

Light in the Beartooths

MESSIAH LUTHERAN NEWS

Pastor Ben Cherland

Study to shew thyself
approved unto God, a workman
THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED,
rightly dividing the word of truth.
2 Timothy 3:15

September, 2023

Monday afternoon, I got a call from Janet at the Community Church. She had been speaking to someone who needed gas. Janet wanted to know if I could help this woman out. I took down the woman's number and gave her a call.

Let's call her, Ronda. She was three days away from payday. She lives far outside Red Lodge and needed a way to get to work in town. Her car was empty and the generator she used to power her home was too. On top of all this, choking back tears, she told me that she's in the middle of a divorce - "It's been a rough week," she said. "It's Monday," I thought to myself...

I couldn't do anything for her marriage. I couldn't make payday come any sooner. She didn't want a consoling conversation to have helped her. What she needed was some gas.

This month, our special offering will be going to a strange place. Churches call it a "discretionary" In other words, it's a sum of money that the Pastor uses at his or her discretion, specifically to help neighbors like Ronda that need it. Tanks of gas, a few groceries, simple things.

The Ministerial Association (the account shared by four Red Lodge churches) allows pastors to pay for bigger things - like a night in a hotel, a heating bill, a phone bill, etc. But for small, simple things that help people bridge a momentary gap, a discretionary fund is where a pastor turns. The unexpected result of being able to meet people in their need is that I can often hear a bit of their story and connect them with the love of Christ.

Your generous support for our September special offering will have concrete, positive impacts on people's lives - people in Red Lodge, your neighbors. This fund allows me to answer the call to love God on your behalf by acting on behalf of those in need. Your dollars and cents will be carefully administered by me when people reach out for help.

It's a simple thing, but it often winds up illustrating the unearned grace of God to those who might not have thought they deserved it.

Thank you for supporting my ability to show up and meet people in their need.



Pastor Ben

September, 2023

Meadowlark Tweets

"Hello Church family!

Thank you again for all of your continued support and enthusiasm for our little daycare. We are currently getting families enrolled and giving tours. Everyone has loved the space and your church and we hope to open September 18th but are waiting for confirmation from the state at this time.

Currently, I am working on a list of volunteer opportunities and getting help from Licensing for what volunteers will need to help out- so stay tuned!

Gratefully,

Megan & Meadowlark Team"



SPECIAL OFFERINGS 2023

January.....Baretooth Cupboards

February.....Red Lodge Ice Rink

March.....St. John's United

AprilRed Lodge Pool

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

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.



September 30, Orange Shirt Day

Wear orange on Sept 30 and join events in your community to commemorate the residential school experience and to witness and honor the healing journey of the survivors and their families. This annual commemoration began in Canada and is now widely observed in the U.S.

September, 2023



08/02/2023

Messiah Lutheran Church of Red Lodge
PO Box 1330
Red Lodge, MT 59068-1330

Dear Ben,

Thank You!

On behalf of the city of Red Lodge and the City Pool Committee, we thank you for your generous donation of \$25.00 on 08/02/2023. The pool fundraising campaign began in January 2021. With your help, we have made great progress.

Our path to success depends on the passion, generosity, and dedication of people such as you. Thank you for your support, trust, and engagement with the project. The City Pool will serve the community's residents and visitors alike.

Your contribution is making a difference. Together, we are doing great things!

Best,

Tracy Timmons,
Executive Director

The Foundation is a registered 501 (C)3 organization, Tax I.D. 20-0192255.
No goods or services were provided in return for this donation.

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August 2, 2023

Messiah Lutheran Church
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Dear Friends at Messiah Lutheran Church:

On behalf of everyone connected with the Christikon ministry, please convey my sincere thanks to those from your congregation who were involved in supporting Christikon ministry through their part in the 2023 Benefit Auction. We were so pleased to have their artistry and fine work! The results of their efforts:

Auction Item	Person(s) Involved	Sale Price
Flower Basket quilt	The Red Lodge Charity Quilters & Barbara Ostrum	\$350

I want to thank you for your support of the camp's work through your contribution to the 2023 Benefit Auction. It was a wonderful event! Between our Live and BetterWorld auction items, and other gifts, the day raised just over \$46,000. We are indeed blessed!

