

Light in the Beartooths

MESSIAH LUTHERAN NEWS

May 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The month of May has arrived and that means graduations from learning institutions and of course gifts for the graduates. In the Messiah faith community we congratulate and celebrate our 9 high school and 2 college 2010 graduates.

Graduations are a moving experience for the graduates as well as family and friends. When the kids march in and the band plays pomp and circumstance, hearts are moved and eyes get misty with pride and joy. Words are shared by an honored guest about - be all you can be, go for it, you can achieve your dreams, etc. The salutatorian and or valedictorian speak encouraging words thrusting their classmates into a future filled with endless possibilities. After the ceremony the celebration continues with more intimate parties with family and friends where hugs and tangible expressions of congratulations are received. Popular 2010 graduation gifts include the iPod touch 16GB 2nd generation, digital camera, GPS unit, PDA, Bluetooth headset, blu-ray disc player, laptop, LCD HD TV with built in tuner and DVD player a real multitasker, dorm or apartment life essentials and of course the ever popular cold hard cash.

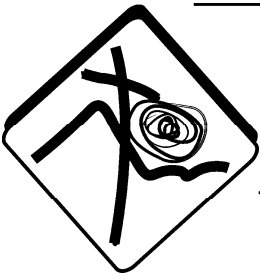
Graduation is an important milestone in life and gifts help get a start on a leap into the future from what has been a pretty busy yet structured, routine and safe life together for most. That was the case for Jesus' first disciples. In the 15th and 16th chapters of the Gospel of John Jesus tells his disciples he is "going away to be with him who sent me." Jesus reminds them he has been with them since the beginning but part of the journey together is about to end. It's akin to graduation time for the disciples who will go into an unknown future without their teacher and Lord. However, Jesus does not abandon them, he has a gift for them. The gift is not a high tech present or cash, rather Jesus promises the gift of an "advocate, a helper, a counselor" (John 15:26). This gift is the Holy Spirit who will lead and guide the disciples (graduates) on their faith journey of life. They will not be left alone to face the future! And the gift was fulfilled as Holy Spirit came upon the disciples on a day called Pentecost (Acts 2).

We modern day disciples and graduates are also recipients of the same advocate, helper, counselor, Holy Spirit. In our faith tradition we actually believe God doesn't wait until graduation to give gifts. In Holy Baptism we receive the Holy Spirit and pray at that moment "Sustain this baptized person with the *gift* of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. And then again on the faith journey at confirmation time the baptized person affirms that faith into which he/she was baptized and we pray again: "Stir up in this person the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might.....Amen."

So, this month of graduations I invite you to celebrate with your family members, friends and brothers and sisters in Christ and give heartfelt thanks to God the Holy Spirit and countless gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, joy, and walking with us on this journey of life from the cradle to the grave and into the final gift of eternal life.

Pastor Kim

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Light in the Beartooths (LIB) Monthly Update

The LIB Spiritual Life Team sponsored a *Quarterly Breakfast Bible Study* April 13 with 32 women and men in attendance. We gathered around food, fellowship and discussion on 1 Corinthians 12 and how our Spiritual Gifts can be used to enhance the Light in the Beartooths ministry.

The LIB Vision/Mission Team continues to meet monthly around the Word, prayer, listening and sharing. The April focus was on "The Missional Church". Following are some quotes from a book "Introducing the Missional Church, What it is, Why it Matters, How to Become One" by Alan J Roxburgh and M. Scott Boren:

"Most churches today operate with structures designed for a time when church was firmly at the center of life. Leaders are still trained to resource this form of church, but the culture has shifted. The church perceives itself as both part of and representative of the society with its presumed role of shaping the private, moral life of citizens. This is simply no longer the case."

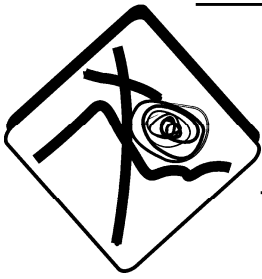
"To become missional, local church members have to wrestle with the meaning of the gospel in their local context. The question we need to keep asking is: What is God up to in this neighborhood? John tells us in his gospel "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us". Eugene Peterson paraphrases this verse, "The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood." Jesus' way of being a theologian was to embody God in a local setting."

