

Light in the Beartooths

MESSIAH LUTHERAN NEWS

June 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“We are a church for those not here yet” shared Peter Christ at a Sunday forum last month. Peter was describing the mission focused Jacob’s Well congregation where he serves on the leadership team while on internship from Luther Seminary. Jacob’s Well is not what you’d call a traditional Lutheran church. Peter’s opening remark about being a church for those not here, or existing for others, is not a traditional value. Typical traditional congregations exist for the sake of themselves while also trying to get more like minded people in to fill the pews. Jacob’s Well is a product of traditional, vibrant, growing Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minneapolis who realized they couldn’t be the right kind of church for everyone so they committed finances and prayer to support this new kind of church. Bethlehem shares Jacob’s Well’s vision of helping people discover life giving relationships with God, but recognizes one way of being church does not fit all. As the web site (www.Jacobs-well.net) says - “Jacob’s Well is a new kind of church, one that wants to be about the movement of God’s grace that we see through Jesus’ love in our world. We want to be about that, not the institution. That’s why no building. We are willing to be portable and on the move when we need to be to make it clear to us, you, and to God that it’s not about the building, but about the people.” Jacob’s Well worships in a school building in south Minneapolis, there are no pews, no formal liturgy, no altar, no organ, rather a band playing some songs you’d expect to hear in church and others you wouldn’t, there is a message as the Gospel is proclaimed and Holy Communion is celebrated. There is no intention of owning a “church” building, nor a driving desire to become a large congregation. Jacob’s Well has grown in just a few years to around 350 people (of whom Peter and spouse Ann are among the oldest) and the faith community is not focused on numbers, rather mission, so they started another “new kind” of congregation where Peter also has a leadership role.

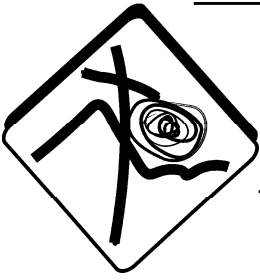
The vision of Jacob’s Well is to bring God’s scattered people together as one in Christ and sending them out for the sake of the world and the glory of God. Some of their core values include: People matter to God, Teaching is for life change, Changing methods...Unchanging message, and Harmony with one another and creation. The leader pastor states “our dream is that people say this community is a better place because Jacob’s Well is here. Not that the organization is always doing something, but that the people who call Jacob’s Well home are out making a difference everywhere they turn...in the place they are.”

Needless to say, Peter is having a exciting growing internship experience with Jacob’s Well this third year at Luther seminary. Messiah Lutheran in Red Lodge is quite different from Jacob’s Well, but yet we are united in Christ. Peter shared that he often praises our congregation to his classmates and professors, lifting us up as an exemplar more traditional congregation who is mission focused serving the community as a congregation as well as individuals at work, recreation, school, wherever we are. That, my brothers and sisters is what I see Jacob’s Well doing in mission like us, just in a different place and way that fits who God has called them to be.

This fall Peter begins the 4th year of seminary and will continue to work with Jacob’s Well along with completing academic studies necessary for graduation. Let us remember Peter, Ann, Della, Bjorn, Jacob’s Well and Luther Seminary in prayer, as we continue the journey together in Christ and mission.

Pastor Kim

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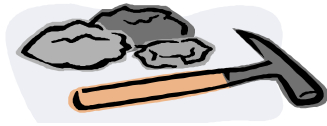


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Geology Field Trip with Vince Ames Thursday, June 2



Vince Ames has volunteered to guide a geology field trip to areas around Red Lodge and Cody. The field trip will take place on Thursday, June 2nd. Everyone will meet at the church at 9 AM, where we will car pool to several locations. Lunch, costing \$7.95 per person for the buffet, will be at the Irma Hotel in Cody.

Please sign up for this momentous excursion at the church or call Barb Ochiltree at 446-1856 to reserve a place.

Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Needs Volunteers

Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (DSVS) needs volunteer advocates to help provide services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and stalking. Training is scheduled June 13, 15, 18, 20, and 22 (four evenings and one Saturday) and will be held at Calvary Episcopal Church (9 N. Villard).

To sign up for the training, or to receive more information about volunteering at DSVS, contact Ed Lambrecht at 446-2296 (elambrecht@dsvsmontana.org).