While we try to contact each person who contributed individually, we don't always have all the needed information to do so. Your help in passing on our thanks is appreciated.

We are grateful to our congregations for all the ways they support Christikon's ministry, and we're especially grateful for all who invested their skills, time, and resources in the Benefit Auction.

Again, thanks for your part in all this. Please continue to keep Christikon in your prayers.

Kerry signs on my behalf. I pray all is well with you and yours. Have a great fall!

Best,

Mark Donald

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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An outdoor ministry of Lutheran congregations in southern Montana and northern Wyoming. Affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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Hi Benjamin,

Once again, thank you and the good folks at Messiah Lutheran Church for your continued faithful support of Christikon. Your recent gift of \$50 helps support our mission to be an arm of ministry on your behalf. Please note that we intend this letter to serve as your receipt and have not included a separate document for that purpose. We hope you'll retain it for your records.

We are uniquely positioned to impact kids, families and adults, those at-risk, and those with developmental disabilities. We see ourselves as a training ground for future church leaders as well. Of the roughly 600 former staff people at Christikon, the vast majority are actively involved in their respective congregations, and close to 100 went on to ordained ministry and serve faith communities across the nation and world. This ministry makes a difference in the lives of campers and staff alike, and your gift helps us continue following where God leads.

Thank you for your continued partnership in Christikon's mission and ministry. We pray for God's blessings in your context. We have our staff on board for this summer and continue our planning for the 2023 season.

I firmly believe that now, as much as ever, the Church and the world needs solid and faithful outdoor ministry that helps connect Jesus' story to our life and world. As always, we look with hope and great expectation towards the future and pray that God will guide us still as we seek to be God's people in this time and place.

Again, thanks for all the ways you have, and continue to, champion the mission and ministry of Christikon. If you're interested, I'd love to talk with you about coming to your congregation in person. God bless you and yours, and this ministry we love and share.

Pax,

Mark

Thank you, Messiah friends ☺

Mark

Your gift to Christikon constitutes a legal deduction for income tax computation, to the full extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided to you by Christikon in connection with your contribution, or their value was insignificant or consisted entirely of intangible religious benefits. Christikon is a 501(3)(c) EIN#86-0367727.

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Thank You!



We appreciate
all you do for
our youth!
Maggie Karas

Thank you for your continued
support for the Lunch in the
Sun program! Judy Kijewski

Very much appreciate
your help with
lunches! David

To the volunteers at
Messiah Lutheran Church,
Thank you for making
Lunch in the Sun a success!

Thanks!
Brad Canton

Thanks!
- Ember

Thank you for
feeding the kids!
Macy

Thank you
All
- Rob



St. John's United is pleased to be a leader in senior living and a provider of human services across the whole arc of life. From [independent](#) to [assisted living](#), [outpatient physical therapy](#) to [transitional care](#), [pregnancy support](#) to [adoption](#); we offer our community a variety of services to meet their changing needs. At St. John's we aspire to champion your best life possible, believing that every person has **SO MUCH LIFE TO LIVE!** Our commitment to quality care for seniors, families, and children is why we are the most well-known provider for senior living and human services in the region.

The areas of life that matter – Home, Health, and Family

Home is where you are. In addition to our established [senior living communities](#), we extend our services off campus to meet you and your loved ones with the support and resources you need. This support is facilitated by our nearly 700 qualified staff members and a network of [volunteers](#). Wherever you choose to live, we help you live your life with confidence.

Health is personal to everyone. We serve and support individuals through health and wellness services offered at our St. John's United locations or at your home. Our residents and off campus community are provided with [rehabilitation](#) and [transitional care](#), [outpatient and occupational physical therapy](#), speech therapy, and [catered living](#). St. John's is committed to meeting your health-care needs and accompanying you toward wellness.

