# Maranatha News

# OCTOBER 2022

# From Pastor Lloyd...

Dear folks at Maranatha,

"I don't know how to adequately express thanks to you for the gift of a two-month Sabbatical break. It has given me time to knock several things off the "to do list" (some of which have been there for years). It has allowed for extra family time with some of our adult kids (times when they come stay for several days are becoming more and more rare). It gave Jean and I an opportunity for a trip together to take in an extraordinary Christian music conference (Singing praises to the Lord with over 7,000 people and hearing some nationally known speakers was a valuable time of spiritual recharging for both of us). And it has given me times of solitude with the Lord, to enjoy His awesome creation, read His Word and other inspiring books, and to map out some things for ministry at Maranatha this fall. Let me give you a sneak preview of a couple of them!

I look forward to being back to weekly worship with you in October and sharing God's Word from the pulpit. The Lord has put on my heart to preach through the Apostle Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus. Though they are letters written specifically to two young pastors, they have a lot to teach all of us about our priorities in our personal lives and congregational lives as well. Several times in his letters to Timothy Paul says, "I charge you" or he says, "charge them," as he urges Timothy to pass on some essential things to his congregation. In these days, when many around us consider truth to be relative and it is hard to know whom we can trust, it is important to be reminded of some non-negotiables in our Christian beliefs and practices.

I also am greatly anticipating the opportunity to teach a 9-10 week series of adult Sunday School classes, with a similar theme. "<u>The Gospel in the Congregation</u>," is a new study, hot off the press from Ambassador Publications, that does a great job summing up what makes the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations a unique and exciting mission of which to be a part. Have you ever wondered why the AFLC is so focused on the congregation, or why we are a fellowship of Lutheran congregations with no bishops, synods, or human authorities over us? This study taps into the Scriptural basis for our polity and teaches us in each local congregation how we all work together to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to build each other up in our faith.

I end with this relevant quote which I gleaned in some of my reading and forgot to record its source:

"The strength of the church of Christ is not in a strong hierarchy and ecclesiastical rule, but in a living congregation.... And while the world is in strife because power rises against power, we stand today in a peaceful home of the knowledge of Christ....."

Our theme verse in the AFLC is found in II Corinthians 3:17 - "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." There is no greater freedom than knowing our sins are forgiven in Jesus Christ, our eternal destiny is reserved with Him, and His Holy Spirit guides us individually and as a congregation, while we wait for Christ's return!

Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck

#### Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon Council Meeting

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm

Present: Glenn Urlacher, Art Welle, Pr Ryan Tonneson, Amanda Larson, Bruce Smith, Sheila Smith, Jeff Ehrichs, Chad Johnson, and Alyssa Johnson

Pastor Ryan opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's report of August, 2022 meeting was read by Alyssa. Corrections to change Treasurer's report date to July and "The Gospel in The Congregation". Chad made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Jeff, motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Amanda. Reported August income was \$25,600 and expenses of \$28,189. General fund above \$60K target. A motion was made by Jeff to approve the financial report, seconded by Chad, motion passed.

Board Reports:

Finance – Art

 Art made a motion for Finance Board to create a new fund, "Building Improvements", for income from sale of furniture, and potential of additional income from sale of trailer used for furniture transport - to be overseen by Trustee Board. Chad seconded, motion passed.

Trustees – Jeff

- Obtaining bids for snow removal
- Looking into cost of converting Maranatha sign on Hwy 10 to LED sign – obtaining estimates

Education -

No updates

Worship & Music – Sheila

- 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake ordered
- Planning Ministry fair 9/25, tables for Boards to display their information
- Looking for a leader to organize greeters
- Pastor appreciation in October

#### Deacons - Chad

- Pastor Dale Finstrom 9/25
- Sunday school starts 9/11
- Sunday school teacher installation 9/18
- FLY convention early bird registration 10/20-11/3

Pastor Report – Pastor Ryan

- Reviewing transportation options for FLY convention next summer
- Parents meeting for Confirmation/Salteens 9/14
- Baptism of Gunner Paul Illies 8/21
- Trail Life to start potentially in October

Old Business:

• 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning for 9/11

**New Business** 

Request from a Bible school student to use Maranatha as a weather backup venue for their outdoor wedding at Wilderness Camp June 2023 – Tabled, deferred to Deacon Board.

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

Glenn closed meeting in prayer

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson

#### Maranatha-Ulen Church Council

Meeting Date September 14, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Matt. Members present were Matt Klemetson, Bob Herzog, Pastor Ward, Dave Evans, Gary Nelson, Megan Schmitke, Ben Schmitke.

Bob opened with devotions and prayer. Gary volunteered for October devotions.

Matt read the secretary's report for August, Bob motioned to accept, Ben seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented by Megan, short discussion, Ben motioned to accept, Bob seconded, motion carried.

