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# *Light in the Beartooths*

MESSIAH LUTHERAN NEWS

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Pastor Ben Cherland



Dear Messiah,

Summer is here and Pentecost is well underway. The Spirit has come and walks with us into this new season. We listen for its invitation into the life it gives and the direction it leads. I'd like to talk about one such direction I see the Spirit tugging us, and ask you to consider where you're feeling its pull, in both your life and in our life together.

Coffee Hour. We gather after worship over treats (both savory and sweet), and always with coffee. We greet each other and engage with visitors who brave the vulnerability that comes in submitting to unfamiliar crowds more familiar with each other than with 'you.' The mugs in our hands, the hot coffee we share, fills the space between us that allows our focus to divide – our attention isn't solely directed at each other but given a gentle buffer in what we sip. It's a "third thing" that allows our socializing to be easy, perhaps less intense, more inviting. There's a reason people "go out for coffee," and why Lutherans joke about coffee being "the third sacrament."

Our coffee poses a question though, and I feel the Spirit pausing, waiting for our reply.

The "coffee culture" is ubiquitous in North America. You can find people everywhere drinking it like water. There is no place in North America though where coffee grows, so whatever coffee you drink, that steaming mug in your hands comes to you through economic agreements between countries that do grow coffee and those that don't. Many such agreements are made at the expense of coffee growers, who work for less money than what would constitute a fair or living wage.

There are companies that are trying to work around such agreements in order to support coffee growers more directly and effectively. Equal Exchange is a company that has created an alternative economy that cuts out the "middle man" and buys directly from coffee producers in developing countries. This enables the farmers to receive a better price, the consumers to receive a better product, and a level of fairness that is not possible when more special interests are part of the process. Equal Exchange provides the market, coffee growers provide the product, and a connection of support is forged.

This summer we are going to be drinking Equal Exchange coffees at Coffee Hour. There will be more information available around our coffee corner for you to peruse. What we speak of in worship about loving our neighbor will take on international significance with every sip you take after worship. The Spirit is offering us one more way to love globally, one cup at a time. You might find yourself saying, "That's some good coffee."

Pastor Ben







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

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**JULY 18TH** | **BEACH BOYS**  
TRIBUTE

Opener: John Adams

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**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

TITLE SPONSOR:



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Thank you for making this concert possible.

Free Admission

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

April .....Meadowlark 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



Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County—"Great futures start here."

To inspire & enable young people, especially those who need us the most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible & caring individuals.



June, 2024

## COUNCIL CORNER

Due to Memorial Day, Council met on Monday, May 19. Highlights are below but you can find our full minutes and financials on our website, in the member's section.

- Reconfirmed office hours as M-TH from 11am - 3pm. Pastor Ben will hold open office hours on Monday's and Wednesdays from 11-3. Stop by and say hello!
- Amazing job on the 74 quilts, 10 baby care kits and 11 fabric sewing kits being sent off to Lutheran World Relief.
- Shed has been ordered. We will take delivery in June.
- Letters and cross have been ordered for outside of building facing highway.
- June 8 is clean up day at church (inside and out).
- Education and Family Life committees have been established - thanks to all who agreed to help with these important groups!
- There will be a concert held at Messiah on Sept 11. More information to come.
- New Members will be received on June 23rd
- New MOU with MCC will be signed in June
- Working through some issues with our cleaner, but hope to have that resolved in early June.

Thanks!

Linda



June, 2024

## What's Going on at Messiah

# Meadowlark Tweets

"Hello church family! We hope your spring is off to an amazing start! We've got some big things happening this month. A new friend, some first words, and our summer camp program starting on June 17th. We want to thank you for your contributions this last April to our Tuition Assistance Fund, we value your support and generosity."

Megan Strong



Children have Sunday School during the adult worship service.

## CHURCH CLEAN UP AND WEENIE ROAST

**COME SATURDAY, JUNE 8 FROM 9 TO NOON TO HELP GET OUR CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANED UP.**

If you have these things and can bring them, we need heavy duty lawn mowers, weed eaters and other tools for getting our church grounds cleaned up. Please let Kathy Kreatz know if you can help in this way.

kkreatz@gmail.com or 406-425-1595



# Happy Birthday!

- 6/1 Ella Kinzley
- 6/30 Maria Gibson

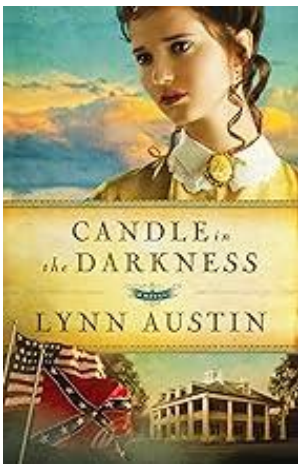
## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 6/02 Brooke & John Flynn
- 6/19 Jeri & Jim Kyner
- 6/27 Dick & Martha Crofts

### Prayer Shawl Ministry is Resuming

If you are interested in making prayer shawls, please contact Mary Ames.