CLIMB TO CONQUER CANCER WALK

Thrivent Financial Services would like to get a team together from Messiah Lutheran to participate in the Climb to Conquer Cancer walk to take place on Saturday, August 6th. The hike is 3 miles and takes place at the Red Lodge Mountain ski



hill. It would be nice to have a team of 10 to 12, but not limited to that, the more the merrier and the more money raised for a good cause. Teams can consist of men, women, kids. It is a fun walk and a great way to enjoy our beautiful outdoors.

All fees are paid by Thrivent. If you register by **June 16, 2011** you will receive a free T-Shirt.

Registration forms are located on the sanctuary door at the back of the church. Please sign up today.

If there are any questions, call Leon Odegaard at 698-4051 or Brooke Feister at 446-2385.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP THIS SUMMER

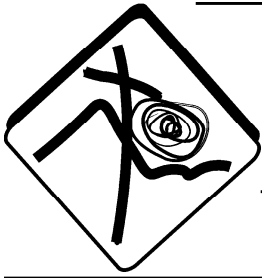
Sunday, June 26, Messiah's worship service will take place on our land on highway 212.

Grab a lawn chair, sun screen, bring a friend and come as you are for our 9:30 AM worship service out in God's beautiful creation.

Outdoor worship will also take place the last Sunday in July and the last Sunday in August.



Light refreshments will be served following worship.



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- 6/3 Marietta Johnson
- 6/5 Derrick Downing
- 6/6 Matt Mullaney
- 6/15 Loveonna Moncada
- 6/20 Nancy Smith
- 6/22 Lee Norby
- 6/24 Martie Brenne
Knute Thompson
- 6/28 Dick Kyro



Innkeeper leaders for June

are Marla and Duane Ebel at 664-3178. Their team members are Norma & Bill Alberta; Dolly & Jim Koski; Jeri & Jim Kyner; Gloria & Joel Hardy and Mary Olson.

Please check your calendars for the summer months. We need you, even if for cleaning during the week, baking cookies. Sign up today.

Family Life



Prayer Concerns

Please Remember in Prayer

Helen Norby; Bev Urbaniak's nephew Bruce Gilmer; Andrea Holmen's cousins George & Jackie Hanke; cousin Eline & cousin Zeb & his family and her uncle Clarence; Pastor Ron Jensen; Margaret Tjeltveit; Pat Peterson; Ed Cardoza; Judy Prinkki; Eileen Luoma; Suzanne Zenz; Josh Wilker; Peter Christ's classmate Tony Fair; Peggy Smith; Toivo Lantta; David Jurkovich; Don Lindall; Jeri Kyner's mother Dot Englebright; Rick Koski; Bob Goehringer; Cole Gairrett; Sue Prather's Aunt Ann Lohof; Edna Collins; Art Urban; Gina Farnham's brother Chris Tweeten; Leon Odegaard; Bill & Norma Alberta; John & Nani Clark's granddaughter's mother Jamie Schwellenbach; John Overton's daughter Jane; Joel Hardy's father Warren; Herb & Myrna Hunt's granddaughter Heather Watts; Brooke Feister's friend Juanita Keck and Harry Hollman's mother Alice Hollman.

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. To start a prayer request, contact Jeri Kyner by phone at 446-3323 or Judy Streets by email at messiahprayers@gmail.com. Please make sure you have accurate information and permission from the person you are calling about.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The women's Bible Study will meet at **Messiah Lutheran** at **9:00 AM** each Tuesday starting **May 31** and the summer months of **June, July and August**.

JUNE BOOK CLUB



We will be reading the book **In the Bleak Midwinter** by Julia Spencer Fleming. Our meeting will be at Marla Ebel's home on Thursday, June 16, at 7:00 PM.

CARE CENTER WORSHIP SERVICE

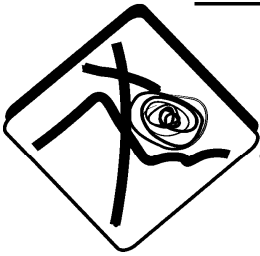
Come worship, sing, pray hear the Word and celebrate Holy Communion with residents of our local long term care centers.