Family unites us all. Our family services staff focuses on meeting the needs of every generation, from [child daycare](#) to [pregnancy support](#) and [counseling](#) to [adoption services](#). At St. John's United, we also offer [childcare](#) and [spiritual guidance](#) to families in times of transition. We want the future to be bright for every age, from childhood through senior living. That is why we provide services to help all who come to us for care. Our goal is to help and heal,

Home is where you are.

Enjoying the comfort of your own home is a big part of living your best life possible. If you are still comfortable living at home but need some help with weekly chores St. John's provides its services to take care of you there. From all the fundamentals of maintaining a home and easing the demand in the kitchen to providing you with skilled nursing, we will support your independence. As a community member our solid foundation of home healthcare is there for you every step of the way.

Home Healthcare

Our Medicare approved home healthcare support involves the supervision of registered nurses and licensed therapists as well as social work services so patients and family members can be confident in the physical and emotional care we provide.

Hospice Care

St. John's United is a Medicare-certified hospice provider delivering compassionate hospice care at the end of life for our patients, and support to their families. Our team of hospice physicians, registered nurses, chaplains, social workers, and volunteers all work together to provide a comprehensive support so that specific needs for personal care, and end of life resources are met.

St. John's United in Billings Plans New Apartments

published July 2023

St. John's is currently seeking people who may be interested in Aeries, their next planned development of independent living in Billings, MT.

St. John's United has a rich history of providing a variety of high-quality living experiences that meet the needs of aging and older adults--from independent living and assisted-living communities to skilled nursing and memory care. As residents' needs change, St. John's helps them make seamless transitions to the living option that is best for them.

PRIMARY BENEFITS The current vision for Aeries is for 84 or more modern, upscale, high-rise apartment dwellings for residents age 55 and up. Floor plans will range from approximately 1,000 to 1,800 sq. ft. of living space and will include covered parking for all residents and storage for recreational vehicles. Additionally, residents will have access to amenities such as 24/7 security, a rooftop garden with space for socializing and relaxation, a pickle ball court and a dog park. The common space that links the proposed residential space with the St. John's Transitional Rehab Center and Chapel Court Apartments will host a fitness center and lap pool; multiple fast casual, bistro and fine dining options; and a full medical office complete with pharmacy and lab services. Best of all, a performing arts center will be co-located within the new project offering opportunities for entertainment and social engagement.

PRICELESS BENEFITS Residents of the new St. John's project will have full priority access to St. John's continuum of care as their healthcare needs and physical abilities change with advancing age.

PHASED DEVELOPMENT Priority membership for Aeries will be given to those who submit a \$1,000 deposit now. The deposit is 90% refundable if circumstances or lifestyle desires change. These members will receive invitations to special informational sessions and updates as the project progresses and will be given the first right of refusal in making a commitment when the project moves to the pre-sale phase. As the project moves to the construction phase, these initial depositors will have full input on interior design options for their eventual homes. It is anticipated that the development-to-occupied timeline for Aeries will be approximately four years.

MESSIAH QUILTERS NEWS

The **Charity Quilters**, Red Lodge's long standing hand quilting group, is in full swing in our wonderful new quilt room. The quilt we are working on now will end up raising money for PEO, a local group offering scholarships to local girls and women for higher education. The Charity Quilters will be putting a new quilt on the frame soon – the proceeds for our next project will go to Messiah; stop by and watch our progress or pull up a chair and join us! **Hours, every Monday from 1-3PM**

Lutheran World Relief quilts have been an important mission for Messiah for years now. We have started tying quilts again, much earlier than in previous years, because we now have room to leave our tying table up and ready to go! **Hours, every Monday from 1-3PM**

Question – are there Messiah folks or community members who are interested in quilting or quilt tying in the evenings? If so, please let us know what time and day works and we will develop a schedule. Brooke (406-656-0173) or Dianne (406-446-2430)

Here is a summary:

- Come on Monday to hand quilt or tie Lutheran World Relief quilts (or visit, we love company!)
- Be watching for the LWR Pre Cut quilt fabric kits to sew up at home
- Some very experienced Messiah folks are willing to teach hand quilting – any one interested?
- When do **YOU** want to quilt? We hope to have more quilters busy in our new quilt home.



