Maranatha News

AUGUST 2025

From Pastor Lloyd...

[28] Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. [29] And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing became white and gleaming. [30] And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were ***Moses and Elijah****, [31] who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.* (Luke 9:28-31)

I have always found it intriguing that when Jesus took three of His disciples up the mountain to pray and they caught a glimpse of His glory there, He was talking with two men mentioned in the Old Testament. Who were these men and what was unique about them? Moses and Elijah were two very significant characters in the Old Testament, and one fascinating thing about them is the end of their earthly lives. Elijah didn't die, but was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire. Moses died at age 120, "with eyes that were not dim nor his vigor abated" (Deut.34:5-8), and the Lord buried him (though no one knows where).

I really don't know if the uniqueness of their earthly ends has anything to do with why they were the ones Jesus talked to there on the Mount of Transfiguration. But a book I have been reading lately has me excited to learn more from the Old Testament about Moses and Elijah, and the God that they served. That book has also reminded me that I tend to preach far more from the New Testament (even though the Older Testament makes up about three fourths the content of our Bibles), and also that plenty of Christians hardly read the Old Testament.

Eric A Seibert, in his book , Enjoying the Old Testament: A Creative Guide to Encountering Scripture © 2021, IVP - cites some reasons people give for not reading the Old Testament and some reasons that we should read it:

Some say:	**Reasons to read it:**
It's boring	The Old Testament is necessary to understand the New Testament
It's irrelevant	It has fascinating stories that are profoundly relevant
It's hard to understand	It models a gutsy kind of faith
It's foreign and peculiar	It contains invaluable resources for worship and prayer
It's filled with problematic portrayals of God	It tackles life's biggest questions
It's morally offensive	It tackles life's biggest questions
It's oppressive	It reveals a relational God who loves lavishly
	It prioritizes social justice
	It offers creative alternatives to violence

Anyway, I am looking forward to preaching a short series on the character of Elijah in August. You can read about his life in I Kings 17- II Kings 2, though he is also mentioned in the New Testament 29 times. Elijah was called by God to be a prophet to the people of Israel in a time when unrighteousness was at an all time high, and when their king (Ahab) and his wicked wife (Jezebel) led the people in blatant idol worship. Elijah boldly confronted the royal couple and pointed to the one true God of Israel.

Then beginning on Rally Sunday at Glyndon (Sept 14) I plan to start a series walking through the book of Exodus. There we will learn together about Moses' call to lead the Children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt and into the Promised Land. The long journey to get there was wrought with many challenges, largely due to the people of Israel's unbelief and lack of trust in the God who had redeemed them from slavery. Moses, though not perfect, was a man of God who received from Him the 10 Commandments and taught the people how to worship God. Besides Moses being a dominant character in Exodus, he is known for writing the first five books in our Bibles (the Pentateuch), and he is also mentioned over 80 times in the New Testament.

There is much we can learn from Moses and Elijah and their relationship with God. We also can learn from God's dealings with His people in the Old Testament. In spite of their sinful and rebellious ways, He continued to care about them and send them Godly leaders, to point them back to a relationship with Him. And in doing so, Exodus gives us some fascinating glimpses of the salvation that God promised through His son Jesus!

COUNCIL MINUTES

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon, MN
Council Meeting

June 9, 2025, 7:00pm

Present: Cliff Langerud, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Glenn Urlacher, Jeff Ehrichs, Clay Rasmussen and Alyssa Johnson .

Cliff opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

Secretary's report for June meeting minutes was read by Alyssa. No corrections nor additions to the Secretary's report. Stand approved as read .

Treasurer's report was read by Pastor Lloyd. June 2025 contributions as $28,149 and expenditures of $22,920. General Fund balance $67,309 (target $60k).

Board Reports:

~ Finance –per Pastor Lloyd
  * Setting up reporting for MN PTO law
  * Strict Federal/MN state payroll laws, obtaining quotes on outsourcing payroll

~ Trustees –Jeff
  * Jeff to install handicapped bathroom door
  * New copier arrived
  * Furnace for education wing ordered - 8-10 week lead time

~ Worship & Music – no report

~ Education – Clay
  * VBS next week, three youth helpers signed up
  * In process of asking Sunday school teachers
  * Rochelle Olson is new chair of the Education Board
  * Rachel Trick is new Sunday School Superintendent

~ Deacons – Glenn
  * Wilderness camp weekend August 23-24
  * Looking ahead at fall schedule

~ Pastor Report
  * Deliberate connecting with young adults
  * Youth that attended FLY will be speaking July 13th and 20th

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Pastor Lloyd closed the meeting in prayer

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff; seconded by Glenn

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson

Use for directions to Wilderness Bible Camp near Big Cormorant Lake, Lake Park, MN

Maranatha Weekend at Wilderness Camp August 23-24

Maranatha Weekend is coming up! Saturday afternoon - Sunday afternoon, August 23-24.