"Missional isn't about a new program or project inside a church, but about entering a community to sit alongside others and engage in gospel conversations. Asking neighborhood, rather than church, questions and focusing on how the gospel relates to a local situation, not how the church can be more attractational."

The LIB Spiritual Life Team is preparing a *Healing Service*, Tuesday May 4, 7:00 p.m. at Messiah. All are welcome as we pray, hear the Word, celebrate Holy Communion, sing, and those who desire may receive laying on of hands and anointing with oil while being prayed for.

IDENTITY THEFT WORKSHOP

Thrivent members are encouraged to attend a free workshop at 5:30 PM at Joliet Lutheran Church on Monday, May 3 followed by supper. **RSVP** to Evelyn @ 662-3402 by May 2.



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MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 Michelle Thompson
John Overton
- 5/2 Shirley Overton
- 5/3 Art Urban
- 5/6 Joan Kyro
- 5/7 Lynn Sorensen
- 5/13 Sue Prather
- 5/22 Kathy Schilling
- 5/29 Brooke Feister
Jim Koski
- 5/30 Barb Ostrum

SCARE CENTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Come worship, sing, pray hear the Word and celebrate Holy Communion with residents of our local long term care centers.

Monday, May 3 @ 9:00 AM
Bible Study at Cedar Wood Villa

Tuesday, May 11 @ 3:00 PM
Service at Beartooth Hospital
Long Term Care Unit

Thursday, May 20 @ 2:30PM
Service at Cedar Wood Villa



Confirmation classes this month are Wednesdays May 5 and May 12 at 2:40 PM. Our study will be about favorite Bible stories.

Happy Anniversary



- 5/13 Jean & Everett Atherly
- 5/29 Jim & Nancy Johnson

May Innkeepers

Thank you Messiah Friends for your support by signing up to be an Innkeeper. We still have several months to fill in before our chart is complete. Maybe



your talent is cleaning, baking, or reading the scriptures. We need your help in whatever way you feel comfortable. Never feel that your support is anything but wonderful. Helping at Messiah is a beautiful way to know Christ. You do make a difference. Please stop by the chart, which is hanging on the sanctuary door, and help fill in the spaces. The months of June and August still need more helpers. May Innkeeper leaders are: **Gina and Stan Farnham**. Their helpers are Kathy Kreatz; Barb and Jim Ochiltree; Norma and Bill Alberta; Jeri and Jim Kyner. When your month as Innkeeper is over please return your **INNKEEPER FOLDER** to the church office for reuse.

Thank you, Family Life.

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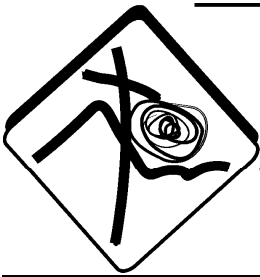
PRAYER: Shirley Overton; Connie Kovach; Barb Jaquith; Bob Holmen's mother Edna Holmen; Bev Urbaniak's nephew Bruce Gilmer; Stan Farnham's mother Eva Farnham; Art Urban; Monica Thuesen's Mother; Andrea Holmen's cousin George Hanke and his wife Jackie; Sigrid Timonen; Joan Hale (Joan Wilson); Ellie Murphy; Helen Norby; Jim Bujold; Bill Alberta; Dolly Koski; Jerry Brekhus; Gloria Hardy's mother Pat Loyning; Nani Clark's family on the death of her brother Winarso; Marietta Johnson on the death of her cousin Ron Smith; Lynn Herem on the death of her husband Al; Paul Henry on the death of his wife Judy Canfield Henry and Keith Brighton and family on the death of his wife Betsy.



