

## From Pastor Ryan...

*"So Pilate delivered Jesus over to them to be crucified... And He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called The Place of the Skull... There they crucified Him..." (John 19:16-18)*

*"Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrow... He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; Upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed... The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:4-6)*

Lent has a beautiful and rich history. From as early as AD 339, the Christian Church had been using the 40 days before Easter as a time of repentance, fasting, and prayer. Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, is often typified with ashes – a biblical symbol of repentance and grief – being placed on the forehead of those who confessed and repented of their sins. Job sat among the ashes as he mourned, the Ninevites put on sackcloth and ashes when they repented at Jonah's preaching, and others throughout Scripture used ashes as a sign of grief and repentance (Abraham in Genesis 18:27, Tamar in 2 Samuel 13:19, Daniel in Daniel 9:3, among others.) During Lent, we are often encouraged to "give up" something as we observe Lent. Maybe it's a certain food or drink or habit. Instead of engaging in those things, then, we are to spend that time in repentant prayer to the Lord.

Lent is also a time of preparation. Lent helps us to prepare for the events of Holy Week. Rather than just blindly stumbling into Good Friday & Easter, Lent gives us a time to prepare – mentally, emotionally, and spiritually – for those important days.

As we observe Lent at Maranatha this year, we are going through two Lenten series. On Wednesday evenings, we are looking at the seven I AM statements that Jesus made and have been recorded for us in John's Gospel. In these sayings, Jesus takes and applies the Divine Name of God to Himself (and nearly gets killed for it), as well as letting us deeply see His character and nature.

Then, on Sunday mornings, we turn to John's Revelation of Jesus Christ as we study the Seven Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia in Revelation 2 & 3. In each of these letters, Jesus gives us a beautiful picture of who He is and gives His people a call to repentance.

The goal of both of these series is to remind our hearts, our souls, our minds of the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made on our behalf. As we observe Lent, we do so humbly, remembering that it was **our** sin that Jesus died for.

Jacobus Revius was a Dutch poet, Calvinist theologian, and church historian. Relatively unknown and unread during his days, in recent years, his works - especially some of his poems - have become more widely read. I recently came across one of his poems that focus on the crucifixion of our Lord. It's a beautiful poem that helps prepare our hearts and minds for the sacrifice that Jesus made for me and for you.

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*No, it was not the Jews who crucified,  
Nor who betrayed you in the judgment place,  
Nor who, Lord Jesus, spat into your face,  
Nor who with buffets struck you as you died.*

*No, it was not the soldiers fisted bold  
Who lifted up the hammer and the nail,  
Or raised the cursed cross on Calvary's hill,  
Or, gambling, tossed the dice to win your robe.*

*I am the one, O Lord, who brought you there,  
I am the heavy cross you had to bear,  
I am the rope that bound you to the tree,  
The whip, the nail, the hammer, and the spear,  
The blood-stained crown of thorns you had to wear:  
It was my sin, alas, it was for me.*

***He Bore our Grievs***  
*Jacobus Revius (1586-1658)*

**Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon**

**Council Meeting**

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Present: Glenn Urlacher, Todd Rasmussen, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Carla Hurner, Sheila Smith, Chad Johnson, Kristine Quanbeck, Bruce Smith, and Alyssa Johnson

Glenn opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's report of January meeting was read by Alyssa. Chad made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Todd; motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Kristine. Reported January 2023 income was \$27,387 and expenses of \$27,541. A motion was made by Todd to approve the financial report, seconded by Carla; motion carried.

**Board Reports:**

**Finance – Todd**

Discussion to consolidate Men's Fellowship special fund and Men's Fraternity special fund into one fund. A motion was made by Todd to consolidate the funds into one Men's Fellowship fund, seconded by Chad; motion carried.

Discussion to eliminate Trail's End special fund and move balance to FLY fund. A motion was made by Chad to eliminate Trail's End special fund and move balance to FLY fund, seconded by Sheila; motion carried.

Discussion surrounding Wedding fund. A motion was made by Chad to eliminate the Wedding fund and move balance to General fund, seconded by Todd; motion carried.

