

Light in the Beartooths

MESSIAH LUTHERAN NEWS

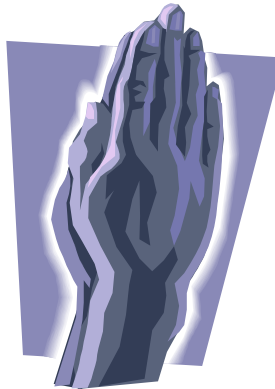
February 2010

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

February 2nd the media will make a big deal about Punxsutawney Phil and whether he will see his shadow or not. Ground hog day makes light of an escape from dark shadows of winter. This month we at Messiah began a journey into the shadows in light of the cross of Jesus. An old hymn beckons us toward the cross; "Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land, a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noon tide heat and burdens of the day."

The journey begins Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 p.m. with a Service of Healing and Holy Communion. At times we all live in the shadows of illness, whether it be physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual. Come to this worship service and participate in a variety of ways: pray, be prayed for, have hands laid upon you in the name of the healer of our every ill and be anointed with oil marked with the sign of the cross, receive bread and wine, body and blood for healing, forgiveness and strength for the journey of life. We come to you for healing Lord.

The journey in the light of the cross continues Ash Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m. This service is traditionally seen as the beginning of Lent, a time of penitence and reflection as we come and gather beneath the tree of life.



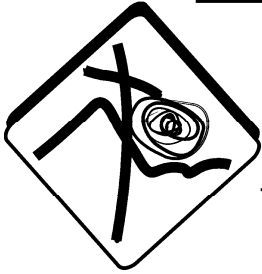
Each Ash Wednesday we invoke the words of King David as we acknowledge our sinfulness "Create in me a clean heart o God and renew a right spirit within me..." (Psalm 51). The Lenten season begins as we receive ashes on our foreheads in the sign of the cross and the pastor speaks the solemn gripping words, "remember from dust you came, to dust you shall return."

The journey continues toward the cross as various Red Lodge Christian faith communities gather for worship Wednesday evenings during Lent. The first service is February 24, 6:00 p.m. at Messiah. The March schedule will be published later this month. Each participating church hosts worship in their tradition and provides a meal afterwards. The worship theme will focus on "The Beatitudes" as recorded in the Gospel According to Luke (Luke 6:20-26). The host pastor/priest will preach on a particular Beatitude. Last year all our churches were filled for these services and once again everyone is encouraged to gather together in the unity of the Spirit.

The journey continues as we sometimes sing "We are all on a journey from the cradle to the grave, we are given life through the price our savior had to pay" (Chosen People Liturgy). Come, join the journey from darkness, in the light of the cross, to the grave, and into the light of the resurrection.

Pastor Kim

***"Create in me a clean heart o God
and renew a right spirit within me..." Psalm 51***



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Confirmation classes this month are Mondays, February 1, 8 and 22, at 3:45 p.m. Our study continues on the Ten Commandments.

Light in the Beartooths Monthly Update

January 1, 2010 three year commitments of \$610,000 to Light in the Beartooths (LIB) began coming in! Thanks be to God for the generous gifts from so many friends and members at Messiah! There is an excitement and eagerness to build a new church facility. However, there is much work ahead before any groundbreaking.

A vision/mission ministry team is being formed to clarify and expand God's mission for us made possible because of the resources provided by LIB. This team will work collaboratively with other leaders and serve as a gathering point of information and activity that makes vision an understood and valued commodity for the future of Messiah.

The vision/mission team is not about building a church facility! Before any physical building plans are finalized we need to have a clear vision and mission, and then, and only then, can a physical church building be planned and constructed to support that mission. The team will meet monthly under girded with a theological and biblical foundation while addressing things like - What is a church in mission? What is the church to "be" and "do" in our context today and in the future? How will our land be used? What are the needs of the Red Lodge and Carbon County community? How could we partner with community efforts/agencies/entities? How can we reach out? Paramount to the team efforts will be to include conversation and input from everyone at Messiah as well as the Red Lodge public.

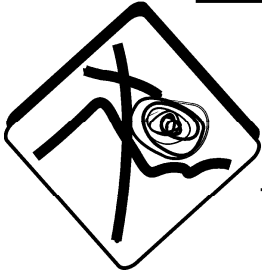
Our current church building is small and limiting but that alone is no reason to relocate and build a more spacious facility for us. God has much bigger plans for Messiah Lutheran Church and our vision/mission team will lead the way to discern God's plan here in this place where a new light is shining.



More than 20 years ago, the Super Bowl of Caring began with

a simple prayer from a single youth group: "**Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.**" Since that day, more than \$60 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the Super Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world - as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need by supporting the youth as they **serve soup after the second service on Sunday, February 7th.**

Donations will be accepted for programs that feed the hungry.



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 2/14** Brooke Feister &
Richard O'Brien
Karen & Howard Young
- 2/23** Sharon & Dave Biersdorf

FEBRUARY INNKEEPERS



Innkeeper leaders for February are Ann & Dennis Christ.

So far their team members are the Downing Family, Sharon & Dave Biersdorf and Lee Bujold. Their group could use a few more helpers. Please call Ann or Dennis at 446-0326 about helping their team.

