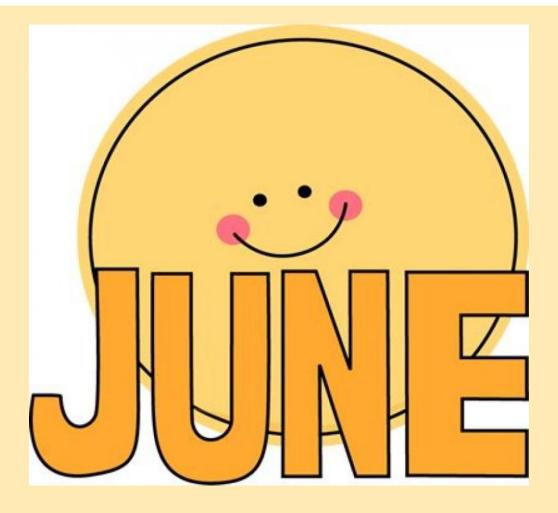
Light in the Beartooths MESSIAH LUTHERAN NEWS

Pastor Ben Cherland



There is sunshine in my soul today,

More glorious and bright

Than glows in any earthly sky,

For Jesus is my light.

O there's sunshine, blessed sunshine,

While the peaceful, happy moments roll;

When Jesus shows His smiling face

There is sunshine in my soul.

Dear Messiah,

I've been home this week in Regina, Saskatchewan with my family. It's more time my ailing father. We are here in the house I grew up in and part of my time has been spent doing little repair projects. A bathroom door that I have never known to close completely needed its hardware adjusted. Now it not only closes but locks. This is a big thing for the number of guests who come and go to see Dad and support of my mother, as she walks him these last miles.

I spent last night outside our garage working on a window. This window faces the kitchen where Mom looks out and sees its peeling, faded paint. For Mom's sake, I put my mind to giving it a good scrape and fresh paint. I hope this will raise her spirits this summer and fall.

Saskatchewan evening light is different from every other place I've lived. It sets much later - this time of year, after 9:30. The days are long and the trees, plants and lawns in my neighborhood seem to rush into bloom in an urgent, desperate desire for the long sunlight and life, as short as it is.

As I worked on that window, taping the glass along its edges, I was aware of the yard - raspberry shoots taller than me all over, hanging baskets of flowers, a swing near the alley under a crab apple tree, and tall, tall trees dappling the fading sunlight - and I started thinking about Place.

We are shaped by many things in life—perhaps most by relationships, experiences and learnings. Are we not also shaped by place? The smells, feelings, sounds and familiarity of this place recall my childhood - a childhood that shaped who I have become. As with all places, over time it needs care. Attending to its ailing parts, I've called on what this and other places have given me to care for this place and the people here.

As it does often, my mind returns to you, Messiah. We have had a short history in our new place, but the individual histories brought here have something to share. What places have shaped you? How is this place shaping you, whether you've been here for years or months? Where and what are the ailing parts you see - not yet parts of the building I hope, but parts of our life in community that make this a place of yours? What have other places given you that you can use here in the service of others?

Whatever place we find ourselves in life—high up on mountaintops, in the darkest deeps of valleys, or anywhere in between—Jesus follows us there and is there to be found. For he is risen - not far away but here, blessing you, shaping you and calling you forth to this place now and every other place you'll go.

This includes of course the places we find ourselves in life; the kind of places that aren't where we find our feet, but where our spirits are taken by all that life can bring—sickness, worry, sadness and more. But even as Christ is there, Christ calls us to each other. Christ is risen, but in all the seasons post-resurrection, Christ seeks also to rise in us, taking flesh again in our hands, hearts, and feet, for the sake of those in this place and all others.

Pastor Ben



6/02 Brooke & John Flynn 6/19 Jeri & Jim Kyner

Time for Spring Cleaning!

Please come to the church Saturday,
June 7th
from 9:00 to noon
For our annual spring cleaning. Bring rakes and garden tools if you have them. Many hands make light work.

A new ministry here at Messiah Cotton flannel diapers

We are collecting cotton flannel sheets and yardage to be made into diapers. Soon we will begin making diapers here in Red Lodge to be donated to Lutheran World Relief. These are fun and easy to make.

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.

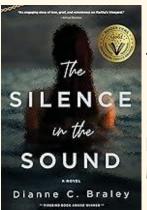
Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.

Upcoming Garage Sale—Trash to Treasure

We are planning another garage sale and hope to have it about the first or second weekend in August. Please save up your saleable treasures. The contact person for garage sale information is Marla Ebel (406-664-3178).

WOMEN'S SAFARI BOOK CLUB



Date: June 19

Time: 7:00 pm

Book: The Silence in the Sound

Author: Dianne C. Braley Facilitator: Donna Downing

Location: Kim Elsberry

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

IN MY HEART THERE RINGS A MELODY

Before taking a summer break, Messiah Chimes will ring in Sunday Worship both June 5 and 29. Along with the full group, both Sundays will include small ensembles of six ringers.



