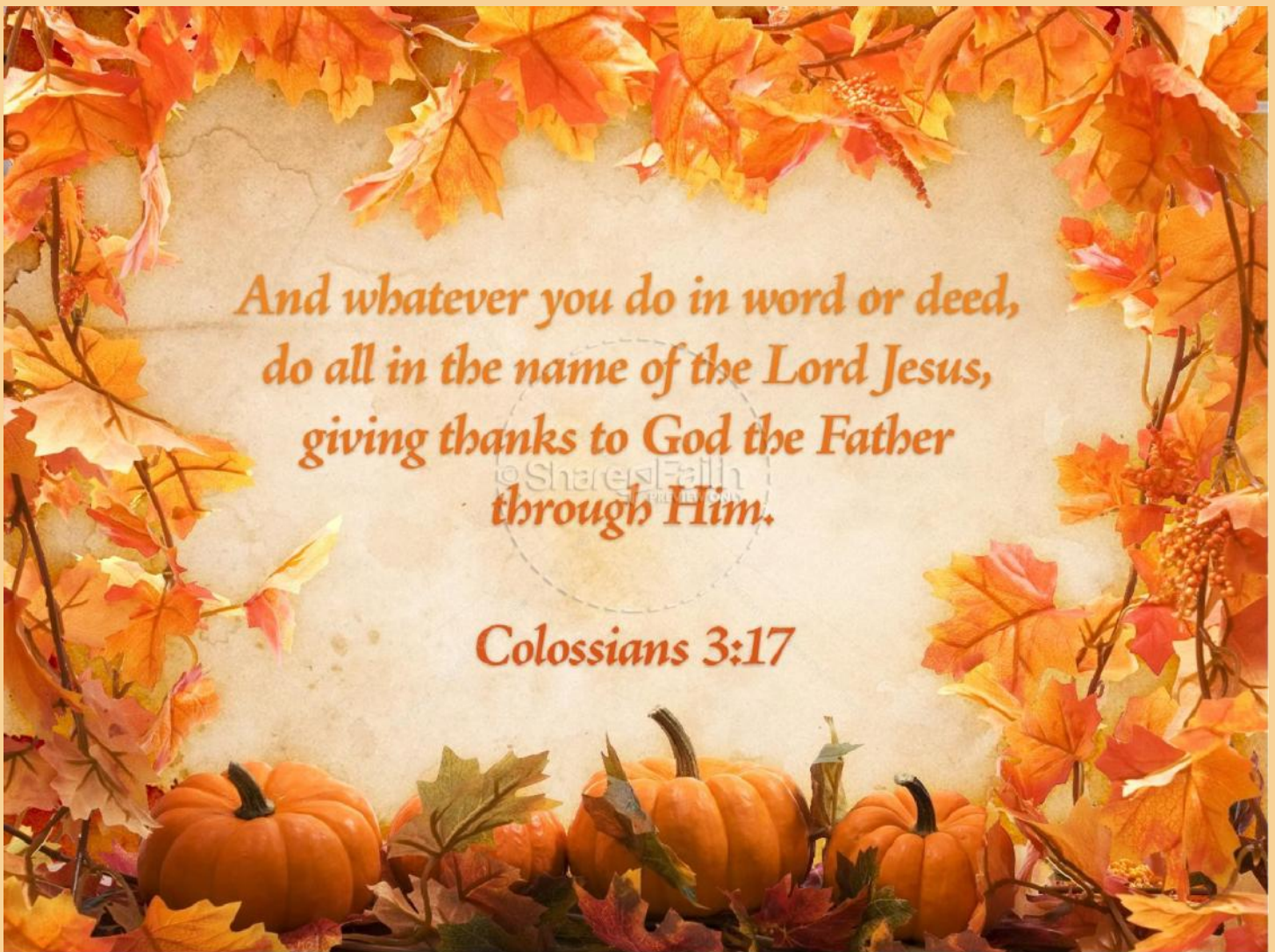


September

Light in the Beartooths

MESSIAH LUTHERAN NEWS

Pastor Ben Cherland



September

What happens at Messiah while Pastor Ben is gone? We continue to meet and worship. Services will continue here at Messiah.

Below is a schedule of pastoral coverage.

Pastor Ben's Sabbatical Coverage

September 6th: Festival of Hymns

September 13th: Pastor Robert Leaverton

September 20th: Susan Leaverton, LMA

September 27th: Pastor Paul Schauer

October 4th: Pastor Kim Wilker

October 11th: Pastor Peter Christ of St. John's United

October 19th: Bishop Ben Quanbeck

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.