Prayer Concerns

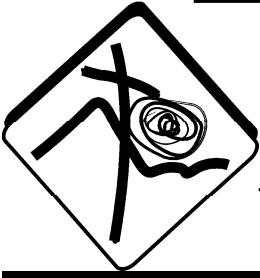
PRAYER REQUESTS If you would like to be on either the telephone or email prayer chains and are not currently receiving prayer requests, please contact Jeri Kyner at 446-3323 or jkyner@mac.com. To start a prayer request, contact Margaret Tjeltveit at 446-1458 or Jeri Kyner or email messiahprayers@gmail.com

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



May 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 9:00 AM Church grounds clean-up & rake.
2 8:30 & 10:30 Worship; 9:40 AM Sunday Forum, Sunday School & Choir Practice 1:00 PM Vision/ Mission team meets at Messiah	3 7:14 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Bible Study @ Cedarwood 3:00 PM Identity Theft Workshop 7:00 PM Fashion Show at Community Church/free	4 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Bridge Creek 7:00 PM Healing Service at Messiah	5 8:00 AM 5 Min. Prayers 12:30 PM WELCA Bible Study 2:40 PM Confirmation	6 1:00 PM Knit Together at Mae Karina's Home	7 Pastor's Sabbath	8
9 Mother's Day  8:30 AM Worship 9:40 AM Sunday Forum, Sunday School & Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship	10 7:14 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast	11 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Bridge Creek 3:00 PM BHHC Worship	12 8:00 AM 5 Minute Prayers for Messiah 2:40 PM Confirmation	13 1:00 PM Knit Together at Mae Karina's Home	14 Pastor's Sabbath	15  9:00 AM Highway 212 clean-up. Meet at Messiah to carpool
16 BareTooth Cupboards Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:40 AM Choir Practice; Last Sunday Forum & Sunday School until Sept.	17 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Messiah	18 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Bridge Creek 3:00 PM Church council	19 8:00 AM 5 Minute Prayers for Messiah	20 1:00 PM Knit Together at Mae Karina 2:30 PM Cedar Wood Villa Worship 7:00 PM Book Club at Myrna Hunt's Home	21 Pastor's Sabbath <u>News Articles Due For May</u>	22
23 8:30 AM Worship 9:40 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship	24 7:14 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 PM Faith and Light at White Group Home	25 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Bridge Creek	26 8:00 AM 5 Minute Prayers for Messiah	27 1:00 PM Knit Together at Mae Karina's Home-Last day until further notice. Keep knitting over the summer!	28 Pastor's Sabbath	29
30  GRADUATION SUNDAY 8:30 AM Worship 9:40 AM RECEPTION FOR GRADUATES 10:30 AM Worship	31  Memorial Day No Men's Prayer Breakfast Today!	Pastor's Vacation June 1, 2, 3			Red Lodge AA meets Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 7 pm in the church basement.	



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Christikon Clips

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Information for our Congregations

It's not too late to register for camp this summer! Space remains in most youth sessions and in those for families and adults, including the Work Weekend, May 28-31. You can register online, or use the form distributed with the brochures in your congregation. Or call us at the camp office for further information.

Christikon presents an evening with Storyhill (Chris Cunningham and former staff person John Hermanson), a benefit concert and Silent Auction to support the Christikon Ministry, on Sunday, May 2, at Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman. Tickets are \$15 in advance (available in congregations and at the Christikon Web site) or \$20 at the door (\$5 less for those under age 18).

Christikon covers the full costs for each at-risk kid participating in Sojourners Camp. (We expect to have 24 this summer) We invite individuals, congregations and their auxiliaries to consider special giving for camp scholarships this summer.

Christikon's pastor/director **Bob Quam expresses his gratitude** for all the prayers and encouragement that have surrounded him since his heart surgery on April 1, and for the way Board and Committee members and other volunteers are helping get ready for the camping season as he proceeds on through recovery. He anticipates being ready (sort of) for the camping season by Work Weekend.

Remember to pray for your congregation's ministry through Christikon this summer, for the summer staff, 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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CLEAN UP AT MESSIAH

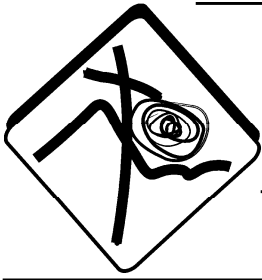
Saturday, May 1 let's clean up Messiah's yard at 9:00 AM.
Bring your rakes, trash bags, gloves and let's "get 'er done".



CLEAN UP ON HIGHWAY 212

Save the date of Saturday, May 15 to clean our section of Highway 212.
We'll carpool from Messiah at 9:00 AM.
We hope to do this with Joliet as well.