Thurs, June 24 @ 2:30 PM
Service at Cedar Wood Villa



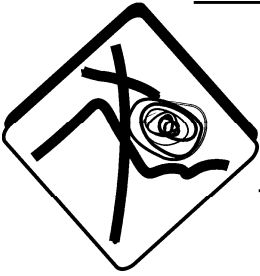
Happy Anniversary

- 6/7 Barbara & Jim Ochiltree
- 6/11 Marla & Duane Ebel
- 6/17 Ruth & Art Urban
- 6/19 Jeri & Jim Kyner
- 6/20 Linda & Don Lindall
- 6/27 Andrea & Bob
- 6/28 Dolly & Jim Koski



June 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Red Lodge AA meets Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 7 PM at Messiah.</p>		<p>May 31 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Messiah</p>	<p>1 8:00 AM 5 Minute Prayers</p>	<p>2 9:00 AM Geology field trip /lunch at the Irma Hotel in Cody 1:00 PM Knitting at Cedar Wood with Mae</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Suzi and Allen Hansen at Synod Assembly June 3-5 as Messiah's lay voting members.</p>
<p>Pastor Kim on Vacation May 31</p>			<p>Pastor Kim at Synod Assembly in Great Falls, MT June 1-5</p>			
<p>5 8:45 AM Choir 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship and Refreshments</p>	<p>6 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Drummers</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Messiah</p>	<p>8 8:00 AM 5 Minute Prayers 1:30 PM WELCA Bible Study</p>	<p>9 7:00 PM Healing Service at Messiah</p>	<p>10 Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>11 Progressive Dinner has been cancelled until Fall.</p>
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<p>19 Father's Day and BareTooth Cupboard Sunday 8:45 AM Choir 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship and Refreshments</p>	<p>20 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 6:00 PM Drummers</p>	<p>21 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Messiah</p>	<p>22 8:00 AM 5 Minute Prayers 5:30-8:00 PM Community Picnic at Lion's Park</p>	<p>23 2:30 PM Cedar Wood Villa Worship NEWS ARTICLES DUE FOR JULY</p>	<p>24 Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9:30 AM Worship service on the Highway 212 site followed by Fellowship and Refreshments</p>	<p>27 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 6:00 PM Drummers</p>	<p>28 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Messiah 4:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>29 8:00 AM 5 Minute Prayers 6:30 PM Community fun on the land on Hwy 212</p>	<p>30</p>		



Vacation Bible School At Messiah "God's Big Backyard" August 8-11, 2011



Vacation Bible School sponsored by Messiah, will take place August 8-11 (9 AM-Noon each day).

VBS will be open to all kids in the greater Red Lodge area at no charge. Please consider helping with this great outreach for the children in our community. We will need many volunteers from Messiah and from the community.

If you have any questions or know of kids who might be interested please give their names and phone numbers to Gina Farnham at 446-9818.



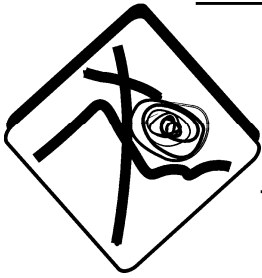
**As details
develop,
we'll keep
you posted.**

"Stewardship Corner"

The opposite of abundance is scarcity. These words contain great word play. The next time you notice yourself slipping into "scarcity thinking", reflect on the words. When you examine the word "scarcity" you will note it contains - scar-city or scar(e)-city which in turn produces a scar(ed)-city where the thinking is there is not enough: time, money or love).

Then examine the word "abundance!" See what God has entrusted to your community and celebrate the assets God has entrusted to you. This is the time to jump up and do a-bun-dance!

--Unknown
Howard Young
Stewardship Committee



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Members of Messiah Lutheran Church Please join the "drive" for the parsonage driveway!

The driveway and steps at the parsonage need replacement. The asphalt and concrete driveway is crumbling, sunken in areas and nearly impossible to shovel during the winter.



The cost will total at least \$6000. Materials and rebar cost \$3500 (Labor is donated). And the bid to remove the current driveway and hauling it away is nearly \$1800. Then new steps will have to be built.

We must keep the parsonage in good shape, and this work needs to be done this summer. We did not budget for this expense, which is why we are asking for your help.

Please contribute what you can. Earmark your check as DRIVEWAY.

Thank you for your help.

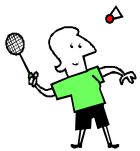
Messiah Church Council

SUMMER GIVING REMINDER

Summertime! That means vacations, hiking and other fun activities. If you will be traveling, please consider the timely maintenance your on-going financial support to Messiah Lutheran. We have exciting things planned for the summer with worship on the 212 land, Vacation Bible School in August, Monday and Tuesday Mornings Bible Studies, Faith, Fun, and Fellowship get-togethers, and much more. In order to continue these activities, we need your on-going support.