### WOMEN'S SAFARI BOOK CLUB

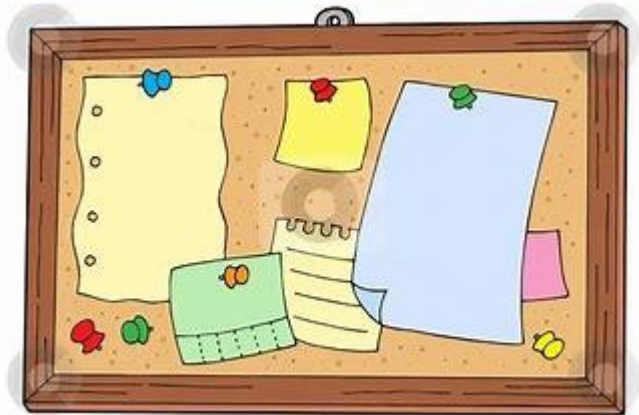


**Date:** June 20  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Book:** Candle in the Darkness  
**Author:** Lynn Austin  
**Facilitator:** Donna Downing  
**Location:** Home of D.J. Rosekelly  
**Contact host, Marla Ebel,**  
**at 406-664-3178 for more information.**

### 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.

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.



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

### 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—June, 2024

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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2 Rogation Sunday 10:30 worship Tuell Ranch	3 Great Books 9:30 am Quilters 1:00 pm	4 Women's Bible Study 10:00 am  Bible Study with Pastor Ben 6:00 pm	5	3	7	8 CHURCH CLEAN- UP DAY 9-NOON BONFIRE AND WEENIE ROAST
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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](mailto:redlodgemessiah@gmail.com)

with specific information and permission from the person you are adding.

This month the people of Messiah are praying for Doug Beckman, Brook Feister, the family of Allen Hansen, Sherry Houser, Dolly and Jim Koski, Rick and Sandy Koski, Phyllis Kreatz, and Shirley Petersen

## Messiah Church Council

P.O. Box 1330      912 Lower Continental Dr.

Red Lodge, MT 59068

Church: (406) 446-2430

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Pastor's email: [pastorbencherland@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbencherland@gmail.com)

Website: [www.redlodgemessiah.com](http://www.redlodgemessiah.com)

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Pastor	Ben Cherland	646-708-1389c	<a href="mailto:pastorbencherland@gmail.com">pastorbencherland@gmail.com</a>
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President	Linda Daily	406-426-0841c	<a href="mailto:lindatodd94@yahoo.com">lindatodd94@yahoo.com</a>
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Vice President

Secretary	Brooke Flynn	406-656-0173	<a href="mailto:flynnquilt@gmail.com">flynnquilt@gmail.com</a>
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Treasurer	Kim Elsberry	406-425-0967	<a href="http://kelsberrybresnan.net">kelsberrybresnan.net</a>
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	Paul Schauer	701-391-0584	<a href="mailto:pschauer62@gmail.com">pschauer62@gmail.com</a>
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Education	Katrin Chandler	406-290-4263c	<a href="mailto:katregcha@gmail.com">katregcha@gmail.com</a>
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Family Life/Volunteer

Coordinator	Martha Crofts	239-643-3027c	<a href="mailto:marthacrofts@gmail.com">marthacrofts@gmail.com</a>
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Outreach	Barb Ostrum	406-446-4121	<a href="mailto:hobin727@gmail.com">hobin727@gmail.com</a>
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Property	Kathy Kreatz	406-425-1595	<a href="mailto:kkkreatz@gmail.com">kkkreatz@gmail.com</a>
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Stewardship

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Worship	Dianne Milleson	406-425-3222	<a href="mailto:dmille46@gmail.com">dmille46@gmail.com</a>
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### **Other Important Contact Information**

Computer	Gwen Williams	406-425-2401	(Text Gwen Only)
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Ministerial Ass'n.	Bryan Lowen	406-860-5571	(financial assistance to the community).
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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

**Messiah Lutheran Church** phone: 406-446-2430

**Administrative Assistant, Dianne Milleson's cell phone:**

**406-425-3222**

**Pastor's Office Hours:**

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**

**Church Address:** P.O. Box 1330

912 Lower Continental Dr.

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**Website:** [www.redlodgemessiah.com](http://www.redlodgemessiah.com)

**Facebook:** Messiah Lutheran

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**Prayer Requests:** [redlodgemessiah@gmail.com](mailto:redlodgemessiah@gmail.com)

**Pastor Ben:** [pastorbencherland@gmail.com](mailto: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.