

# *Light in the Beartooths*

MESSIAH LUTHERAN NEWS

Pastor Ben Cherland



This is my Father's world and to my list'ning ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the  
spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of  
rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the  
wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their  
Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me  
everywhere.

This is my Father's world: Oh, let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is  
the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world, the battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and  
Heav'n be one. Amen

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## Fun Fridays

Fun Fridays began in July when it became apparent that some parents in our community needed a safe place for their children to stay on Friday mornings during the summer. Martha Crofts answered the call and enlisted the aid of several church members to provide that place from 8:00 am until noon.

Thirteen children are given breakfast and a snack and enjoy planned activities which include chalk drawing, cookie baking, jumping rope, painting rocks, story time, music, and fantasy projects such as assembling fairy houses and magic curtains on the Urban Trail. Arrangements were made with our local CART service to pick up the children and transport them to the Boys and Girls Club at noon.

Thank you to all the people who have helped out with this project and thanks as well to the congregation for providing this safe environment.



A Magic Curtain—  
legend says that you  
make a wish, walk  
through the magic  
curtain and the  
fairies will grant your  
wish.



Two girls working on a  
Fairy House



The floor piano  
and karaoke  
machine were  
popular with  
everyone.

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

## Do you want to help mothers and babies through Lutheran World Relief?

We have been collecting cotton flannel sheets and yardage to be made into diapers. These diapers then become part of the baby care kits which are donated to Lutheran World Relief. Heretofore, Pastor Paul and his wife, along with Sunne Lutheran Church in Wilton, North Dakota, have been doing the sewing and assembling of these kits. We would like to begin making diapers and assembling the baby care kits here in Red Lodge. The diapers are fun and easy to make, no sewing experience is necessary. Everyone can help, including kids! Please contact Dianne (406-425-3222) and we'll get rolling.



## 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.

## WOMEN'S SAFARI BOOK CLUB



Date: August 21  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Book: Nurse's Secret  
Author: Amanda Skenandore  
Facilitator:

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

## Did you know?

Messiah has a puzzle library! Located in the bookshelf in the hallway.



## 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.



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## Dough For Daily Bread

Suzi Hansen participated in the second fundraising ride for The Montana Synod Hunger Fund, which took place on Saturday, July 12, 2025, put on by The American Lutheran Church in Livingston, MT. Pastor Melissa Johansen organized it.

Seven of us rode from Chico Hot Springs to Sacagawea Park in Livingston. Others rode an 8-mile or 4-mile route. We all ended at the park for a celebration BarBQ. Pastor Melissa informed us that \$4,000 was raised from this ride. Putting that together with the \$3,000 from the previous ride, a total of \$7,000 was raised for the cause.

The MT Synod Hunger Fund gives grants to support the work of local feeding ministries at ELCA churches in MT and Wyoming and organizations actively supported by ELCA churches. Types of ministries include food pantries, community gardens, summer nutrition support for students and community meals.

Thank you for your support and prayers for the Hunger Team. We could not do it without you!



Our annual "Trash to Treasure" yard sale and Bake Sale is coming up on August 8th and 9th. Please bring your saleable donations to the church during office hours or call Dianne (406-425-3222) to meet you at a time convenient for you. Baked goods are especially appreciated as that is what brings many people to the sale. Proceeds will be used to help develop the Fellowship Field.



### SOX IN A BOX

Calvary Episcopal, Messiah Lutheran, and Red Lodge Community Church (UCC) want your Sox in a Box—July 27—August 24

Socks without a mate? Outgrown pair or two? Holey socks you are never going to darn?

Place clean, unbundled socks in the designated box in the church lobby. Socks will be recycled to make dog beds, etc.

Last year Calvary Episcopal collected more than 200 lbs. of socks. With the Communityty and Lutheran Churches joining in, we hope to collect over 600 lbs. of used socks! This is good for the environment because it keeps these old socks out of the landfill.

# Messiah Calendar—August 2025

| <u>Sunday</u>                                               | <u>Monday</u>          | <u>Tuesday</u>                                  | <u>Wednesday</u>                       | <u>Thursday</u>                      | <u>Friday</u>                                                                            | <u>Saturday</u>                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                             |                        |                                                 |                                        |                                      | 1<br><br>Fun Friday<br>8:00 am—<br>noon                                                  | 2                                                     |
| 3<br>Worship 10:00 am                                       | 4<br>Quilters 1:00 pm  | 5                                               | 6                                      | 7                                    | 8<br>Fun Friday<br>8:00 am—<br>noon<br>Trash to Treas-<br>ure Garage<br>Sale 5pm—7<br>pm | 9<br>Trash to<br>Treasure<br>Garage Sale<br>8am —4 pm |
| 10<br>Worship 10:00 am<br><br>Songs and<br>Readings         | 11<br>Quilters 1:00 pm | 12                                              | 13<br>Church Council<br>6:00 pm        | 14                                   | 15<br>Fun Friday<br>8:00 am—<br>noon                                                     | 16                                                    |
| 17<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>On<br>Fellowship Field<br>Potluck | 18<br>Quilters 1:00 pm | 19<br>Bible Study<br>with Pastor Ben<br>6:00 pm | 20                                     | 21<br>Safari Book<br>Club<br>7:00 pm | 22<br>Fun Friday<br>8:00 am—<br>noon                                                     | 23                                                    |
| 24<br>Worship 10:00 am                                      | 25<br>Quilters 1:00 pm | 26<br>Bible Study<br>with Pastor Ben<br>6:00 pm | 27<br>Worship<br>Committee<br>11:00 am | 28                                   | 29                                                                                       | 30<br>22nd Annual<br>Fun Run<br>Lion's Park           |
| 31<br>Worship 10:00 am                                      |                        |                                                 |                                        |                                      |                                                                                          |                                                       |

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### Council Corner

There was no church council meeting in July. The next council meeting will be August 13th at 6:00 pm. You are invited to attend if you are interested in church council happenings.