Thanks for your financial support of Messiah. Your Church Council

COMMUNITY SUMMER FUN & FELLOWSHIP ON THE LAND



Messiah Lutheran will be providing an opportunity for the community for Wednesday evening fun and fellowship on the property located next to Sam's Tap, starting at 6:30 PM. Beginning June 15th through August 17th, weather permitting, there will be a short devotional service and lots of fun. Some of the possibilities are softball, volleyball, badminton, horse shoes and croquet. There will be a campfire and plenty of time for visiting and songs. Water will be provided. Bring your own chairs, snacks and drinks if you want something other than water. This is a community event so do not bring alcoholic beverages. The Mullaney's and Ochiltree's will be hosting on June 15th and will be providing s'mores. If you would like to host a Wednesday evening, please call Barb Ochiltree at 446-1856. Spread the word. It will be a great time for all ages.

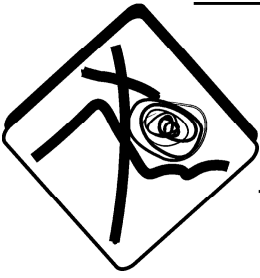
HEALING SERVICE AT MESSIAH

There will be a healing service on Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 PM at Messiah. There will be Scripture, singing, prayers, and laying on of hands and anointing with oil for those who desire individual prayer for healing.

"Our Lord in his ministry performed many different acts of healing - forgiving sins, casting out demons, curing physical disease. His disciples also performed similar acts. These practices continue as part of the Church's ministry of healing. The laying on of hands is associated with prayers for the work of the Holy Spirit and anointing with oil is associated with the activity of the Holy Spirit, especially related to healing."

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Highlights from the May 24th Council Meeting

This month's financial information included the following items of note:

The 2011 Year-to-date General Fund giving exceeds that of 2010 by more than \$3,100.00;

The Year-to-date General Fund income still continues to lag behind the Year-to-date General Fund expenses by about \$5,000;

Almost \$2,900 of these excess expenses are one-time expenses related to renovations in the Parsonage;

As of April 30, 2011, there was \$6,653.17 in the LIB checking account;

As of May 20, 2011, \$13,030.00 has been received during the month of May for the LIB;

An interest and principal payment on the LIB mortgage will be made during the first week on June and is anticipated to be approximately \$20,000, of which \$2073.13 will be for interest and the remainder will pay down the principal.

Due to the conflict with the 75th Anniversary of the Beartooth Highway, the June 11th Progressive dinner has been postponed and will be re-scheduled.

Committee reports were received. The Council agreed to allow the portion of the Hwy 212 land between Sam's land, the irrigation creek and the Flower Farm as an expansion for the Community Garden. The congregation will incur no expenses due to this project. There is a proposal to use the Hwy 212 land for the Vacation Bible School the second week of August; however, several details need to be addressed before the plans are finalized. The Parsonage's driveway needs to be replaced and bids have been received. A special appeal campaign will be initiated to cover the projected costs.

A land use agreement form was received which will be used whenever the Church allows others to use the Hwy 212 land for an event/activity.

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

APRIL 2011 FINANCIALS

GENERAL FUND

April Income: \$9,457.89
April Expenses: \$11,625.21
YTD Income: \$38,761.18
YTD Expenses: \$43,750.78
Net Income: -\$4,989.60



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Initial Cost of the Land \$550,000.00
April Income: \$2,765.00
YTD Income: \$27,208.00
Mortgage Balance \$135,125.00

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Return Service Requested



COMMUNITY PICNIC

A "Community Picnic" will take place on Wednesday, June 22 from 5:00-8:00 PM at Lion's Park. This event is sponsored by the Red Lodge Ministerial Association. Come join your neighbors in Red Lodge for an evening in the park with food, fellowship, fun, games for kids, and music for all. You don't have to belong to any church, just live in Carbon County or be visiting. The Ministerial wants everyone to come celebrate and give thanks for community. Meat and beverages provided, while side dishes are welcome.

Messiah's

Mission:

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

HOW TO REACH MESSIAH

Church Phone: 406-446-2430
Church Address: 723 S. Adams*PO Box 1330
Website: www.redlodgemessiah.com
Email: churchoffice@180com.net
Pastor Kim Wilker @ 446-4466
Sunday Choir Practice: 8:45 AM
Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 AM
Fellowship: 10:30 AM

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.