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# *Light in the Beartooths*

MESSIAH LUTHERAN NEWS

August 2011

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I pen this greeting it's a beautiful warm summer evening with a gentle breeze and I'm thinkin' it doesn't get any better than this. The author of Ecclesiastes wrote "For everything there is a season and a time..." Summer is here and I'm lovin' it, our family's 8<sup>th</sup> season here in Montana! I only wish it lasted longer.

Summer is a time for vacation, hiking, picnics, BBQs, fishing, golf, swimming, camping, cycling, gardening, morning and evening walks with the dog. As the song goes, "summertime, and the livin' is easy."

Our God is a God of all seasons, spring, summer, fall, winter. In particular, summer is a time for Sabbath, rest, relaxation, recharging, and traveling. I still remember my first summer vacation to Montana at the age of 14. The Iowa flat lander kid seeing real mountains for the first time. In South Dakota the Black Hills were awesome enough, but then the Big Horns of Wyoming were better and finally even more majestic, the Beartooths and others in the northern Rockies as we explored Yellowstone National Park which I now simply refer to as "the park".

This summer we've taken visiting family to "the park" and have another venture planned to Glacier. We're pretty much doing "staycations", hanging out in Montana and Wyoming while basking in the beauty of those mountains that have stood so glorious and firm for millions of years.

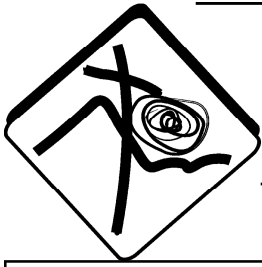
This summer I hope and pray you will take time for Sabbath and vacation. In your travels take time to worship wherever you may are and be refreshed by the Word and community you gather with. I know you are faith filled, so likewise be faithful to the Lord, the creator of heaven and earth. We are often tempted to worship the creation, rather than the creator!

For everything there is a season and a time. Being in my sixties (60 is the new 50), not too old no longer young, I'm in the fall season of my projected life span. Whatever season you are in on this journey of life, undoubtedly you like me have experienced some of life's mountainous uphill climbs, jagged peaks, perhaps slides too, but also reaching a summit or two and standing in the fresh life giving mountain air and bright sunshine. And through it all God has been with you, hiking, fishing, swimming, exploring, your faithful companion through all the times, places and seasons. As the hymn goes: "Great is thy faithfulness, summer, and winter, spring time and harvest witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love."

Blessed summer and every season to you all!

*Pastor Kim*

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## OUTDOOR WORSHIP THIS SUMMER

Sunday, August 28,  
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.

Light  
refreshments  
will be  
served  
following  
worship.



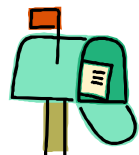
## A BIG THANK YOU!

Jim Koski and Jack Prather have  
re-erected the Messiah Lutheran  
Ministries sign  
on the Church  
land on Highway  
212.



## KEEP IN TOUCH

Please let the church office know if we  
don't have your birthday or anniversary  
dates, or if you have a new phone  
number, email address or  
home address.

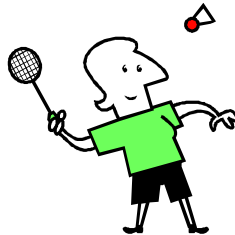


Thank you!

Church office 446-2430  
churchoffice@180com.net

## COMMUNITY SUMMER FUN & FELLOWSHIP ON THE LAND

Every Wednesday this summer,  
Messiah Lutheran will be  
providing an opportunity for the  
community to enjoy a Wednesday  
evening of outdoor fun and  
fellowship on the property located  
next to Sam's Tap Room, starting  
at 6:30 PM. Beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>  
through August 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be  
a short devotional service  
followed by lots of fun.



Some of  
the possibilities are softball,  
volleyball, badminton, horse  
shoes and croquet. A campfire is  
planned with 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.

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.

Visit Messiah's Facebook page  
for pictures of the games from  
earlier summer evening events.



## THANK YOU!

to Margaret Tjeltveit for again  
arranging for and paying for the  
purchase of Messiah's  
hanging flower  
baskets. Margaret also  
takes care of the maintenance  
fees. Thank you, Margaret.



## LOST AND FOUND

A small, black leather purse  
was left at the Church after the  
recent Memorial for Helen  
Norby. If you are the owner,  
you can retrieve it from the  
Church office.

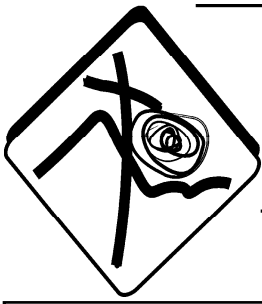
## BIKE RIDE ACROSS AMERICA

Allen and Suzi Hansen continue their  
long bike ride to the East Coast. The  
last report we had, dated July 23,  
was from Minot, North Dakota. If  
you are not on the Hansens' email  
list, updates on their adventure are  
posted on the Church bulletin board.