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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 20TH COUNCIL MEETING

Pastor Kim reported on the Vision/Mission Team progress and indicated that the team is currently considering how to best involve the congregation in discerning the mission/vision for the use of the Hwy 212 land. There was also discussion about what summer activities could be held on the Hwy 212 land. There was general consensus among the Council that it would be good to hold at least one service per month (followed by a potluck lunch) on the land. The worship committee will be asked to implement and publicize a plan. Calendar dates of importance include: Saturday, May 1st, 9:00 am church grounds clean-up; Tuesday, May 4th, 7:00 pm healing service; Saturday, May 15th, 9:00 am 212 Hwy clean-up in partnership with Joliet Lutheran. A recognition event for our graduating seniors is also being planned for mid May, watch for further information as plans are finalized. Finally, mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 23rd, at 5:30 pm at the Lions Park for the Red Lodge Ministerial Association's community picnic potluck (meat provided by the Ministerial Association).

In committee reports, John Overton reported that a new stove has been purchased for the parsonage to replace the old, broken one and shared some of projects to be undertaken at the May 1st church clean-up day. Judy Streets reported that she has ordered study materials related to the ELCA's 1st draft of a Social Statement on Genetics which will come before the 2011 Church wide Assembly. Barb Ostrum and Judy will work on developing a community wide summer study class on this topic. Sunday Forums will be concluding following the current study on Revelation. Five members have indicated an interest in attending summer camp at Christikon and Judy will develop a scholarship request for next Council meeting. Jeri Kyner shared the thank you note received from the Herem family expressing their appreciation for the luncheon served at Al Herem's funeral. Approximately 70 people were served. Pastor Kim reported that he and Andrea Holmen will meet with Jason to discuss replacement possibilities and to firm up Jason's departure date. Howard Young is continuing to insert the Luther Seminary's Lifelong Stewardship articles into the monthly newsletter. Pastor Kim reported that the MT Synod Assembly will be in Billings June 5th & 6th for those interested in attending. He also will forward the Climb to Conquer Cancer (August 7th) materials to the Outreach committee to determine if there is interest in sponsoring a team from Messiah.

Ann Christ did a brief review of the March financial reports in lieu of Mr. Miller's absence. The March 2010 Balance Sheet showed the General Fund checking account with a balance of more than \$26,500, the Light in the Beartooths checking account balance of

slightly less than \$25,000 and a Mission Investment Fund balance of just about \$73,000. Slightly less than \$15,000 in the General Fund checking account is from LIB contributions and needs to be transferred into the LIB checking account. Additionally, the \$144,000 Fixed Assets (Land – Undeveloped) line item reflects the value of the donations from the Faithful Land, LLC, and Don & Linda Lindahl. The year-to-date (January through March) Profit and Loss previous year comparison shows the member giving line item lagging the 2009 member giving line item by \$4,086.58. General operating fund expenses for the current year are similar to those for 2009, with the exception of the Capital Campaign expense line item which did not appear in the 2009 expenses, and are within budget.

Members are encouraged to pick up the latest revision of the Church Directory (March, 2010). It was requested that new versions of the Directory include member's physical street addresses, email addresses and cell phone numbers.

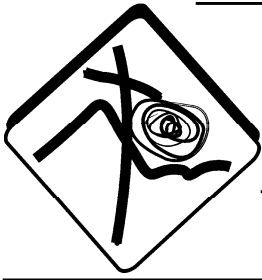
President Christ presented continuing resolutions that need to be reviewed for needed revisions and inserted into the new Constitution. The Council adopted a revision of the Continuing Resolution on the use of Church Facilities that will require a \$100 usage fee from non-members seeking to be married in the church, as well as a \$50 (refundable) damage deposit for all weddings held in the church and a requirement that the users clean the facility and grounds after the use of the facility.