This fabric was purchased in Africa by one of the Charity Quilters and donated for a Lutheran World Relief quilt. Barb Ostrum added the borders so that it fits the size requirements for Lutheran World Relief. We think the words are Swahili and the gist is "I will be with you in good times and bad".

COUNCIL CORNER

Council met on Tuesday, July 18. Below is a snapshot of the discussion and decisions made. You can find full minutes on our website under the Member section.

- The final payment was made to Morgan Construction on the new building. A letter to the congregation will go out detailing the total amount spent and the loan balance with Mission Investment Fund.
- Fall is a busy time! Look for communication on the blessing of backpacks, non-profit garage sale, bible study on prayer, men's Monday am breakfast.
- Dates were set for our Stewardship drive. We need to run a separate campaign for the building, outside of general fund, as we have in the past, per our agreement with Mission Investment Fund.
- Fun times on the horizon! Be on the look out for fun fellowship activities such as "Everybody's Birthday Party", pot lucks and more.
- We are working on outdoor signage.
- We are in the process of reviewing our constitution. Updates from the ELCA need to be included. If anyone has comments/questions about the constitution, please let someone on council know before October 1.

What's going on at Messiah?

It was great to welcome our dear friend, Marilyn Herricks, visiting from Apache Junction, AZ, and her daughter.



Garage Sale!!! August 26 Something for everyone! The garage sale was a huge success bringing in almost \$1,400 for a church project.



DSVS and the Humane Alliance joined in the sale, setting up in the parking lot.



Luck of the Pot—Potluck, August 27

Just a few of the folks who stayed for our potluck dinner following the service. Pastor had a special blessing of the backpacks and students who are returning to school.



September, 2023

The Diaper Report

For a few months now we have been collecting flannel sheets for LeeAnn Domonsky-Kellar, Pastor Paul Schauer's wife. She then transforms them into diapers for Lutheran World Relief. Our most sincere thanks to the Red Lodge Senior Center for donating many, many sheets for this project.

Here is a peek at the process.



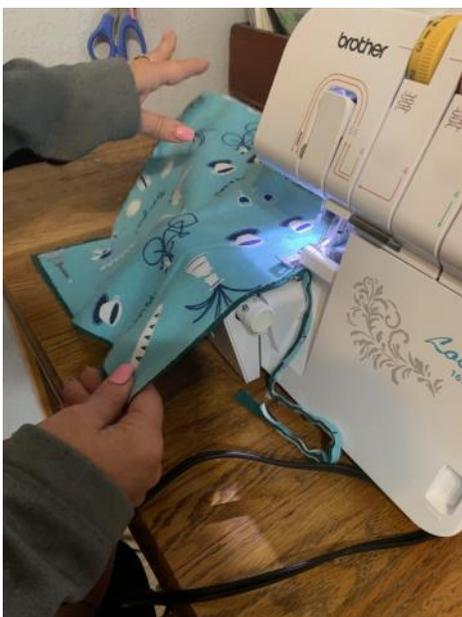
Lots of clean flannel sheets!



LeeAnn cutting the sheets into diaper components.



3 pieces are needed.



Time to make the 3 into 1.



Finishing up.



Voila!!! A cute, serviceable diaper for some lucky baby.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

9/01 Dennis Kreatz
9/04 Harry Hollman
9/06 Donna Downing
9/11 Cole Daily
9/13 Howard Young
9/20 Jane Chatlain
9/21 John Flynn
9/23 Herb Hunt
9/24 Susan Leaverton
9/25 Dick Crofts
9/26 Mark Mullaney
9/30 Marla Ebel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

9/28 Jack & Lavonne Ervin

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. Let's see if we can help out with this very worthy endeavor. (See the diaper report)

Choir Chimes will resume practicing September 10 following worship.