⇒ *There are areas available for camping in tents, campers or lodging in dorm style buildings.*

⇒ *Come Saturday afternoon and enjoy games, fellowship and bonfire, supper is on your own.*

⇒ *Our worship service Sunday morning and potluck is for all of Maranatha whether you camp or not!*

⇒ ***Worship service at 10:00am***

⇒ ***Potluck following service around 11:30am**. Meat, buns and beverages will be provided. Please bring sides, salads or desserts to share.*

Our Future Seminary Intern
Josh Johnson & Family

Greetings from the Johnson Family!

Josh, Katie, Sawyer (11), Harvey (9), Charlotte (7), and Stuart (3)

Our family is excited for this new adventure of internship! We are grateful for your willingness to host us and we look forward to getting to know each of you. I have been working at the Free Lutheran Bible College & Seminary since 2018 while completing the classroom portion of the Seminary program. I'm thankful for the chance to continue learning and serving in a local congregation. Please be in prayer for our family as we prepare for the move to Glyndon.

Glyndon Library–
Book suggestions for August

ADULT FICTION: The complete series is in!
On Devonshire Shores Series takes place in England in the 1800's.
Book 1- "The Sisters of Seaview"
Book 2- "A Winter by the Sea"
Book 3- "The Seaside Homecoming"

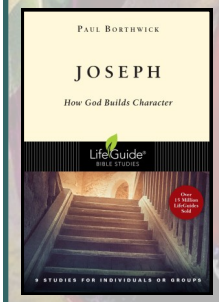
JUNIOR FICTION: "*Be Unstoppable*" by Bethany Hamilton (The girl who lost her arm by a shark bite while surfing in Hawaii.)
This is a very positive book about acceptance and God sustaining her. Great Pictures!

KIDS: "*F is for Fireflies*" (God's summertime alphabet) by Kathy-Jo Wargin is a rhyming alphabet book full of color and fun about God and His creation.

Thursday Night Bible Study

starting
Thursday, August 7th
at 7:00pm
at Pat Johnson's home in *The Linden*
1500 7th St S, Moorhead, MN

The Thursday Night Bible Study group will start a new 9-week study, "*Joseph: How God Builds Character*".



The study will take place in Pat Johnson's apartment in *The Linden*, Eventide's Senior Living Community. Contact Mary Langerud or Janet Boe for more information, a book, or apartment number (needed for entry to building).

A BIG THANK YOU to Brittany Pender, who directed, and to all of you that helped with setting up for VBS, those that worked on the wonderful decorations for all to enjoy, registration, crafts, games, blankets, team leaders (especially the youth), sound booth, making snacks each day, centerpieces for the tables, those who hosted the team, team members, Pastor Lloyd for grilling the hot dogs and all who brought sides to share for the picnic. It was a great VBS week, seeds were sown with Bible lessons & pray that they will continue to grow in learning about Jesus. Thank you and we are very grateful to each of you! God Bless!

WMF NOTES
(Women's Missionary Federation)

Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF met on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 with 13 ladies in attendance.

Ardis Johnson opened with prayer and led our Bible Study on "The Light of Truth and the Response of the Truth-doer: Humility of the Blind Man".

President Cris Finstrom opened the business meeting with prayer.

Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

~ Anne Manderud made a motion to send $100 to WMF General Fund.

~ Cris Finstrom gave an update on the storm damage at Bethany Bible Camp. Joan Pake made a motion to send $300 to them.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 12th.

Meeting concluded with prayer requests and time of prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Urlacher, Secretary

Glyndon Evening

Evening WMF met on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at Janet Boe's home. We all contributed to a picnic meal. There were 7 lovely ladies in attendance.

After our delicious meal, Janet prayed and led our Bible study, "The Light of Truth and the Response of the Truth-doer: Humility of the Blind Man".

Old Business: None

New Business:

~ Working on another Woman's Day.