Here are a few things that have transpired recently.

Our application for the property tax exempt status for the Fellowship Field was approved by the Montana Department of Revenue.

Due to a power surge, our router, the Spectrum modem and the ethernet cables were damaged and needed to be replaced.

The parking lot was resurfaced on July 1st.

### 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

Donald Alexander, The family of Carl Cherland, the family of Neil Carver,  
Jackie Cordill, JoAnne Fox, Nancy Knudson, Dolly Koski, Rick and Sandy Koski,  
Doug & Mary Lair, the family of Paul Odegaard, Brian S., Guynema Terry,  
Josh Wilker, and Madison



## Christikon Clips

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*Information for our Congregations*

As you are reading this clip, we are readying for the last sessions of our 74<sup>th</sup> season. We hosted over 500 campers so far this season including youth, families, adults and at-risk youth. We have retreats scheduled through mid-October.

Our summer staff will be completing their stay with us and will soon be heading back to their lives outside of Christikon.

We look forward to our congregational and family retreats scheduled this fall. A few retreat times are still available.  
Call Kerry in the office and reserve a time.

We continue to ask for your prayers for those traveling to camp, our staff, and our campers.

Blessings to all of you who support Christikon with prayer, time, skills, and your generous donations. We are grateful!

Please visit <https://christikon.org/donate-to-christikon/> and continue your support.

**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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## Member Spotlight

By Dianne Milleson

I am starting a new feature in the newsletter. It may be monthly, we certainly have enough interesting members to do that, or just occasionally. At any rate, it is called the Member Spotlight and Vince Ames is my first "victim".

Vince started painting fish in 2006 when he quit fishing because it was dangerous in the river out among the big boulders and he is a doer and needed something to do. He is the artist who created so many of the wonderful fish paintings you see around these parts, including the one in our gathering space and the ones in the dining room at the Senior Center.

Vince is also the better half of our beloved Mary Ames. Lucky guy there! Vince and Mary were instrumental in securing the property where our church now sits. We are very grateful for their work on our behalf.

Vince has been a very kind and encouraging person in my life. I feel blessed to know both him and Mary and we are blessed to have them as members of our congregation!

Since we didn't have much time to interview, Vince offered to provide me with his obituary. Here is what Vince has to say about himself.

### Vince Ames

Vince was born and raised in Colorado. He graduated from the Colorado School of Mines with degree of Geological Engineer in 1953. Vince was also commissioned into the Army in 1953 and, while waiting on orders, worked for the U.S. Geological Survey as a field assistant in Alaska. Called to active duty, he was ordered to an Engineer Aviation Battalion on a Royal Air Force base in England. The mission was rebuilding the WWII airfield for use by heavy jet bombers in the very real Cold War.

Military experience has been an important part of Vince's life.

Back home in 1957, Vince began a successful career in the oil biz., close to 50 years as a petroleum geologist covering most of the western U.S., concentrating on the Williston Basin and other Montana prospects.

Margaret McFarland, a Montana ranch girl and artist, and Vince were married in Billings, Montana in 1966. They had a good life on a little place near Red Lodge until her death. Sometime later, Vince married Mary Krall, a long time friend of both Mary and Vince, and they enjoyed another go around with new friends, including many in the Messiah Lutheran Church. Vince and Mary arranged the purchase of the land on which Messiah Lutheran Church now sits.

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Vince was a lifetime fly fisherman since his dad gave him a fly-tying vise on his 11th birthday. Slowing down in 2006, he started painting trout likenesses on old boards and has completed number 165 in 2025. Most have been donated to charity auctions or have been given to interested friends. Vince never claimed to be an artist but found painting to be a satisfying activity when wallowing around in boulder strewn streams became dangerous.



Thank you, Vince, for your part in the life of our congregation here at Messiah!

**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

**The 22nd Annual Fun Run for Charities - August 23, 2025 Red Lodge, Mt**

Join us in raising funds for 63 AWESOME Carbon County charities! From Arts and Historic Preservations to Youth, the Great Outdoors, and Community Health & Safety, there is a cause for everyone. You don't have to pick just one either! You can support multiple charities or donate to the Sally Martin Match Fund and your gift will be distributed between all 63 charities.

**Run with Joy give with Heart**

Thanks to sponsors, donors, participants, and volunteers, we’re looking forward to another year of incredible community collaboration to fundraise for 63 participating charities! You've helped us raise more than \$4.5 million in the last 21 years! We hope you'll help us continue the trend this year.

Charity and registration booths open at 7 am at Lion's Park on Saturday, August 30th. The starting gun will go off for all three events, 2 mile, 5k, and 10k, at 9 am sharp. Participants will be guided to the start at Broadway Ave starting at 8:45 am.

Participants can pick up their T-shirts and bibs starting on Thursday, August 28th, and on Friday, August 29th, from 9 am to 6 pm at 122 S Hauser Ave in Red Lodge (The Red Lodge Area Community Foundation). T-shirts and bibs can also be picked up on Race day starting at 7 am.

Prizes will be awarded to overall and age-category winners. All participants will receive a Fun Run T-shirt! We will also have prizes for “Best Individual Costume”, “Best Group Costume”, and “Best Dog Costume”

If you have any questions about this Fun Run/Walk, please contact the Fun Run/Walk director at [funrun@rlacf.org](mailto:funrun@rlacf.org) Additional Fun Run/Walk information can be found at <https://www.rlacf.org/programs/thrivingnonprofits/fun-run/>.



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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: 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](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.**



# Messiah Church Council

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## **Other Important Contact Information**

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