Thank you for your service!

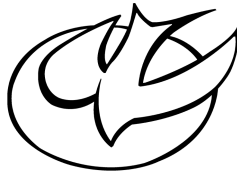
WANT TO HELP SOMEONE?

Do you ever have an extra hour in your day? If so, think about volunteering to better the quality of life for others. Beartooth Industries and the Hospital Long Care Department could use some one on one attention. For more information call Terri at 446-4466.



Please Remember In Prayer

Shirley Overton; Pastor Ron Jensen; Connie Kovach; Barb Jaquith; Pastor Kim's mother LaVon Wilker; Judy Canfield Henry; Mary Ames; Bob Holmen's mother Edna Holmen; and Don Lindall's family & Lois Miller's family on the death of their sister Judith Lindall-Hawkins.



Prayer Concerns

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to be on either the telephone or email prayer chains and are not currently receiving prayer requests, please contact Jeri Kyner, 446-3323 or jkyner@mac.com

To start a prayer request, contact Margaret Tjeltveit at 446-1458 or Jeri Kyner or email

messiahprayers@gmail.com

Please make sure you have accurate information and permission from the person you are calling about.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 2/2** Shannon Downing
- 2/11** Dolly Koski
Dustin Downing
- 2/14** Elven Boggio
- 2/18** Bjorn Christ
- 2/20** Barbara Marquardt
- 2/23** Lois Miller
- 2/25** Peter Christ
- 2/27** Jeri Kyner

WORSHIP OUTSIDE MESSIAH LUTHERAN

You are invited to worship with brothers and sisters in Christ outside of Messiah. Come sing, hear the Word, pray and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Services are 30 minutes.

9:00 AM Monday, Feb. 1

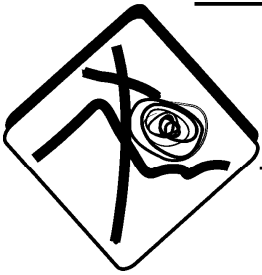
Bible Study at
Cedarwood Villa

3:00 PM Tuesday, Feb. 16

Service at
Beartooth Hospital
Long Term Care Unit

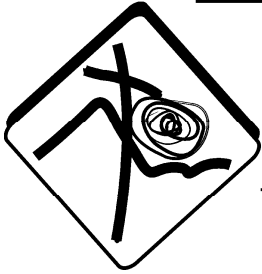
2:30 PM Thursday, Feb. 25

Service at
Cedarwood Villa
Long Term Care



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:14 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Bible Study at Cedarwood 3:45 PM Confirmation	2 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Bridge Creek 7:00 PM Healing Service at Messiah	3 8:00 AM 5 Minute Prayers for Messiah 12:30 PM WELCA Bible Study	4	5 9:00 AM World Religions at Bridge Creek Pastor's Sabbath	6
7 Souper Bowl Sunday 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday Forum, Sunday School & Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Soup	8 7:14 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 3:45 PM Confirmation	9 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Bridge Creek	10 8:00 AM 5 Minute Prayers for Messiah	11	12 9:00 AM World Religions at Bridge Creek Pastor's Sabbath	13
14 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday Forum, Sunday School & Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship 3:30 PM LIB Vision and Mission Team meets at Messiah	15 7:00 AM Men's Community Prayer Breakfast at the Community Church	16 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Bridge Creek 3:00 PM BHHC Worship 6:30 PM Church council	17 8:00 AM 5 Minute Prayers for Messiah 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service at Messiah	18 <i>News Articles are due for <u>March</u></i>	19 9:00 AM World Religions at Bridge Creek 6:00 PM Faith, Fun & Fellow- ship Pastor's Sabbath	20
21 BareTooth Cupboards Sunday 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday Forum, Sunday School & Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship	22 7:14 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 3:45 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Faith and Light at the Streets	23 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Bridge Creek	24 8:00 AM 5 Minute Prayers for Messiah 6:00 PM Lenten Service at Messiah/ followed by a light supper	25 2:30 PM Cedarwood Villa Worship 7:00 PM Book Club at Gina Farnham's Home	26 Pastor's Sabbath	27
28 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday Forum, Sunday School & Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Red Lodge AA meets Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 7:00 PM in the basement of Messiah.</p> </div>			
				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Synod Council-Pastor Kim-Feb 25-27</p> </div>		



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Christikon Clips

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Information for our Congregations



Christikon Youth Camp Brochures have been mailed to every young person in your congregation who are in grades 5-12. The brochures detail some very special possibilities, and some very special deals for registering early for camp, and for bringing a friend to camp as a new camper. Save \$25-\$70 by registering before March 15. Additional brochures are available from your church office.

Family/adult Camp Brochures are also now available. Check out the opportunities for relaxation, renewal, service and growth in the faith. It's not too early to be making plans for one (or more) of the special camp sessions designed for adults and families.

Do it online! You can use the Internet to register for all camp sessions at Christikon, or to make a gift, or to find out more about this special ministry. Go to www.christikon.org.