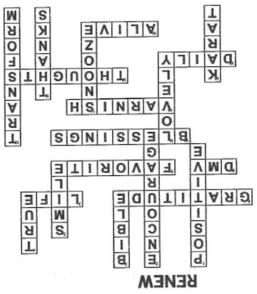
~ $75.00 to WMF General Fund

~ $250 to Samaritans Purse for Kerr County, Texas for flooding.

Prayer requests were shared and prayed over. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August19th at Joyce Johnson's home.

Respectfully submitted by Coco Geray, Secretary



Crossword Puzzle Answer Key

Ulen

Our Ulen WMF met Sunday, July 13th during our coffee fellowship time with 8 ladies and 2 guests present. We did our Bible Study time on our own this month.

MaryAnn W. opened our business meeting with Ellen reading the Secretary's Report. MaryAnn S. made a motion to accept and Debi seconded it. Dianne read the Treasurer's Report and Naomi made a motion to accept and Bernadene seconded it.

Old Business:

~ A thank you was extended to everyone who helped with the lunch at Irma's funeral. Floral centerpieces have been purchased for the fellowship hall tables and they look very nice.

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New Business:

~ Our July project of the month goes to Christian WMF General Fund.

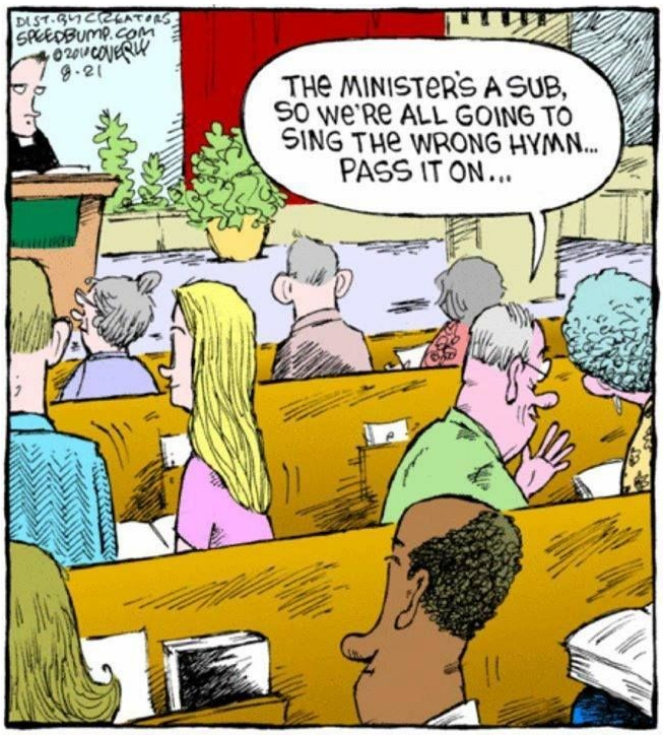
~ As of now, we do not have any class reunion brunch to serve during Ulen Days in August.

~ Sunday, July 27th we will have a seminary student here to preach God's word and we decided to have a picnic lunch following.

~ The Fall Rally is set for October 22th in Wadena.

Our meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Zillmer, Secretary



UPCOMING INFO, DATES AND EVENTS:

⇒ **THANK YOU to all who shared about FLY during the church services in July**. There have been many compliments on how well you all did!

⇒ **Need a ride to or from Youth Group**? Let Nikki know and we'll get you a ride!

⇒ **No Youth Group on August 13th**.

⇒ **Maranatha Weekend at Wilderness Bible Camp is August 23rd-24th** - Any youth interested in camping overnight Saturday night please let Nikki know by August 10th for planning and organizing purposes.

⇒ **Wednesday, August 27th SaltTeens - Thunder Road** for those who helped with VBS; any other youth are welcome to go as well, but will need to bring $10 to cover costs. We will meet at the church at 6pm and be back by 9pm.

Renew

Crossword Puzzle

Across

6 The state of being thankful

7 Our ____ is shaped by our thoughts (Proverbs 4:23)

8 Where you get your driver's license renewed

9 "These are a few of my _____ things"

10 Hymn: "Count Your _____"

13 This can renew an old wooden table

17 "A penny for your _____"