Messiah Chimes Grows and Grows

With the generosity of our supporters, Messiah Chimes has grown in resources. Along with 3 octaves of Choirchimes, we now have 5 octaves plus of English Handbells—75 in number.

Shiny as the handbells are, now's the time to polish the human side of making music. As you hear our practice, come and learn more about what it takes to become a handbell ringer. Contact Dick or Martha Crofts for more information.



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COUNCIL CORNER HIGH LIGHTS

Greetings and Blessings!

Your Messiah **Church Council met on August 12th, 2026 @ 6:00pm.**

You can get the full report, including financials, by requesting a copy from our Administrative Assistant, Dianne, at the church office (406) 446 – 2430.

- We are still in need of a Church Council Secretary and Church Council Stewardship Chair
- Our Education Chair, Maria, is reviewing a different Sunday school curriculum which covers a bible story for a month instead of just a week.
- The Worship Committee with Susan at the helm has been busy finalizing the coverage of Pastor Ben's absence during his sabbatical.
- Our Property Chair, Kathy, is working on many things; the cross on the side of our building, the parsonage deck repairs, our Urban Reflection Garden, and completing the weekly mowing of our Messiah Church lawn.
- We are making plans for our "Blessing of our Backpacks" on August 23rd, the Stewardship drive kick off on October 4th, the placement of luminaries at the cemetery for All Saints Sunday on November 1st and preparing our Messiah Mission Spending Plan for 2027 which you will be voting on during our congregational meeting on November 22nd after our Sunday worship.
- Our new treasurer, Linda Daily, has been busy getting accustomed to her new position within our Church. We are so thankful for her commitment to ensure our Church runs smoothly.
- Our vice president, Roy, has been filling in for the open secretary position, taking minutes during our last two council meetings.
- We are excited for the Capital Campaign matching funds for our building loan. We have 5 members/friends of our congregation who have stepped up to fund this campaign with \$50,000 in matching funds through January of 2027.
- We don't have a regular scheduled council meeting in September but if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of your MLC Council members: Kathy Kreatz, Maria Gibson, DJ Rosekelly, Susan Leaverton, Sandy Moe, Linda Daily, Roy Olpin and Katrin Chandler.

Our next regular Church Council Meeting is on **Wednesday, October 14th at 6:00 pm.**

Please come to our meeting, if you want to find out about the workings of Messiah. Please reach out to me if there is something you would like us to discuss as your Messiah Church Council.

Submitted by Katrin Chandler, Council President

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, Judy Yasi
and

The unspoken prayer requests of our congregation.



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

- 9/1 Dennis Kreatz
- 9/6 Donna Downing
- 9/10 Sheena Langeliers
- 9/11 Cole Daily
- 9/14 DJ Rosekelly
- 9/20 Jane Chatlain
- 9/21 John Flynn
- 9/23 Herb Hunt
- 9/24 Susan Leaverton
- 9/25 Dick Crofts
- 9/30 Marla Ebel

PRAYER SHAWLS

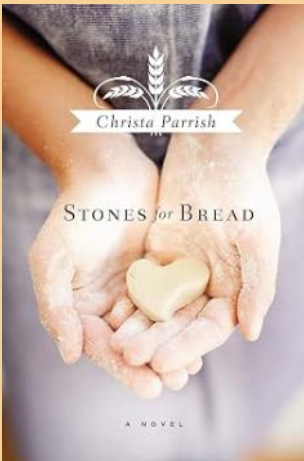
If you would like to help knit prayer shawls, please contact Pat Thompson.

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



- 9/22 Mark & Sonya

WOMENS SAFARI BOOK CLUB



Date: 9/17

Time: 3:00

Book: Stones for Bread

Author: Christa Parrish

Facilitator: Martha Crofts

Location: Home of
Donna Downing

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.



Trash to Treasure Sale a Success!

We raised about \$2,160. The tables were overflowing with treasures and a few interesting things we couldn't quite identify. We had many happy shoppers. I overheard a few people saying "this is my favorite sale".