## ON FACEBOOK

Messiah Lutheran Church and  
The Willows both have  
Facebook pages. Just search  
for **Messiah Lutheran Church  
of Red Lodge** and for **The  
Willows at Red Lodge**. You will  
see photos from recent events at  
Messiah and, on The Willows  
page, you can watch the  
amazing construction progress  
unfolding at The Willows.



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- 8/1 Andrea Holmen  
Norma Alberta
- 8/3 Jeff Gildehaus
- 8/3 Lynn Morgan
- 8/4 Jim Johnson
- 8/8 Scott Reiman
- 8/10 Jeff Clark
- 8/13 Dale Olson
- 8/15 Gwenna Peters
- 8/16 Toivo Lantta
- 8/19 Don Lindall
- 8/22 Abe Thompson
- 8/23 Bill Miller
- 8/26 Dennis Christ;  
Leon Odegaard
- 8/27 Ruth Urban,  
Kim Elsberry
- 8/28 Gina Farnham  
Lynn Schulte
- 8/29 Karen Young
- 8/30 Dan Kyro
- 8/31 Duane Ebel

## August Innkeepers



## Innkeepers for August

Innkeeper Leaders for August are Andrea and Bob Holmen 446-2657

Innkeeper Helpers are:

Jim Koski (usher)

David Jurkovich

*Thank you to the Innkeepers!*

## LONG TERM CARE MINISTRY

Come join with our friends and neighbors for worship. This month's schedule includes:

**2:30 PM August 25**

Worship at  
Cedar Wood Villa.

Thank you to all the angels at Messiah who brought us all the good food; your thoughts and prayers are appreciated!

Bill and Norma Alberta



Prayer Concerns

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

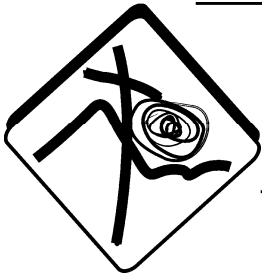
**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Jeri Kyner's mother, Dot Englebright, Bev Urbaniak's nephew Bruce Gilmer, Andrea Holmen's cousins George & Jackie Hanke, and her uncle Clarence, Pastor Ron Jensen, Margaret Tjeltveit, Pat Peterson, Eileen Luoma, Suzanne Zenz, Josh Wilker, Peter Christ's classmate Tony Fair, Toivo Lantta, Cole Gairrett, Sue Prather's Aunt Ann Lohof, Art Urban, Bill & Norma Alberta, John & Nani Clark's granddaughter's mother Jamie Schwellenbach, Joel Hardy's father Warren, Herb & Myrna Hunt's granddaughter Heather Watts, Brooke Feister's friend Juanita Keck, Harry Hollman's mother Alice Hollman Lins, Dolly Koski's cousin, Tracey Valentine, Jim Koski's cousin's wife, Sandy and Gina Farnham's friend, Daisy Henckel and baby.

**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](mailto:messiahprayers@gmail.com) Please make sure you have accurate information and permission from the person you are calling about.



## Happy Anniversary

- 8/2 Manfred & Marylou Maryott
- 8/3 Dave & Shannon Downing
- 8/14 Peter & Anne Christ
- 8/18 Jack & Judy Streets
- 8/22 Jane & Denny Chatlain  
Howard & Barbara Marquardt
- 8/25 Pat & Don Peterson
- 8/31 Dennis & Kathy Kreatz



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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; \$850 have been contributed so far. Earmark your check as DRIVEWAY.

Thank you for your help.  
Messiah Church Council



## SUMMERTIME STEWARDSHIP PLANNING

" Your stewardship committee reminds you to take care of your giving this summer. Travel, activities, and vacations can distract from our church tithing and giving obligations, so be sure to take time to fill your envelope or write that check. Cash flow can become an issue for the treasurer if our giving is not maintained at the usual level. Thank you all for your faithful attention to the needs of the church."

Thanks again,  
Howard

## Tuesday Women's Bible Study

The Tuesday Bible Study is studying lessons from the Lutheran Women's Magazine. Copies of the study are on Brooke's desk at Messiah Lutheran. Please pick one up or just come on Tuesday with your Bibles and you can get it then. We had 8 ladies start the study today. We had a great discussion and got as far as the song, "Shine, Jesus, Shine".

Hope you can make it next week to help continue on with us. We will continue to be at Messiah in August and will return to Bridge Creek the first Tuesday in Sept.

Hope all is well with you, Kathy Schilling



## KEEP ON THE GRASS

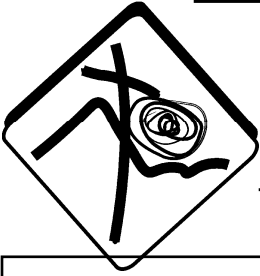
Herb Hunt, Jim Koski, Howard and Karen Young, Dick Kyro and Jim Ochiltree spent time July 22 mowing the grass on the Church property south of Red Lodge.