**Trustees – Reported by Pastor Lloyd on behalf of Jeff**

Painting started in education wing

**Education – Carla**

Awaiting to hear status of VBS team

**Worship & Music – Sheila**

Preparing for Lent and Easter

**Deacons – Chad**

Interview for Church Secretary position went well. Will announce next month, Keziah Quanbeck filling in

Preparing for Lenten services – compiling a list for preaching messages

Pastor Ryan Tonneson is teaching Wired Word at Adult Sunday School

**Pastor Report – Pastor Lloyd**

Filling speakers for Lenten messages

Planning a new series for Sunday messages

New members class started – four couples, one individual

**Old Business:**

None

New Business:

None

Pastor Lloyd closed meeting in prayer

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chad, seconded by Todd; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson

**Ulen Church Council**

February 8, 2023 – 7:00pm

Present: Greg Zillmer, Gary Langerud, Elijah Dillon, Ben Schmitke, Megan Schmitke, and Pastor Ward.

Megan opened our meeting with devotions and prayer.

**Secretary's Report:** None

**Treasurer Report:** Gary made a motion to accept, Ben second as read. Motion carried.

**Pastor Report:** Updated visitation etc.

**Deacon Report:** None

**Trustee Report:** The new printer is here and needs to be installed.

**Worship & Music Report:** None

**Christian Ed Report:** Corrected: A VBS team has been requested.

**Special Reports:** We discussed the need for short & long term goals for our congregation.

**Old Business:** Motion made by Gary and second by Elijah to enter prepay propane & keep full agreement with Fevig Oil. They will provide a monitor as well at no charge. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ben and second by Gary for Lenten Services to start at 6:30pm. The offering taken at the Lenten services will be designated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry. Motion carried. A supper will be served from 5:45-6:30.

**New Business:** Motion made by Gary and second by Elijah to pay the person preparing our bulletins \$100/month. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gary and second by Ben to purchase 50 Ambassador Hymnals and 3 organist books to be paid out of the Memorial funds. If anyone would like to support the purchase of these hymnals you can do so by making an offering to "Memorial Fund". Motion carried.

Motion by Gary and second by Ben to give \$400 to the Heffta family. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gary and second by Elijah to adjourn. Greg will do devotions in March.

The Pastor closed in prayer.

## **WMF NOTES**

**(Women's Missionary Federation)**

### **Glyndon Morning WMF**

Morning WMF met on February 14, 2023 with 14 ladies present.

Lila led us in prayer and Bible Study *Hagar- The God Who Sees Me*, a lesson in being known.

Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved.

New Business:

Motion was made and approved to give \$100 to World Missions.

We closed in prayer.

Submitted by secretary, Lila Ebner

### **Glyndon Evening WMF**

WMF 1/17/23

(No minutes- meeting postponed.)

### **SERVING GROUP III ~ Glyndon**

Our opportunity to serve our Lord and our church family with goodies during fellowship time on Sunday's and any other events that come up, will be in the months of January, February and March. A sign-up sheet is posted in the kitchen for you to select a date or dates that works out best for you to serve.

Your willingness for serving in this area is much appreciated. Questions- Talk to Ruth Larson or Kim Jensen.



### **Ulen WMF**

The Ulen WMF met on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 1:00pm with 6 ladies present.

Bernadene opened with prayer and led our Bible Study on Hagar with our meeting following.

The Secretary and Treasurer Reports were read and both were accepted as read.

Old Business:

MaryAnn W expressed her thanks to everyone that helped serve and provide food for the annual meeting and funeral of Chris Fuglie.

MaryAnn passed a new listing of the District Officers for our books.

New Business:

Our February WMF project offering of \$50 is for World Missions.

The baby shower for Sierra N. is Saturday at 1:00. We discussed the menu of desserts, nuts, mints, coffee & punch. 3 people signed up for making desserts. We have MaryAnn W doing the welcome, Dianne a devotion, Ciara decorating & Megan in charge of games.

Our Valentine Brunch is Saturday, February 18th . Our menu will be Eggbakes, Rolls, Fruit, Punch, Coffee & sugar cookies in a take home baggie. We will assemble our gift bags for the ladies following the Baby shower on Saturday. We will meet on Friday 17th at 9:30am to decorate for the Brunch. The program was discussed. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd . We will be looking for volunteers to serve a meal before from 5:45-6:30. A signup sheet is available.

