

Light in the Beartooths

MESSIAH LUTHERAN NEWS

Pastor Ben Cherland



August

What happens at Messiah while Pastor Ben is gone? We continue to meet and worship. Services will continue here at Messiah with the exception of August 30 when we will be joining the Red Lodge Community UCC and Calvary Episcopal congregations for Worship on the Pass. Below is a schedule of pastoral coverage.

Pastor Ben's Sabbatical Coverage

August 2nd: Reverend Professor Pat Keifert, PhD

August 9th: Reverend Professor Pat Keifert, PhD

August 16th: Susan Leaverton, LMA of the Montana Synod

August 23rd: Pastor Jim Johnson

August 30th: Worship on the Pass at 10 am

September 6th: Festival of Hymns

September 13th: Pastor Robert Leaverton

September 20th: Open

September 27th: Pastor Paul Schauer

October 4th: Pastor Jim Johnson

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. Teressa Clark at the Red Lodge Community Church or (Red Lodge) Rev. Aimee Altizer at Calvary Episcopal Church.



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

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



PRAYER SHAWLS

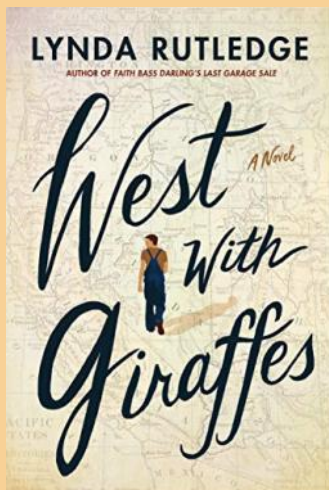
If you would like to help knit prayer shawls, please contact Pat Thompson.

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

- 8/11 Brian and Sheena Langeliers
- 8/17 Andy and Laurie Grygiel
- 8/22 Jane & Denny Chatlain
- 8/31 Dennis & Kathy Kreatz



WOMENS SAFARI BOOK CLUB



Date: August 20
Time: 7:00 pm
Book: West with Giraffes
Author: Lynda Rutledge
Facilitator: Donna Downing
Location: Home of Jackie Cordill

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 is August 7 and 8. Please consider donating good gently used items for the sale. We are planning to have our regular "donation" sale in conjunction with a silent auction where we name minimum bids for more valuable items. Proceeds from the sale will be going to the fund to work on the Fellowship Field.



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 Milleson, 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!



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Messiah's first ever entry in the Independence Day parade, July 3rd
Balloons, Bubbles and Freezies !



Messiah Calendar—August, 2026

<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 Worship 10:00 am	3 Quilting 1:00 pm	4	5	6	7 Trash to Treasure Sale	8 Trash to Treasure Sale
9 Worship 10:00 am	10 Quilting 1:00 pm	11	12 Church Council 6:00 pm	13 Safari Book Club 7:00 pm	14	15
16 Worship 10:00 am	17 Quilting 1:00 pm	18	19	20	21	22
23 Worship 10:00 am	24 Quilting 1:00 pm	25	26 Hospice Memorial 5:00 pm	27	28	29
30 Worship on the pass	31					

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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

Messiah's monthly special project in August is Carbon County Arts Guild and their children's art education program in the elementary rural schools: Fishtail, Luther, Nye and Roberts. For over two decades, the Guild hires art teachers who teach the students in those elementary schools.

The Guild pays for the mileage to those schools, art supplies and the teacher's salaries at an hourly rate.

As a non-profit organization, the Carbon County Arts Guild needs financial support to continue offering these classes to all these kids.

If you have further questions, please contact Barb Ostrum, a CC Arts Guild board member since 2000.

Thank you, Barb Ostrum



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COUNCIL CORNER HIGH LIGHTS

Greetings and Blessings!

Your Messiah **Church Council met on July 8th, 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 in need of a Church Council Secretary and Church Council Stewardship Chair
- Pastor Ben will **not** be available via phone or email during his sabbatical. He will stay in touch with a contact person to make us a part of his pilgrimage.
- If you need pastoral care during Pastor Ben's Sabbatical, please contact Dianne at the MLC office. She will be able to guide you in the right direction.
- We had further discussion about the possibility of a walking trail. Some MLC members are against giving an easement.
- We had some discussion about communicating scheduled events and getting the information out to the membership and community.
- MLC goals review:
 - 2025:** still working towards completing the Memorial Garden and saving for the Endowment Fund
 - 2026:** Pay down mortgage more aggressively, support a BIG outreach initiative, set up legal framework for the Endowment Fund, Allow for Pastor Sabbatical
 - 2027:** Develop a plan for the Fellowship Field.

Our next regular Church Council Meeting is on **Wednesday, August 12th 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
katregcha@gmail.com

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, Cassidy Flynn, Hannah Gonzales, Dolly Koski,
Rick and Sandy Koski, Jim Kyner, Mary Lair, Bob Pollock, Carlos Ramalho,
Sadie Sceva, David Smiley, Guynema Terry, and Judy Yasi
and

The unspoken prayer requests of our congregation.

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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:

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
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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.