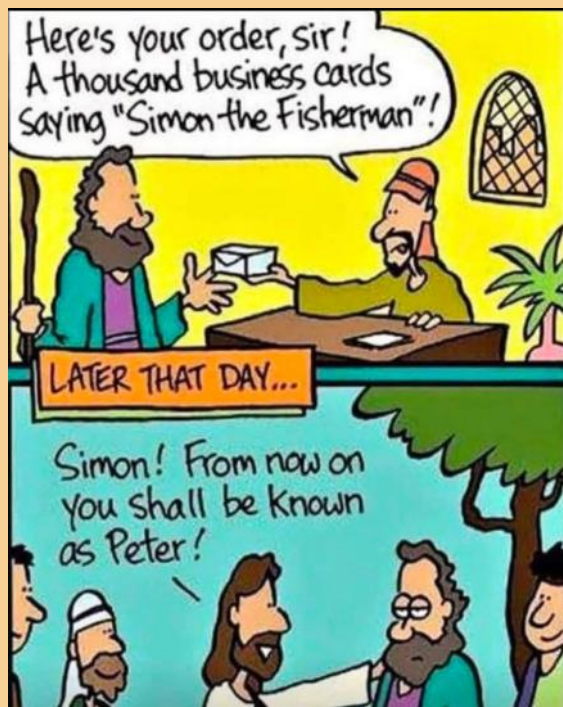
A special thanks to everyone who donated items for sale, to those people who pitched in and helped set up, take down and attend the sale, and take away the leftovers. We couldn't have done it without you.



One of the things that make you say hmmm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DO LAWN MOWING

We currently have 3 people who volunteer to mow the lawn around the church. If you have a riding lawn mower and would like to help out, it takes about 45 minutes to mow or an hour if you also weed eat. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Kathy Kreatz, 406-425-1595 (texting works best) or Dianne Milleon, 406-425-3222, to let us know of your availability to help and THANK YOU in advance.



If you would like to use the church for a meeting or event, please contact Dianne in the office. She is the keeper of the schedule and can be sure there are no conflicting events. If you are planning a church function, please make sure you let Dianne know so it can be added to the schedule. Thanks!



CHRISTIKON
christikon.org

Celebrating 75 Years in 2026!



August 1, 2026

Barbara Ostrum
PO Box 1504
Red Lodge, MT 59068

Dear Barbara and quilters:

On behalf of everyone connected with the Christikon ministry, we want to thank you for your support of the camp's work through your contribution to the 2026 Benefit Auction. It was a wonderful day at the Billings Depot! Between live, silent and online auctions, plus generous donations and gifts, the day raised just over \$39,000.

According to our records, your part in making the day a success was as follows:

Blue Skies over Montana quilt \$400

Your generosity helps us significantly as we share the Christikon life with young people, families and adults, and developmentally disabled adults. In our glorious mountain setting, we intentionally focus on developing Christian community to bring people together with the gospel of Jesus Christ. You help make it happen, and for you we give thanks.

Christikon Benefit Auction Team

Messiah Calendar—September, 2026

<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	5
6 Worship 10:00 am	7  LABOR DAY	8	9 Worship and Arts Committee 10 am Women's Bible Study 3 pm	10	11	12
13 Worship 10:00 am	14 Quilting 1:00 pm	15	16 Women's Bible Study 3 pm	17 Safari Book Club 3:00 pm	18	19
20 Worship 10:00 am	21 Quilting 1:00 pm	22	23 Women's Bible Study 3 pm	24	25	26
27 Worship 10:00 am	28 Quilting 1:00 pm	29	30 Women's Bible Study 3 pm			

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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

ELCA World Hunger Called to Respond

One in 11 people, about 720 million, are hungry. As ELCA members, we are called to respond, roll up our sleeves and get to work. We accompany neighbors near and far. God provides daily bread; together we help ensure it reaches every table, with compassion, courage, and faithful action.

How We Work

ELCA World Hunger walks alongside congregations across the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Lutheran Churches worldwide and trusted partners. Your gifts fund clinics, micro-loans, clean water, livestock, meals and advocacy—sustainable solutions that address root causes of hunger.

Relationships First

We start by listening. Congregations and global companions identify local needs and solutions; we join to make them real. With **LWF** and partners like **Bread for the World, CWS, Global Refuge, LSA** and **LWR**, we accompany and support their efforts to tackle unjust systems so lasting change takes root at home and abroad.

U.S. and International Hunger Facts

47M

POVERTY IN THE U.S.

In the U.S. over 47 million face food insecurity, an increase of more than 1 million from just a year ago.

30%

EXPENSIVE HOUSING

Today, over 22 million homes spend at least 30% of their income on housing, mainly because of the affordable housing crisis.

3.6B

CLIMATE DISASTERS

Climate change puts 3.6 billion people at risk of climate disasters, endangering lives and driving up the cost of living.

September

Messiah's Mission

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 for 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:

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
912 Lower Continental Dr.
Red Lodge, MT 59068

Website: www.redlodgemessiah.com

Facebook: Messiah Lutheran

Email: General: redlodgemessiah@gmail.com

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.

