/hauling help, and more. What would be on your list of things you would be willing to offer a member who needed some help?

One question I have is how we would collect each of your “lists”. Perhaps it’s a simple sheet of paper we include on the Messiah Connects notepads, or it’s an email to which you can respond. I think coming up with our lists is a useful exercise in helping us to imagine all the ways we can offer support, help, encouragement and care to each other. An equally important exercise might mirror this one – thinking of all the things in which you could use some help and support.

To be sure, this Congregational Care Committee and a possible care inventory are counter cultural here in the American Mountain West. Being willing to offer help might be less counter cultural than being willing to receive it, but Jesus consistently shows up to those willing to risk the vulnerability asking for help entails. May we be so bold.

Pastor Ben

Christikon Clips



August, 2024

Information for our Congregations

As you are reading this clip, we are readying for the last sessions of our 73rd season. We hosted over 500 campers so far this season including youth, families, adults and at-risk youth. We have retreats scheduled through mid-October.

Our summer staff will be completing their stay with us and will soon be heading back to their lives outside of Christikon.

We look forward to our congregational and family retreats scheduled this fall. A few retreat times are still available.

Call Kerry in the office and reserve a time.

We continue to ask for your prayers for those traveling to camp, our staff, and our campers.

Blessings to all of you who support Christikon with prayer, time, skills, and your generous donations. We are grateful!

Please visit <https://christikon.org/donate-to-christikon/> and continue your support.

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ— exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.

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St. John's United

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

THURSDAYS 7PM

OPENERS BEGIN AT 6PM

WYNDSTONE
BILLINGS HEIGHTS

JUNE 20TH | **RONNIE MILSAP**
TRIBUTE

Opener: Cory Leone Johnson

THE CROSSINGS • LAUREL

JUNE 27TH | **LEGENDS OF THE PIONEERS**
TRIBUTE

Opener: Joe Sullivan

SJU CAMPUS • BILLINGS

JULY 11TH | **BEATLES**
TRIBUTE

Opener: Elise Dye

SJU CAMPUS • BILLINGS

JULY 18TH | **BEACH BOYS**
TRIBUTE

Opener: John Adams

SJU CAMPUS • BILLINGS

JULY 25TH | **ELTON JOHN**
TRIBUTE

Opener: Gavin Russell

SJU CAMPUS • BILLINGS

AUGUST 1ST
6:30 PM

PAPER FLOWERS
"REMEMBERING FLEETWOOD MAC"

Opener: John Floridis • 5:30 pm

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Thank you for making this concert possible.

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Food Trucks Available

Coolers Welcome

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.

January.....Baretooth Cupboards

February.....Red Lodge Ice Rink

March.....St. John’s United

AprilMeadowlark Childrens Center

May.....Christikon

June.....Boys & Girls Club

July.....Lutheran World Relief

August.....Red Lodge Fun Run

September...Pastor’s Discretionary

October.....DSVS

November....Campus Ministries

December.....Prison Ministries

Let’s honor the missions that Red Lodge Messiah supports. At the beginning of each month we will have someone briefly speak about that non-profit entity during worship. Also, a jar will be placed near the coffee in the gathering area if you wish to donate there. Certainly a check with the organization specified on the memo line is great as well. Thanks, B Ostrum



The Annual Fun Run for Charities in Red Lodge is a Labor Day Weekend fundraising event for charitable organizations in Carbon County.

Last year, the 20th Annual Fun Run raised \$329,033 for more than 65 Carbon County charities!

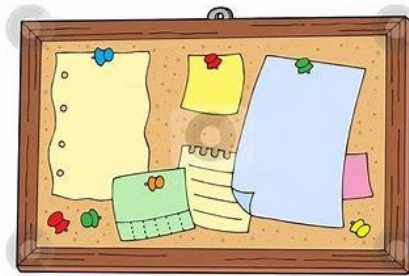
Thank you to all participating charities, volunteers, race participants, and donors who make this incredible community event possible. Your support makes our community vibrant. We look forward to seeing you there on Saturday, August 31st of Labor Day weekend at Lion’s Park in beautiful Red

August, 2024

COUNCIL CORNER

Council Corner Council met on Monday July 15. Below are the highlights!

- Forum on Aug 4 to introduce the idea of a Sabbatical policy
- It's a fun time to be a kid at Messiah! Children's bibles and new SS curriculum have been ordered. Messiah Milestones are being developed to celebrate successes from learning prayers to getting their driver's license.
- We are losing our cleaner, but volunteers have stepped up to do weekly cleaning. Deep cleaning will be done by a service. If you want to help out one week, let Dianne know.
- We will start Moment for Mission in August where someone will take a few minutes during worship to talk about that month's special project. We will have a Mission collection jar available during the month in the gathering space.
- Bridges and signage are still in the works, but landscaping has begun!
- **Open Council Positions**—We have two open positions on Council. One is for Vice President and one is for our Stewardship Chair. Both positions are to fill vacancies and therefore would be appointed by Council for the remaining period of time for each position (VP through January 2025 and Stewardship through January 2027). If you would like to help conduct church business, please consider one of these position. Call Linda (406) 426-0841 for more information.



Our bulletin board is the place to check for community information, thank you letters from groups that we support and many other interesting items.

What's Going on at Messiah

Meadowlark Tweets

Happy summer!

Our kids have been busy! Making slime, playing in water tables, and eating all the watermelon they can handle! Something bittersweet for this August, we'd like to say goodbye to our wonderful friend Miss Yolanda! Miss Yolanda's last day is August 1st- she's been with us since the start and has offered so much to our kiddos and their families. We wish her well on her next adventure with the Red Lodge school district!