Deacon's report: Dave submitted the story and pictures of Pastor Ward's installation service to the Ambassador, we are hoping that it will be published in one of the future publications. Gary will be leading the adult Sunday School and will begin with a book on Colossians.

Trustee's Report: Nothing reported

Christian Ed Committee: Rally Sunday went well.

Music and Worship Committee: Nothing

Pastor's Report: Pastor will be leading a HS age youth Sunday School class called "Relevance".

October 20-21 is "Up Close" at the ALFBS campus (formerly known as Campus Days).

FLY convention will be held in Colorado next summer.

Confirmation will start Thursday October 6 and then on Wednesday's thereafter.

Pastor is getting back to visitations this week after his surgery recovery. Pastor will be helping his Dad move from Canada to an assisted living facility on September 28-30. Pastor had his one month post-op appointment this past week and everything was looking good, so at that appointment they did schedule his surgery for the other leg for October 7, 2022, he will probably miss October 9 and 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday services. Harvey has been contacted about pulpit fill for those dates. Pray for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.

Old Business: Printing our own bulletins was discussed again, Pastor will announce during church the next

couple weeks to gauge interest from anyone in the congregation that would like to take on that task.

New Business: Megan reported on a notice from Our Daily Bread that they are introducing a new series of monthly books called "Character Driven Leadership", along the lines of the Our Daily Bread books we get now. In the pamphlet it asks for a monetary donation and how many copies you would like to receive. Talk to the deacons or Megan if interested in receiving the new booklet.

Next Meeting will tentatively be set for Wednesday October 12, 2022 at 7pm. Alternate date due to possibility of many members missing that evening will be the following Sunday October 16, after worship services.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ben, seconded by Bob and carried. Pastor Ward closed meeting in prayer.

Minutes taken and submitted by Matt Klemetson

# WMF NOTES

(Women's Missionary Federation)

#### <u>Glyndon Morning</u>

Morning WMF met on September 13 with 13 ladies present.

Jeanie Rasmussen opened with prayer and led the Bible study "Behold Him, Savior of all the Earth".

Cris Finstrom opened our Business meeting in Jesus' Name.

Old Business:

Discussed upcoming Fall Rally

#### New Business:

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

We were asked to help with serving at New Life Center on October 21st. Five ladies volunteered to help serve. We closed in praver.

Respectfully submitted by Lila Ebner, Secretary

#### Ulen WMF

Ulen WMF met on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at the Viking Manor Nursing Home with 7 ladies present. Mary Ann opened with prayer and led our lesson.

Ellen opened our business meeting by reading the secretary's report which was accepted as read. Treasurers report was read and accepted. September Project offering of \$50 went for World Missions.

Ellen bought gifts for 7 Viking Manor residents who have birthdays in September.

Cradle Roll graduated 5 children from Cradle Roll this past Sunday.

WMF Fall Rally will be Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> at Maranatha in Glyndon.

Plan around 50 ladies - we will be in charge of coffee during registration. Mary Ann will pick up napkins. Pastor appreciation is October 30th. Will discuss at October meeting.

Motion and second to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted by Dianne Dahl, Secretary





**SECRET SISTERS** time at Glyndon. The Secret Sisters Reveal for this past year will be on **Tuesday October 4th.** 

Forms are available for SS sign up for next year 2022-2023 ...office no later than Wednesday September 28th. We will start the new year October 1st.

### **Glyndon Library**



**Adult Fiction:** Fragrant Blossoms Heralded Spring, but the orchard was also a place of secrets, of heartaches...

This is a tale of lives intertwined by need and circumstance, family and love. "Hidden Places" by Lvnn Austin.

Adult Fiction: It's the summer of 1959 and Mariette has just graduated from boarding school.. "This Fine Life" by Eva Marie Everson is a unique and tender romance.

Adult Fiction: When Peter loses his father in the summer of 1962, his friend Isaac is one of the few people he can lean on. Though their worlds are as different as black and white, friendship knows no color. "Missing Isaac" by Valerie Fraser Luesse.

#### ULEN BOOK CLUB

Book club will be reading the book "This present darkness" by Frank Peretti for October. This is a book I think all Christians should read sometime. It's a fictional book with very real world applications to the times we are living in. I look forward to discussing this with anyone interested in participating.

-Ashton is just a typical small town. But when a skeptical reporter and a pastor begin to compare notes, they suddenly find themselves fighting a hideous plot to subjugate the townspeople-and eventually the entire human race. A riveting thriller, This Present Darkness offers a fascinating glimpse into the unseen world of spiritual warfare.--

The book is available on amazon and also kindle/ audible, you can also contact the LARL at the senior center to get it in. We will meet on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm (at the church) to discuss the book. If this day or time doesn't work for you please let Jessie know.



#### Wednesday evenings: 7:00 - 8:15PM Bible Study and Fellowship

→Fall Clean Up is penciled in for October 12! If you need help with your fall yard work, let the office or Pr Ryan know and we will endeavor to get a team of youth out to your place.