WOMEN'S SAFARI

BOOK CLUB

Date: September 21

Time: 7:00 pm

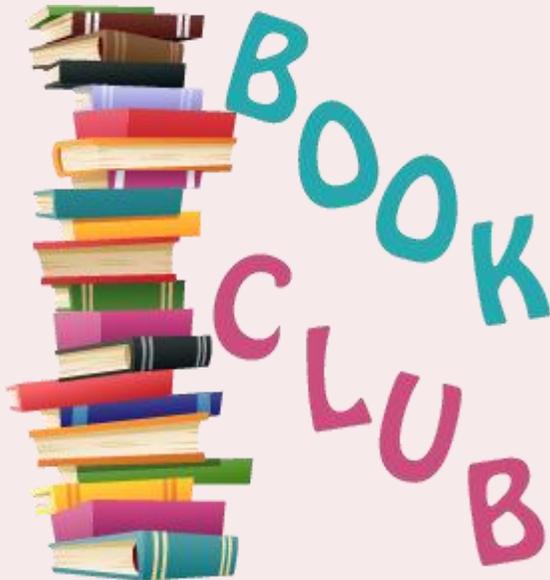
Book: Bound Like Grass

Author: Ruth McLaughlin

Facilitator: Jackie Cordill

Location: Martha Crofts Home

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



As more and more people are using the church, before you schedule a meeting, please check in with the office to be sure your desired meeting time is available.

INNKEEPERS FOR THE BALANCE OF 2023

July

Kathy Kreatz

Shannon Downing

Donna Downing

Dianne Milleson

Dick & Martha Crofts

Allen & Suzi Hansen

August

Marla Ebel

DJ Rosekelly

Jim & Jeri Kyner

Robert and Susan Leaverton

Peter & Carol Boyum

Beverly Urbaniak

September

Lavonne Ervin

Bob & Andrea Holman

Karin Harridge

Kim Elsberry

Lee & Nancy Woods

October

Sue Leaverton/Katrin Chandler

Jim & Dolly Koski

David Jurkovich

Lauri & Andy Grygiel

Linda & Todd Daily

Barb Ostrum

November

John & Brook Flynn

Mary & Vince Ames

Rob and Brandi Mettes

Don Lindall

Chris & Kathy Benton

December

Kathy Kreatz

Shannon Downing

Donna Downing

Dianne Milleson

Dick & Martha Crofts

Allen & Suzi Hansen

*Those members with highlighted names are “captains” for their designated month

Please consider serving as an Innkeepers volunteer. Innkeepers share the following duties: prepare communion, change paraments according to the church seasons, decorate the church altar with flowers and greenery, fill the baptismal font, read during worship, and provide refreshments for fellowship hour.

Messiah Church Council

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September, 2023

Every Tuesday
Women's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. In person and online via Zoom
Contact Andrea Holmen at 406-425-2657 if interested

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Lowell Anderson, Emma Balsam, Manuel Cabanas,
DayLynn Dodd, Lenny Erickson, Brooke Feister,
Jesse Graves, Andrea Holmen, Jim & Dolly Koski,
Rick & Sandy Koski, Jim & Linda Lian,
Bill & Lois Miller, Shilo Moncada & Kingston,
Dick & DJ Rosekelly,
Christian Strickland, Al & Dolly Stuber,
Beverly Urbaniak

PRAYER REQUESTS

**For prayer requests, contact the church office at
406-446-2430 or redlodgemessiah@gmail.com
with specific information and permission from the person you are adding.**

Messiah Calendar—September, 2023

<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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3 Sing through Hymns 9:15 Worship 10:00 am	4 Quilters 1:00 pm	5 Women's Bible Study 10:00 am	6	7	8	9
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24 Sing through Hymns 9:15 Worship 10:00 am Choirchimes	25 Quilters 1:00 pm	26 Women's Bible Study 10:00 am	27	28	29	30 

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

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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.