March is Food Share month and MaryAnn W will get an announcement in the bulletin.

We closed with several prayer requests and the table prayer.

MaryAnn S. served a delicious dessert lunch.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Zillmer, Secretary

During National Food Share Month this March, the Ulen WMF will have a bin in the entry way to collect food items for the Bread of Life Pantry in Felton.



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## March ~ Happy Birthday!

Vivian Trick	March 01
Tammy Oswald	March 02
Loretta Tweten	March 02
Brittany Wibbels	March 02
Silas Dillon	March 03
Isaiah Quanbeck	March 03
Ashley Hurner	March 04
Tracey Johnson	March 04
Andrea Rootham	March 04
Ciara Dillon	March 05
Dallas Jensen	March 05
Charles Fuglie	March 06
Charity Erickson	March 07
Tiffany Macziewski	March 07
Mason Okke	March 07
Laura Lee Finstrom	March 08
Bob Softing	March 08
Dave Nelson	March 10
EmmaLee Nelson	March 10
Halle Pender	March 10
Arlene Walker	March 10
Pat Lewis	March 11
Jill Toms	March 11
Katie Koehler	March 12
Marlin Hadden	March 14
Rodney Oberg	March 14
Mark Skansgaard	March 14
Lynn Skansgaard	March 15
Sheila Smith	March 15
Tom Frost	March 17
Ben Hilde	March 17
Larry Mosloff	March 17
Alma Dillon	March 19
Aaron Quanbeck	March 19
Vonnie Anderson	March 20
Adri Fevig	March 20
Sue Krueger	March 20
Kristine Quanbeck	March 20
Ashley (Feist) Blake	March 22
Malinda Lockner	March 22
Olivia Jensen	March 23
Sheri Wibbels	March 28

Amy Jensen	March 29
Rose Zeltinger	March 29
Brayden Johnson	March 30
June Cin	March 31

## March ~ Happy Anniversary!

Travis & JoNell DeJong	March 05
Jim & Mary Rolf	March 21
Josh & Cory Johnson	March 27

## Military Personnel

### Thankful for those who serve our country!

*Kally Anderson*, granddaughter of Vonnie Anderson  
*Levi Dahl*, grandson of Harvey & Dianne Dahl  
*Trevor Dufault*, son of Todd & Sara Dravland  
*Brody Erickson*, grand nephew of Glennys Sivertson  
*Andy Heisinger*, husband of Tracy Heisinger  
*Kyle Johnson*, son-in-law of Gary & Debi Langerud  
*Layne Johnson*, grandson of Ardis Johnson  
*Wyatt Ladwig*, son of Scott & Heidi Ladwig  
*Hunter Macziewski*, son of Doug & Tiffany Macziewski  
*Jessica Myers*, granddaughter of Gerrie Payne  
*Andrew Quanbeck*, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean  
*Josiah Quanbeck*, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean  
*Jakob Rolf*, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf  
*Luke Stensgard*, grandson of Jane Williams  
*Jonathan Taylor*, grandson of Fran Jenson

### Prayers for our Soldiers

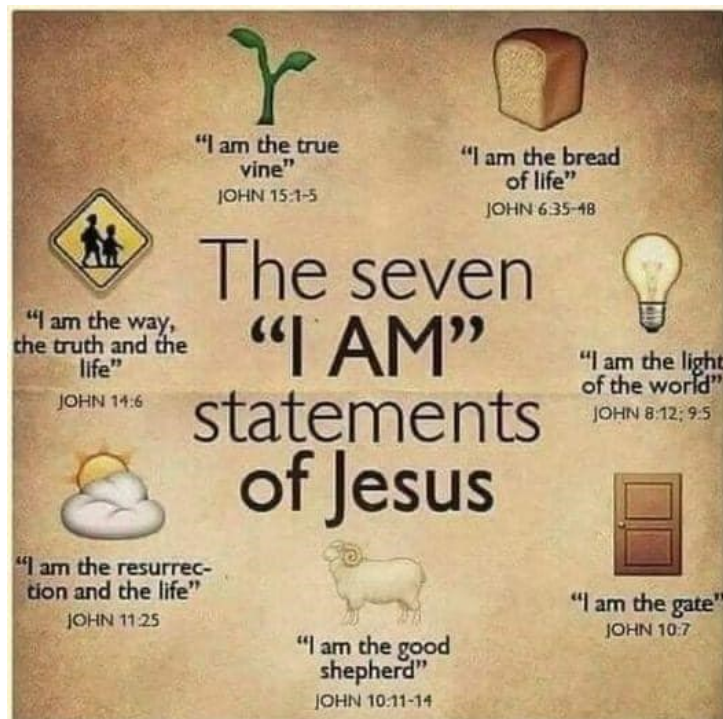
This is a reminder to check out the box in the fellowship hall if you would like to be praying for a military member. Select a soldier from the box, place it somewhere so you will notice it and then be reminded to pray for that person. It could be in your car, on a table, a counter, a nightstand, or anywhere you pick that would remind you to pray. Along with the soldiers there are cards with suggested prayers.