18 Less than weekly

19 * Look up Hebrews 4:12. The Word of God is _____

Down

1 The + sign on a battery

2 Good friends can do this for us

3 God's Word

4 Antonym for "false"

5 Upside-down frown

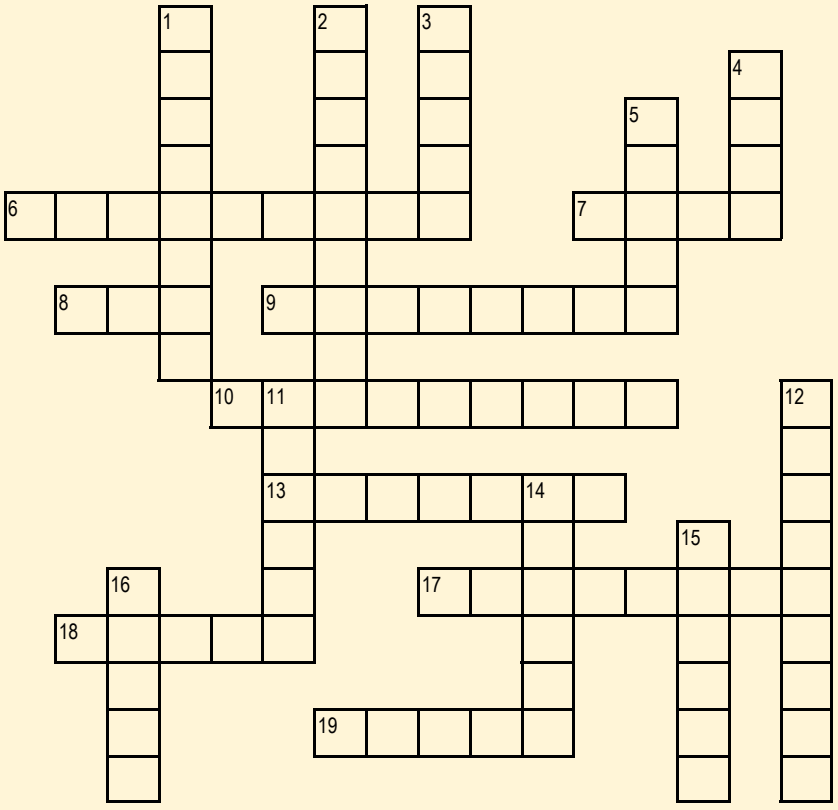
11 Philippians 4:8 says we should think about these things

12 To "change or convert"

14 What we do when we ignore the first wake-up alarm

15 We give _____ at a November holiday

16 What measures the purity of gold?



August ~ Happy Birthday!

Peter Habedank	August 01
Annie Rognlie	August 01
Gabriel Olek	August 02
Trent Dufault	August 03
Carter Schmidt	August 03
Amy Menholt	August 04
Kenton Chromey	August 05
Mary Beth Fevig	August 05
Kelly Higgins	August 05
Brian Dahl	August 06
Christopher Nelson	August 06
Sierra Northridge	August 06
Dean Cin	August 09
Wendy Fevig	August 10
Avery Austinson-Schultz	August 11
Oliver Trick	August 11
Samantha Zimmerman	August 11
Ella Sivertson	August 12
Bonita Chromey	August 13
Alice Olek	August 13
Zach Schneidermann	August 13
Ronan John	August 14
John Austinson	August 15
Mark Harless	August 15
Bob Jenson	August 16
Noah Klemetson	August 17
Kaylie Macziewski	August 17
Carmen Nelson	August 17
Elijah Gallagher	August 18
Vickie Haverkamp	August 18
Sara Dravland	August 19
Bruce Wolla	August 19
Nicolette Jensen	August 20
Leah Lunde	August 21
Paisley Lunde	August 21
Allan Gwin	August 22
Bobby Olson	August 22
Tim Schlauderaff	August 22
Liz Walker	August 22
Angie Guscette	August 23
Scott Ladwig	August 23
Autumn Schlauderaff	August 23
Gerrie Payne	August 26
Mary Ann Ward	August 26
Annika Baer	August 27
Malea Bates	August 27
Max Okke	August 28
Courtney Habedank	August 30
Todd Scheuring	August 30
Lana Davis	August 31
Elaine Gullick	August 31
Julie Johnson	August 31
Mark Spielman	August 31

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

August ~ Happy Anniversary!

Justin & Sarah Okeson	August 02
Matt & Melody Okke	August 07
Pr Dale & Cris Finstrom	August 09
Dean & June Cin	August 10
Micah & Ashley Blake	August 11
Stan & Jeanie Rasmusssen	August 12
Pr Lloyd & Jean Quanbeck	August 15
Eric & Vanessa Skolness	August 16
Jon & Diane Rosenfeldt	August 17
Ryan & Amy Menholt	August 22
Charlie & Jill Toms	August 23
Bill & Joy Dale	August 25
Mark & Jenifer Spielman	August 25
Jake & Sheila Murack	August 26

Military Personnel

Thankful for those who serve our country!