There was an extensive discussion about the impact of the proposed Hauser Street extension north to the new hospital and the implications of the proposal on the building of the St John's assisted living facility (The Willows) and on the future use of the Hwy 212 property. It was determined that additional data was necessary to determine the accuracy of our current understandings.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Church clean-up – Saturday, May 1st, @ 9:00 am
- Healing Service – Tuesday, May 4th, @ 7:00 pm
- Hwy 212 clean-up --- Saturday, May 15th, @ 9:00 am
- Church Council – Tuesday, May 18th @ 3:00 pm

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



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The Stranger

I watched him when he first came in, a stranger to my eyes.
 A quiet melancholy look I thought, both shy but also wise.
 I knew him not nor did the others, standing near the door.
 It seemed he sought a sign of welcome, had he entered here before?
 He glanced my way, looked at me straight, and saw me turn away.
 No time for greetings now I thought, I must start my worship day.
 Our service started, the organ played, a hymn we sang with joy.
 Time enough I thought, when all was done, to greet this man, this boy.
 The service over, we all filled out, to our Pastor a greeting I stuttered.
 I glanced around but he was gone, not one word had I uttered.
 In the following weeks I sought him out, but the stranger ne'er returned.
 I thought, why hadn't I said hello, what bridges had I burned?
 I know our church is a friendly place, where people don't build walls.
 We journey here to worship our Lord, to hear that He loves us all.
 Come back dear stranger, come back I say, our purpose in life tis true.
 Is but to greet a stranger and say, we will share God's love with you.

Submitted by a member of Messiah

SUNDAY FORUMS FOR MAY

Our study will continue to explore the images of Christ found in the passages of Revelation that we will hear in our Sunday readings.

May 2: The Renewing Jesus - Revelation 21:1-6

May 9: The Enlightening Jesus - Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

May 16: The Coming Jesus - Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 (LAST CLASS UNTIL SEPT)

Sunday Forum meets between worship services at approximately **9:40 AM**. Please join us as you are able.



PETTICOATS & PANTALOONS FASHION SHOW

1800's Vintage clothing

- Monday May 3
- 7:00 pm
- Refreshments
- Doorprizes
- Frontier Fun

Red Lodge United Church of Christ
308 S Broadway in Red Lodge
(Sponsored by Women's Group)

FREE



MAY BOOK CLUB



We will be reading the book called **The White Queen** by Philippa Gregory. Our meeting will be at Myrna Hunt's home on Thursday, May 27, at 7:00 PM.

Urban

Experience

All youth from 8^h to 12th are encouraged to sign up for our



annual mission urban plunge in Denver. This is scheduled for **July 8 – 11, 2010**.

This is an opportunity to serve agencies and organizations that are already working hard for change with Denver's homeless and working poor populations. Through this experience we will enjoy a meal at one of Denver's ethnic restaurants, hear directly from marginalized and poor people and reflect on all you see and do in light of the Gospel. In past years we've experienced serving at the Denver Rescue Mission, Urban Peak shelter for homeless teens, Network Coffee House for homeless adults, a shelter for homeless women and children, and more. We'll also worship Sunday morning in an African American Christian congregation. This year's trip will include a Colorado Rockies major league baseball game, half day at Elitch Gardens Amusement Park, and a "walk about" in downtown Denver.

A \$40 non-refundable deposit per youth is due in the church office no later than May 16 so we can finalize our itinerary. Contact Pastor Kim for further information.

Messiah's Mission:

- To know Christ*
- To make disciples*
- To send out*
- To make Christ known*

Messiah's Vision:

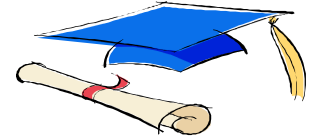
To become a growing congregation of Christ's disciples who make a difference by living out our faith daily, active in love.



Sunday, May 9

Messiah Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 1330 19th & Adams
Red Lodge, Montana 59068

GRADUATE SUNDAY AT MESSIAH



When: Sunday, May 30

Reception: Between services at 9:30 AM

Come join the celebration between services as we honor this year's graduates from our congregation. Special prayers, memories, cake and beverages will be shared.

From Joliet High School:

DeLaney Hardy.

From Red Lodge High School:

Chris Atherly, Hannah Benton, Derrick Downing, Alex Elsberry, Sally Gildehaus, Clancey Theade, Wes Thompson, Josh Wilker.

From Montana State University at Billings:

Jason Suchan.

From Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota:

Michelle Thompson.

OFFICE HOURS AT MESSIAH

Monday: 8:00-1:00
Tuesday: 8:00-9:00 & 11:00-1:00
Wednesday: 8:00- 12:00
Thursday: 8:00-12:00
Friday: The Office is Closed.

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