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.

Messíah Calendar—June, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 10:00 am Chimes 11:30 am	2 Final Week of End of Life Series 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6	7 Church Cleanup 9:00 am— Noon
8 Worship 10:00 am Chimes 11:30 am	9	Bible Study with Pastor Ben 6:00 pm	11	12	13 Allen Hansen Bikers Dinner	Allen Hansen Memorial Bike Ride 6:30 am
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Council Corner

Greetings and Blessings!

Your Messiah Church Council met on May 14th at 6 pm.

You can find the full report, including financials, in the member section of our website or by requesting a copy from our Administrative Assistant.

Constitution update: The Constitution has been submitted, and the Synod reviewer has acknowledged its receipt.

The track lighting project for the sanctuary has been tabled.
The Allen Hansen Memorial Bike Ride is on June 14th. It is a Montana Synod fund raiser for World Hunger.

The Spring Workday was scheduled for June 7th from 9 to noon. The council is hoping for a good turnout. Please reach out to Property Chair Kathy Kraetz if you have any questions.

Summer Worship on the Land will be on July 20th. Pastor Ben will need help with the set up.

Linda prepared a comparison of the approved Budget 2025 and YTD budget related expenditures. We are on track with the yearly spending but need to revisit a few items for the 2026 budget to make cost adjustments.

Our next meeting is on June 11th at 6 pm. Please stop by if you are interested in the Messiah Church Council workings. We still have an opening for a Church Council Vice President.

Katrin Chandler Church Council President

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 Carl and Meredith Cherland, Neil and Alice Carver, Jackie Cordill, JoAnne Fox, Nancy Knudson, Dolly Koski, Rick and Sandy Koski, Doug & Mary Lair, The family of Rob Loney, Paul Odegaard, Guynema Terry, Josh Wilker, and Madison

HELP NEEDED WITH FUN FRIDAYS!!

There is a need in the congregation and the broader community for child care in the mornings before the Boys and Girls Club opens. We want to help fill this gap by offering a place for kids entering grades 1-5 to come and play, sing, craft, cook, be outdoors, etc from 8am—12pm.

If you are willing to help on Fridays (2-4 hour shifts) or help in the planning and preparation, please contact Martha via email: marthacrofts@gmail.com or phone: (239) 643-3027.

We would like to start this outreach on June 20, so please let us know right away if you can help!

Thank you for supporting this much needed opportunity to love and support the families in our neighborhood!



VACCINE CLINIC CLINIC

Tuesday, June 3rd 1pm to 5pm
Red Lodge Fire Hall 801 Broadway Ave N.

Carbon County Public Health and Red Lodge Fire Rescue are hosting an MMR Vaccine Clinic and Vaccination Review for all residents of all ages. An MMR vaccine will be available to those who meet the CDC recommendations. Also, cost-free Vaccines are available for those who are uninsured.



Questions? 406-446-9941



www.carbonmt.gov/public-health/



Looking Forward to the Allen Hansen Memorial Bike Ride

The **Allen Hansen Memorial Ride** is co-chaired by Suzi Hansen and Pastor Melissa Johansen. It is a fundraiser for the Hungerfund of the Montana Synod. The bike ride is scheduled for **June 14th starting at 6 am at Messiah Lutheran Church** in Red Lodge and ending at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Laurel. To donate and support these riders go to <u>venturemiles.org</u>, do a search with the words *Dough for Daily Bread*, and scroll down to the bottom of the page to find the link for the event.



Some of the riders might arrive Friday and spend the night at our Church. We need to prepare a meal (supper) for those riders who will spend the night at our Church and offer a light breakfast prior to the start of the Allen Hansen Memorial Ride. Suzi would gladly help with the organization of these meals.







June, 2025

Dear Family and Friends,

All around the Montana Synod more and more people are experiencing hunger. Churches are responding to the hunger needs in their communities in a variety of ways from food pantries to community meals to community gardens. With ever increasing demand, congregations need financial support to address hunger and its root causes. The Montana Synod Hunger Fund provides grants to congregations working locally to end hunger.

In 2024 and 2025, the Montana Synod Hunger Fund awarded \$28,768 in grants to 17 ministries addressing hunger in their local communities. In order to ensure the continued financial support for this vital work to end hunger, a series of bike rides, walks, and runs are being held this summer to raise funds for the Montana Synod Hunger Fund.