## Lenten Season has begun!

Come early (between 5:00 & 6:30) and enjoy "Soup and Sandwiches" and other special meals served by our Maranatha Youth.

Again this year, all of our Wednesday night ministries will join together for a 35 minute Worship Service in the Sanctuary beginning at 7:00. After that Service they all break into their normal ministry gatherings.

Our Pastors and various laymen will be sharing short messages each week on the Lenten theme *The I AM Statements of Christ According to the Gospel of John*. We also welcome volunteers to share special music each week. If you are interested in helping with these services in some way, please talk with Pastor Lloyd or Pastor Ryan.



### The "I AM Claims of Christ" in Gospel of John – Wed. Lenten Series:

#### **March**

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| 1  | John 8:58   | Before Abraham was born, I AM                  |
| 8  | John 8:12   | I AM the Light of the World                    |
| 15 | John 8:7&11 | I AM the Door of the Sheep & the Good Shepherd |
| 22 | John 11:25  | I AM the Resurrection & the Life               |
| 29 | John 14:6   | I AM the Way, the Truth, & the Life            |

#### **April**

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| 6 | John 6:35 | I AM the Bread of Life – (Maundy Thursday) |
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### **Couples' Comedy Event-** **"Laugh Your Way to a** **Better Marriage"**

March 10 & 11  
Friday, 7–10pm  
Saturday, 9am–noon

Delta Hotel - Marriott  
1635 42nd St. SW, Fargo, ND 58103

Speaker: Phil Gungor  
(Sponsored by Harvest Valley Church)

Cost: \$30 per person

To purchase tickets:  
Go to <https://markgungor.com/>  
click on "Live Events" at the top, and choose Fargo.

### **Free 10-Year Smoke Alarm** **for Anyone!**

The Red Cross is installing smoke alarms for anyone interested. Please call Jerry Walker at 701-367-1126



### **Glyndon** **Library**

Book suggestions for March:

#### **Adult Fiction:**

Lynn Austin's "Wonderland Creek"

Alice Ripley was perfectly content with her life—that is, until the pages of her story were ripped out before she had a chance to live happily ever after. (Takes place during the Great Depression).

Susan May Warren's Noble Legacy Series  
(Western Theme)

- 1) "Reclaiming Nick"
- 2) "Taming Rafe"
- 3) "Finding Stefanie"

#### **Adult Non-Fiction:**

"Unwanted" by Jay Stringer

How sexual brokenness reveals our way to healing.





**Wednesday evenings:**

**7:00 - 8:15PM Bible Study and Fellowship**

Maranatha, **thank you** so much for your **sense of humor** and your **dedication** to the Youth Group at Maranatha. Through your generosity during the Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser, over \$2,200 has been brought in for the Youth Group!! The Flamingos were in such high demand, they had to call in friendly, pink reinforcements and will be extending their stay in the North for a few weeks into March.

During Lent, the Youth Group has the opportunity to provide **meals for Wednesday nights**. Students, we need your help in preparing and **serving** the meals. Come as early as 4pm to help out. Parents, there is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall and an online version went out via email. Please sign up to **bring ingredients** for the meals. Thank you for your help!