Save the dates: The annual **Christikon Quilt Auction at the Billings Depot** is coming on Sunday, April 25. To the west: **Christikon presents Story Hill** on Sunday, May 2 at Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman. Both events will have additional new dimensions this year.

Too few young people (not to mention adults) have significant outdoor experience. Christikon combines quality outdoor experience with focused community experience, helping to open people to the life of faith. Think about joining the Christikon life this coming summer. It can do a world of good...

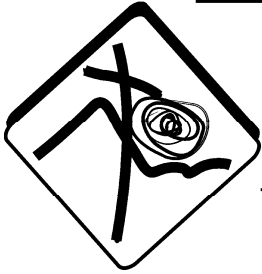
**It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ —
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Sunday Forum for February 2010

Please join us at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. In February, Sunday Forum will explore the impact of job loss and unemployment. We'll talk about the hardships that accompany unemployment and how they can be financially and psychologically devastating for individuals and families. We'll consider the question, "How does the church in mission respond to this?"

Schedule:

February 4 - "The Church in Mission—Impact of Unemployment" Part 1

February 14 - "The Church in Mission—Impact of Unemployment" Part 2

February 21 - To be determined

February 28 - To be determined

February Event



Faith, Fun and Fellowship

Faith, Fun and Fellowship will meet Friday, February 19th at 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room at the Chateau Rouge. Please bring a snack to share and \$5.00 to help cover the cost of the renting this room. We will be playing Mexican Train Dominoes.

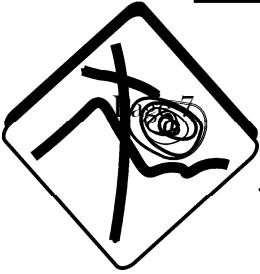
A sign up sheet will be in the narthex.
Call Gina, **446-9818** for more information.

Book Club



For February the Safari Book Club will be reading the book called **The Surrounded** by Darcy McNickle. We will be meeting at Gina Farnham's home on Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 PM. Please join us for an enjoyable time.

Let Kathy Schilling (425-1644) know if you would like to be added to the book club list. A list of the books for 2010 can be found on the bulletin board at Messiah. (located between the two bathrooms)



Highlights from the January 19th Council Meeting

President Christ reviewed the agenda for the January 31st Annual Meeting. The Council took action to declare that the Congregation's new Constitution would become effective immediately following the passage of the ratification vote. We anticipate that the loan paperwork allowing us to finalizing the purchase of the Hwy 212 land should be completed by the end of January or very early February.

The December monthly general fund income was \$22305.70 while total expenses for December were \$14,675.02. Thus, the 2009 December net total income exceed total expenses by \$10,808.72. All expenses for the month were in line with the budget and last year's expenses. The 2009 year-end general fund income was \$126,536.11 while the 2009 operating expenses were \$132,988.17. Since the cost of the parsonage maintenance was covered by savings from the Mission Investment Fund, a deduction of those expenses from the general operating expenses reveals that the 2009 operating expenses covered by the general fund income were \$127,647.64. The year-end Balance sheet reflected that the total assets of the church were \$238,585.90, an increase of \$136,131.70 over 2008. This was due to the contribution of corporate shares from the members of the Faithful Land group and several advanced gifts to the LIB capital campaign. The Council also took action to designate \$2,500 of Pastor Wilker's base compensation as a "household furnishings" allowance.

The Souper Bowl of Caring will be hosted at the Church on Sunday, February 7th following the 10:30 service. The free will offering for this soup lunch will be used to combat hunger.

Remember, a copy of the Approved December Council Minutes is posted in the narthex of the Church for your review.

Three Kinds of Giving

The first is "Grudge Giving." "Grudge Giving" says, "I suppose I have to give even though I have a hundred other obligations to meet."

The second is "Dutiful Giving." "Dutiful Giving" says, "I will do my share because that is what is expected of me."

The third is "Thanks Giving." "Thanks Giving" says, "I want to give because I am grateful to God for the blessings of this life."

Howard Young, Stewardship Committee

Office Hours At Messiah

Mon: 8-1 **Tues:** 8-9 & 11-1 **Wed:** 8-12 **Thurs:** 8-12 **Fri:** The Office is Closed.

Church Phone: 406-446-2430 **Website:** www.redlodgemessiah.com **Email:** churchoffice@180com.net



OUR YOUTH

will be providing soup after the 10:30 service on Sunday, February 7. This is part of the nationwide Souper Bowl Sunday.

Your **DONATIONS** to help feed the hungry will be greatly appreciated!

MORE YOUTH NEWS

The youth of Messiah Lutheran Church along with youth throughout the community will be collecting used, all-occasion greeting cards until February 20, 2010 to assist with fund raising efforts for St. Jude's Ranch for Children. The children at the ranch recycle

the cards by removing the front and attaching a new back. The recycled cards are then sold. Please place cards in the box in the church labeled St. Jude's Ranch. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be supporting the youth in this project.

Messiah's Mission: To know Christ; To make disciples; To send out; To make Christ known.

Messiah's Vision: To become a growing congregation of Christ's disciples who make a difference by living out our faith daily, active in love.

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