Megan Strong



A note to Yolanda from Messiah

Yolanda, you are a person who exudes light and joy. We have been blessed to have you here and hate to see you go. However, we only want the best for you and wish you blessings and great success in this next chapter of your life. Thank you for the time you spent here with us and the joy you brought.

May God bless and keep you.

Your friends at Messiah

On July 26th we welcomed these beautiful people as members of Messiah. Steven and Jordan Morales, Ella and Indi, Connie Baehr, Ted Muensch, and Victoria Kittle

Dear friends,
As a caring congregation, we look forward to sharing God's love and blessings with you in the years to come. May your love and faith increase during your time with us.



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What's going on at Messiah?



Our Worship Committee met in July to learn to make our communion bread. Jeri Kyner, Susan Leaverton, Suzi Hansen, Marla Ebel, Pastor Ben, and Martha Crofts



Messiah enjoyed worship on the land followed by an absolutely awesome potluck lunch. Special thanks to everyone who helped make this event possible!



Landscapers are on site and are moving our mountain!



Pat Thompson is our new Prayer Shawl Ministry Coordinator. Please contact her if you would like a prayer shawl for a friend who may be going through a rough time, illness or surgery.

Happy Birthday!

- 8/4 Jim Johnson
- 8/12 Liam Moore
- 8/14 Duane Daily
- 8/19 Don Lindall
- 8/27 Kim Elsberry

Happy Anniversary!

- 8/11 Brian and Sheena Langeliers
- 8/17 Andy and Laurie Grygiel
- 8/22 Jane & Denny Chatlain

Cotton flannel sheets and yardage are still needed

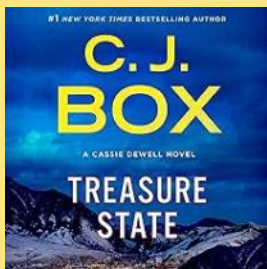
We are collecting cotton flannel sheets and yardage for Pastor Schauer's wife, LeeAnn, to be made into diapers for Lutheran World Relief. Sheets can be used and stained because they will be cut up and the unusable parts will be discarded.

Prayer Shawl Ministry is Resuming

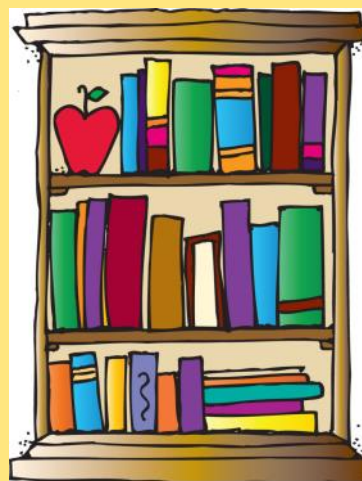
If you are interested in making prayer shawls, please contact Pat Thompson or Mary Ames. If you are in need of a prayer shawl, please contact Pat Thompson, Mary Ames or Pastor Ben.

Messiah Charity Quilters would love your help from 1pm—3 pm each Monday. Everything is provided except your sewing needle and a pair of scissors. We will teach you what you need to know.

WOMEN'S SAFARI BOOK CLUB



Date: August 15
 Time: 7:00 pm
 Book: Treasure State
 Author: C.J. Box
 Facilitator: Marla Ebel
 Location: Home of DJ Rosekelley
 Contact host, Marla Ebel, at 406-664-3178 for more information.



Book Exchange
 Books in the book case in the hallway are available to be taken and read. You may also leave books for others to read.

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.



Messiah Calendar—August 2024

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
				1	2	3
4 9:30 am Adult Formum Sabbatical Policy Worship 10:00 am Allen Hansen Funeral 3:00 pm	5 Quilters 1:00 pm	6	7	8	9	10
11 Worship 10:00 am Chimes Noon	12 Quilters 1:00 pm	13	14	15 Safari Book Club 7:00 pm	16	17
18 Worship on the Pass with Calvary Episcopal	19 Quilters 1:00 pm	20 Bible Study with Pastor Ben 6:30 pm	21	22	23	24
25 Worship 10:00 am Chimes Noon Hospice Memorial 5:00 pm	26 Quilters 1:00 pm	27 Bible Study with Pastor Ben 6:30 pm	28	29	30	31

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Every Tuesday

Women's Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

Contact Martha Crofts, 239-643-3027

or

Marla Ebel, 406-664-3178

for more information

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the prayer request book in the gathering area. 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.

This month the people of Messiah are praying for Ilamae Akkerman,
Doug Beckman, Brook Feister, Sherry Houser, Dolly and Jim Koski,

Rick and Sandy Koski, the family of Phyllis Kreatz,

Barbara and Howard Marquart, Shirley Petersen, and the children and
grandchildren of Dick and DJ Rosekelly

Messiah Church Council

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Messiah's Mission:

“Live by Faith, Share Christ's Love, Be a Voice of Hope”

HOW TO CONTACT US AND STAY IN TOUCH:

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

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406-425-3222

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Monday: 9:00-4:00

Tuesday : 9:00-4:00

Wednesday: 9:00-3:00

Thursday: **OFF**

Friday: 9:00-4:00

Saturday: 12:00-4:00

Sunday: 8:00-12:00

Pastor's Cell Phone: 646-708-1389

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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.



Fragrance Free Zone
Please help us to accommodate those who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products.