**Thank you** for making the property look so nice for the outdoor Worship service and for the Wednesday night Community events.

## AUGUST BOOKCLUB

We will be reading the book called **The River of Doubt** by Candice Millard. Our meeting will be at Shirley Overton's home on Thursday, August 18, at 7:00 PM. Facilitator will be Shirley Overton.





## Vacation Bible School at Messiah "God's Big Backyard"

**When:** August 8-11, 2011

**Where:** Church Land on Hwy 212 north of Sam's Tap Room

**Time:** 9 AM - Noon

**Cost:** Free

Kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade in the fall of 2010 will meet friends, explore Bible stories, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks.

To register please stop by the church office from 9:00 AM-Noon Monday through Thursday.

For more information or if you would like to help please call:

Gina Farnham at 446-9818 or the church office at 446-2430.

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### Registration Form For VBS at Messiah Lutheran August 9-12 from 9-Noon

Please leave this form at the church office at 723 S. Adams St, Red Lodge (446-2430)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: FREE

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ P. O. BOX \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact person/phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies/Medical concerns \_\_\_\_\_

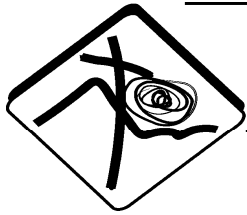
Siblings Attending VBS Names/Ages \_\_\_\_\_

People who may pick up your child \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation Needed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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# Calendar

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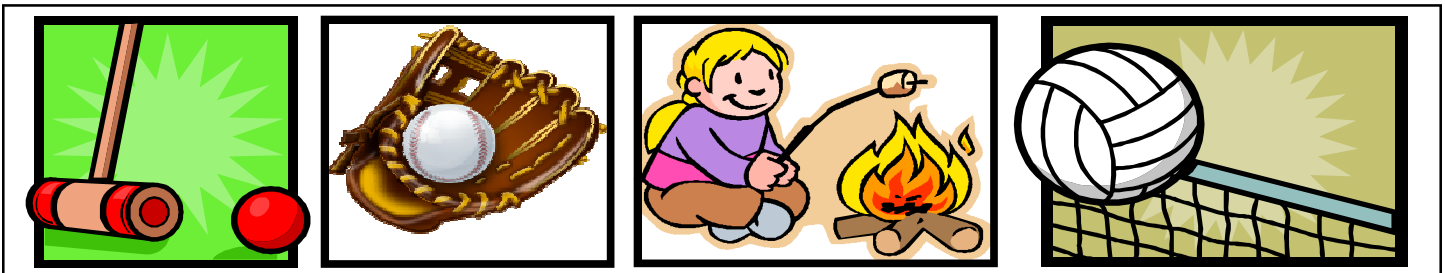
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 8:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Drummers	<b>2 9:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study Group @ Messiah	<b>3 8:00 AM</b> Five Minute Prayers for Messiah <b>6:30 PM</b> Community Fun on the Highway 212 Land	<b>4 1:00 PM</b> Knitting at Cedar Wood Villa with Mae	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>August 8—11, 9AM—NOON Vacation Bible School</b> in God's Big Backyard on Messiah Lutheran's open land on Hwy. 212 immediately north of Sam's Tap Room in Red Lodge						
<b>7 8:45 AM</b> Choir <b>9:30 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Fellowship and Refreshments	<b>8 8:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>9:00 AM to NOON</b> Vacation Bible School <b>6:00 PM</b> Drummers	<b>9 9:00 AM - NOON</b> Vacation Bible School	<b>10 8:00 AM</b> Five Minute Prayers for Messiah <b>9:00 AM - NOON</b> Vacation Bible School <b>6:30 PM</b> Community Fun on the Highway 212 Land	<b>11 9:00 AM - NOON</b> Vacation Bible School	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>28</b> Worship on the Highway 212 Land <b>9:30 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Fellowship and Refreshments	<b>29 8:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Drummers	<b>30 9:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study Group @ Messiah	<b>31 8:00 AM</b> Five Minute Prayers for Messiah	<b>Red Lodge AA meets Wednesdays, Fridays &amp; Sundays at 7:00 PM at Messiah.</b>		



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

## AUGUST 2011 Newsletter

Return Service Requested



**What?** Community Fun; games and fellowship

**Where?** the Church Land on Highway 212, north of Sam's Tap Room

**When?** every Wednesday at 6:30 PM through August 17th

**Bring?** lawn chairs, your own beverages (non-alcoholic), your singing voice and your summer enthusiasm.

### **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](http://www.redlodgemessiah.com)  
**Email:** [churchoffice@180com.net](mailto: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.**