High School Juniors and Seniors, join the **Free Lutheran Bible College** for a **night of fellowship** and (free!) pizza at the Pizza Ranch in Fargo on Saturday, March 4 at 6:00p. If you are interested, let Pastor Ryan or Dalton Jordahl (763-412-2048) know.

The **Youth Ski Trip** has been rescheduled to **Sunday, March 5**. We'll meet at the church at 1pm and load up the bus for DL. Parents, please be sure to reserve a ski or board rental for your child(ren) at [detroitmountain.com](http://detroitmountain.com). The Youth Activities Account will cover the lift ticket. *If you are planning on going, please let Pastor Ryan know so I can get a lift ticket for you.*

A **Youth Group Lock-In** has been scheduled for Friday, March 10! We hope you can join us as we stay up late, play games, and eat way too much food! Parents, I'm looking for a couple of volunteers to help chaperone the evening.



The Free Lutheran Bible College is having Campus Days from April 14-16. This event is open to all High School students. It is an awesome opportunity to explore the Campus and get to know the staff and faculty.

Register by March 17 at [flbc.edu/event/campus-days-2023/](http://flbc.edu/event/campus-days-2023/) and let Pastor Ryan know so we can line up transportation and housing.



**Maranatha Free Lutheran Church  
Glyndon, MN**

<b>Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon</b>				
<b>as of 01/31/2023</b>				
<b>General Fund</b>			<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Contributions</b>			\$27,387.00	<b>\$27,387</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			-\$27,541.00	<b>-\$27,541</b>
<b>Surplus / (Shortfall)</b>				<b>\$ (154)</b>

	<b>1/31/2023</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>	<b>\$27,387</b>
Deacons	-\$15,928
Education	-\$139
Finance	-\$4,870
Trustees	-\$6,604
Worship & Music	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$27,541</b>
Other Income (Rent, Interest, etc)	\$14
<b>General Fund Balance Change</b>	<b>-\$140</b>

<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$71,668</b>	Target is \$60,000
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<u><b>Special Funds</b></u>	<u><b>Income</b></u>	<u><b>Expenses</b></u>	<u><b>Ending Balance</b></u>
Building Fund			\$ 19,094
Building Improvement Fund			\$ 13,077
Christmas Eve		-2619	\$ -
Cookbook Sales for Missions			\$ 195
Designated Donations		(660)	\$ 420
Good Samaritan Fund			\$ 2,335
Holiday Baskets			\$ 1,442
Memorial Fund			\$ 8,042
Men's Fellowship			\$ 1,060
Men's Fraternity			\$ 318
Outreach Ministries			\$ 166
Sunday Fellowship Fund			\$ 467
Sunday School Missions	28		\$ 254
Trails End Ranch			\$ 1,716
VBS Blanket Project			\$ 520
Wedding Fund			\$ 1,233
Wednesday Suppers	984	-878	\$ 2,789
World Missions Fund	5		\$ 10,907
Youth Activities Fund	553	-2	\$ 1,526
Youth FLY Fund	1,571	-1	\$ 13,748
<b>Special Funds Balance</b>			<b>\$ 79,309</b>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>			<b>\$ 71,664</b>
<b>CHECKBOOK BALANCE</b>			<b>\$ 150,953</b>
<b>PETTY CASH BALANCE</b>			<b>\$ 20</b>

Detailed expense reports are available in the Glyndon office.  
Questions can be directed to Kristine Quanbeck - Treasurer  
[treasurer@maranathafreelutheran.com](mailto:treasurer@maranathafreelutheran.com)  
218-498-2808

2023 Monthly Financial Summary

# March 2023 @ Glyndon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45-7:45pm Friendship 7:00pm Lenten Service 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens	2	3	<b>4</b> 7:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
<b>5</b> 9:30am Worship Service with Communion 10:45am Sunday School  1:00pm departure for SaltTeens Ski Trip  5:30pm Young Adults at Ashley Hurner's home	6	<b>7</b>      *6:30pm Deacon meeting	<b>8</b> 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45-7:45pm Friendship 7:00pm Lenten Service 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens 8:00pm Church Council	9	10	<b>11</b> 7:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast    6:00pm Dusty Way Chapel
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# March 2023 @ Ulen

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**March 2023 Newsletter**



... "where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom." II Corinthians 3:17

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