My Son, Patrick and I will be riding tandem, biking from my church, Messiah Lutheran, in Red Lodge to Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Laurel on June 14, 2025, The Allen Hansen Memorial Bike Ride. About a 48-mile ride, although we will add a few miles by continuing to the Yellowstone National Cemetery where Allen was laid to rest last August. Allen was a dedicated LPA(Lay Pastor Associate) and had the opportunity to lead worship at Our Saviors every 4th Sunday, as well as at Messiah Lutheran and other surrounding Lutheran Churches.

I have already given a donation and I hope you will join me by donating to the Montana Synod Hunger Fund! I hope to raise \$ 1,000.00 through my fundraising efforts. Addressing hunger is something both Allen and I have cared deeply about within Carbon County and the communities across the Montana Synod.

You can make a donation by contacting Suzi (774-273-1463) or Dianne Milleson (406-425-3222).

Thank you for your support!!

Peace, Salam, Shalom,

Suzi Hansen



Red Lodge Music Festival Faculty Concerts 2025 Red Lodge Civic Center - 7:30 p.m | Adults \$15.00 Students \$8.00 Season \$50.00

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Tango (2020)	Jennifer Smith, viola; Aaron Miller, bass; Mary We	Israd A Pierce
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	Sunday June 15, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.	
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Living With My Donkeys (2022)	Carl Rath, bassoon; Joy Zickau, harp	Jewel Dirks
Honk! (2023)	William Scharnberg, horn	Mica Bodden
	Chris Dickey tuba: Jared Pierce piano	
nungarian Knapsody No. 2, S244/2 .	Jared Pierce and Del Parkinson, piano	Franz Liszt
Bermuda Nights (2025)Gre	Jared Pierce and Del Parkinson, piano eg Gatien, alto saxophone; John Harmon, piano	John Harmon
Carmen Fantasie	tephen Clark, flute; Mitchell Giambolvo, piano	Georges Bizet
Umoja (The First Day of Kwanzaa) Stephen Clark, flute; Sue Logan, Six Pieces	Monday June 16, 2025 – 7:30 p.m. , oboe; David Carter, clarinet; Carl Rath, bassoon; rcia Henry Liebenow, violin; Jared Pierce, piano	Amanda Maier
Seven Musical Portraits (2018)	Leslie Perna and Jennifer Smith, viola	Andrew List
Three Pieces from "Memoirs of a Ge	isha"	John Williams
Six Shakespearian Sketches	***************************************	Gordon Jacob
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Four Silesian Melodies (1954)	Megan Kenny, violin; Chris Dickey, tuba benow, June Huang, Megan Kenny, and Karen Hoa	Witold Lutoslawski
Carmen Fantasy		Georges Bizet
AND THE	and Mark Fenderson, trumpet; Mitchell Giambalvo, ednesday June 18, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.	piano
Sonatina (1968)		William Schmidt
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	Leslie Perna, viola; David Carter, clarinet	
Sue Lo	gan, oboe: Carl Rath, bassoon: Joy Zickau, piano	
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Red Lodge Music Festival Jazz Comi Greg Gatien and Scott J	eppesen, saxophone; Mark Fenderson, trumpet; A lohn Harmon, piano; Mary Wells, percussion	Selections to be announced
S	Saturday June 21, 2025 - 7:30 p.m.	
Richard Rulli and Mark Fenderson, t	7) rumpet; William Scharnberg, horn; Mark Soueidi, t Honor String Ensemble	rombone; Chris Dickey, tuba
Piano Trio in C Minor, Op. 1, No. 3	ohe, violin: Charlotte Wildenberg, cello: Jared Piero	Ludwig van Beethoven
Mládí (Youth)Stephen Clark, flute: Su	ue Logan, oboe: David Carter, clarinet: Angela Cart	Leoš Janáček
Piano Quartet in A Minor	arl Rath, bassoon; William Scharnberg, horn	Gustav Mahler
Marcia Henry Liebenow	, violin; Leslie Perna, viola; Karen Becker, cello; J	oy Zickau, piano
June Huang and Karen Hoat	son, violin; Jennifer Smith, viola; Sarah Arnone, ce d Piano (1982)	llo; Del Parkinson, piano
David Carter, clarinet; N	legan Kenny, violin; Karen Becker, cello; Mitchell C	Siambalvo, piano
	Del Parkinson, Mitchell Giambalvo, and Joy Zickau,	
response (file)		

June, 2025

In the Presence of A Miracle

By Jim Johnson

Have you seen those blankets made By women who are wise, some young, some gray? Have you wondered why they save those scraps of cloth To make a quilt to give away?

Or have you seen their needles soar In patchwork skies of denim, wool, velour? Have you seen the yarn that's tied to keep the kids alive And snuggled safe and warm?

> Then you've seen the hand of God, As subtle as a stitch in time, Gently sewing hope in the lives of the loved And making them secure In the presence of a miracle.

Water falls and words cascade. Common stuff, they touch us every day. But when God's little work is done A miracle's begun that keeps us day by day by day.