Kally Anderson, granddaughter of Vonnie Anderson
James Cortelyou, nephew of Art & Delores Welle
Levi Dahl, grandson of Harvey & Dianne Dahl
Cody Dravland, son of Todd & Sara Dravland
Trevor Dufault, son of Todd & Sara Dravland
Makaila England, niece of Joyce Johnson & Lila Ebner
Jonathan Eastvold, nephew of Joyce Johnson & Lila Ebner
Brody Erickson, grand nephew of Glennys Sivertson
Kyle Johnson, son-in-law of Debi Langerud
Layne Johnson, grandson of Ardis Johnson
Hunter Macziewski, son of Doug &Tiffany Macziewski
Sierra Northridge, member of Ulen congregation
Andrew Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean Quanbeck
Josiah Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean Quanbeck
Jakob Rolf, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon

30-Jun-25

General Fund			Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions			$28,149.00	**$163,191**
Expenditures			-$22,920.00	**-$150,064**
Surplus / (Shortfall)				**$ 13,127**

6/30/2025

GENERAL FUND INCOME	**$28,149**
Deacons	-$13,531
Education	-$317
Finance	-$4,475
Trustees	-$4,001
Worship & Music	-$596
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	**-$22,920**
Other Income (Rent, Interest)	$27
Transfers between Funds	-$563
General Fund Balance Change	**$4,693**

GENERAL FUND BALANCE			**$67,309**

Special Funds	***Income***	***Expenses***	**Ending Balance**
Building / Emergency Fund	*562.84*		$ 2,311
Cookbook Sales for Missions			$ -
Furnace Fund			$ 40,040
Good Samaritan Fund			$ 1,946
Lent Offering			$ -
Memorial Fund	*15*		$ 10,362
Men's Fellowship/Breakfast		*-183*	$ 1,419
Outreach Ministries			$ 0
Sunday Fellowship Fund			$ 469
Sunday School Missions			$ 465
Trail Life			$ -
VBS Blanket Project			$ -
Wedding Fund			$ 500
Wednesday Suppers	*150*		$ 3,914
World Missions Fund			$ 8,226
Youth Activities Fund	*25*		$ 796
Youth Community Outreach			$ 1,493
Youth FLY Fund	*956*	*-355*	$ 17,106
Special Funds Balance			**$ 89,048**
General Fund Balance			**$ 67,309**
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			**$ 156,356**
PETTY CASH BALANCE			**$ 20**

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

AUGUST 2025 @ GLYNDON

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:30am - Worship Service	28	29	30 9:30am - Women's Bible Study 6:00-8:38pm - SaltTeens	31	1	2 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
3 8:00am - YMT Meeting 9:30am - Worship Service w/Communion	4	5	6 9:30am - Women's Bible Study 6:00-8:38pm - SaltTeens 7:00pm -Deacon Meeting	7 7:00pm - Bible Study @ Pat Johnson's home	8	9 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
10 9:30am - Worship Service	11	12 10:30am - Morning WMF	13 9:30am - Women's Bible Study *NO SALTTEENS* 7:00pm - Council Meeting	14 7:00pm - Bible Study @ Pat Johnson's home	15	16 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
17 9:30am - Worship Service	18	19 10:00am-3:00pm - Quilting at the Church 7:00pm Evening - WMF at Joyce Johnson's home	20 9:30am - Women's Bible Study 6:00-8:38pm - SaltTeens	21 7:00pm - Bible Study @ Pat Johnson's home	22	23 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast **Wilderness Camp**
24 **Weekend 8/23-8/24** 9:30am - Worship Service *10:00am* *- Worship Service at Wilderness Camp* *11:30am* *- Potluck meal at Wilderness Camp*	25	26	27 6:00-8:38pm - SaltTeens	28 7:00pm - Bible Study @ Pat Johnson's home	29	30 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
31 9:30am - Worship Service	1 	2	3	4 7:00pm - Bible Study @ Pat Johnson's home	5	6

AUGUST 2025 @ ULEN

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:00am - Worship Service	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 9:00am - Worship Service w/Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:00am - Worship Service Council meets following	11	12	13 9:00-11:00am - MOPS 1:00pm - WMF	14	15	16 Ulen Days
17 9:00am - Worship Service	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:00am - Worship Service	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:00am - Worship Service	1 	2	3	4	5	6

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

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