> Then you've seen the hand of God Dripping wet, yet strong and sure. Gently pouring grace o'er the hearts of the loved A miracle! And calling them to stand In the presence of a miracle.

Have you seen love face to face? Been captured by her gaze as she looked down? Have you felt that touch of grace that lets two hearts Embrace to re-emerge as one?

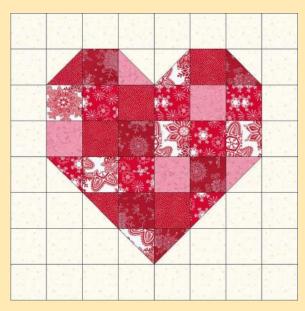
> Then you've known a gift of God As gentle as a mystery. Softly building love in the lives of the loved ones And making them secure In the presence of a miracle.

Now I'm wondering about those eyes That never see the miracles around. Could it be that what we see is not reality But how it is with you or me?

> Would you see the work of God? It's present in the lives that love has changed. See it bringing love from the lives of the loved And calling them to stand In the presence of a miracle.

A miracle?

Yeah!





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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.

January Bare Tooth Food Bank February March St. John's Ministries April LWR Quilters May Christikon June Boys and Girls Club July Red Lodge Pool
August Red Lodge Fun Run
September Pastor's Discretionary
October DSVS
November Campus Ministries
December



Mission

The Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County's mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Vision

Our vision is to be the leading provider of youth development programs to meet the needs of our young people and to improve the lives of children and families.

Registration for the 2025 Summer Program opens on Monday, May 12th!



All Summer Camp Field Trips will be free except for a few specialized activities.

Thanks to a partnership with Beartooth Billings Clinic, a lunchtime snack and full afternoon meal will be provided to all Club members at no additional cost.

Please contact the Clubhouse with any questions.



GREAT FUTURES, GREAT NEWS

SPRING 2025

A Partnership for Greater Impact!

For over 30 years, the Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County has pursued our mission to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. As part of that pursuit, and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce a new partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of



Yellowstone County. On October 21st, 2024, we signed a management agreement that will give our Club direct access, while maintaining local control, to a wealth of knowledge and expertise that will reduce the administrative costs for the Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County while investing more in our local staff professionals and the daily member experience they provide.

It has only been a few months, but I am excited about the strides this new partnership has helped make for the Club and the daily experience we provide for our members. The following are some of the improvements we have already been able to make.

- Improved afternoon snacks at the Club, and our weekly In the Bag food deliveries.
- Staff training to improve the quality and quantity of our Club programs and activities.
- · Improvements to our safety practices and completing some facility maintenance.
- Streamlined administrative and accounting procedures to reduce costs.
- · Implement new practices to improve our engagement with our incredible donors.
- Additional training and development for our local Board Members.
- New collaborations with other local non-profit organizations.



Dick Fellows, Board Chair

I am very pleased with our partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Yellowstone County, and the next steps their team will help us take as we strive to better serve our Club members while reducing the administrative burden on our team! We are fortunate to have a great neighbor in the Yellowstone County Clubs, and I look forward to continuing the discussion about how we can establish a long-term partnership that will best serve all the children and teens in both our communities.

Christikon Clips

June, 2025

Information for our Congregations



We kick off the season with Staff Training on June 1st, followed quickly by our first camper session for Adults with Developmentally Disabilities.

Family Adult Camps: Our speaker will be Dr. Dave Ellingson for the Continuing Ed. Retreat (July 27 – August 2). Dr Ellingson topic will be "Go Outside and Play". He is also known as the "Paddle Pilgrim". See more details about him on our website. www.christikon.org

Mountain Weekend (August 2-4) speaker TBD. Register for this fun and relaxing weekend on our website. www.christikon.org

New this year: We offer a Contemplative Artists Retreat July 7-10 open to adults 18+. Join John Hermanson, Christikon's 2025 Artist-in-Residence, and Maren Haynes Marchesini, Director of Worship and Music at Hope Lutheran in Bozeman, for a restful artist retreat. See more details about Johnny and Maren and register on our website www.christikon.org

Campers! There is still room in our on-site programs and limited trails sessions openings. Register now. Go to https://christikon.org/registration-individual-information/

Remember to pray for your congregation's ministry through Christikon this summer, for the summer staff who begin their journey soon, and for all who join in the Christikon life.

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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June, 2025

Messiah's Mission:

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

HOW TO CONTACT US AND STAY IN TOUCH:

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406-425-3222

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Monday: Off

Tuesday: 9:00-4:00 Wednesday: 9:00-3:00 Thursday: 9:00-3:00 Friday: 9:00-4:00 Saturday: Off

Sunday: 8:00-12:00

Pastor's Cell Phone: 646-708-1389 Church Address: P.O. Box 1330

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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.



Messiah Church Council

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