→High School Juniors and Seniors, October 20-21 is your chance to view the Free Lutheran Bible College Up Close! Register for Up Close online (FLBC.org) and let Pr Ryan know so we can arrange transportation.

→Did you miss the Parents & Students meeting? Here are some of the highlights:

•FLY 2023 has as two-week early registration deadline. October 20 - November 3. After that, the cost increase is significant. We ask families to pay the initial deposit (\$150) and you are on the hook for

any late-registration costs, so get registered soon! Register online at flyconvention.org.



•Join our text-based communication group! Simply

compose a new text message to 84576 and put the key word MFLC in the body of the text and hit send You'll get a link in response, please click that and go through the simple sign up process.

•Which each new school year, we need updated medical release & liability forms. They are available in the office or scan the QR code with your phone.

→SaltTeens' annual Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway. We are hoping to supply a Thanksgiving meal for 30 families in need in the community. Would you consider sponsoring a basket this year? The cost is \$40 and checks can be made out to Maranatha. Thank you for your continued support!

 $\rightarrow$ We look for commitments to donate to **Charles**, **Our** Compassion Child from Togo, Africa. Charles is our Compassion Child as of recent. Narcice, who we had been sponsoring, and his family are doing better financially and his name was removed from the Our Compassion Child list. We are glad to sponsor Charles! →Mark Your Calendars Youth~ District Youth Retreat will be November 18th & 19th at Twin Oak Inspiration Point.

#### October ~ Happy Birthday!

Lindsey Tweten	October 01
Luke Sivertson	October 01
Sue Koehler	October 02
Patrick Mosloff	October 03
Adrienne Rheault	October 03
Dilene Spielman	October 03
Lila Ebner	October 05
Kallie Quanbeck	October 05
Mary Ann Schneidermann	October 05
Daisy Dahl	October 06
Ramona Habedank	October 07
Jordan Ness	October 07
Luke Quanbeck	October 08

Baxter Rickford Charlene Oberg Janet Boe Will Oswald Pattie Brecto CoCo Geray Ryan Buchfink Rachelle Gilbert Kody Chromey Jeff Tweten Dwight Fevig **Glennys Sivertson** Stan Sivertson Roger Wright Tammy Erickson Elias Gaukler Mike Holte Casey Macziewski Annabelle Trautmann Jake Pender Corey Trick Marie Tweten Preston Johnson **Bettie Buchfink** Cris Finstrom Lily Dalen Kathy Fuglie Ardis Johnson Haarstad Danette Trautmann Carol Johnson Chris Fuglie Sally Johnson Betty Menholt Blake Heisinger Matt Okke

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### October ~ Happy Anniversary!

Jason & Sue Krueger	October 02
Sean & Rebecca Buchfink	October 04
Scott & Chris Fuglie	October 10
Jerome & Leane Trautmann	October 16
Gaylan & Sharon Larson	October 20
Gary & Debi Langerud	October 21
Greg & Carol Wallsworth	October 21
Mike & Michal Schmidt	October 23
Elijah & Ciara Dillon	October 24
Russell & Charlene Oberg	October 29

# <u>Thankful for those who serve our country!</u>

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



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



GREAT EVENING OF FOOD, MUSIC, & A MESSAGE

October 4th

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT 7:00 PM 1080 28TH AVE S, MOORHEAD, MN 56560



Manny Mill, author of Radical Redemption and Radical Prayer shares his testimony about how his life was transformed by Jesus Christ. He brings a powerful message to incarcerated men and women throughout the country.



Tickets available on our website | www.Heartofclay.org | Find Us on Social Media (f) (in)

#### SERVING GROUP II at Glyndon



Our opportunity to serve our Lord and our church family with goodies during fellowship time on Sunday's is beginning in October. We will be responsible for the months of October, November and December.

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. willingness for serving in this area is much Your appreciated. Thank You!

### 2nd Grade Milestone



2nd Graders receiving Bibles on October 9th will be: Zachary Larson, Rhyse Menholt and Serena Tonneson

> Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

#### Pastor Appreciation Sunday @ Maranatha-Glyndon

Pastor Appreciation Sunday will be on October 30th. A pot blessing lunch will be served in honor of Pastor Lloyd & Jean and Pastor Ryan & Liz beginning at 11:30am. Pie will be supplied by the Music & Worship Board.

#### **Pastor Appreciation Sunday** @ Maranatha-Ulen

We will honor Pastor Peter & Mary Ann Ward on Sunday, October 30th (watch bulletins for further details) "And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders, who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with ap-1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 preciation and love"

We are blessed at the Maranatha's to have wonderful Pastors who follow that verse, teach the way of salvation and encourage and lead us with love and gentleness.

A Heads up for November that we will be collecting shoeboxes again this year

for



# **Operation Christmas** Child

National Collection Week is Nov. 14-21, 2022

From Children to Seniors, people can pack a shoebox with gifts to bless children in need around the world. These shoeboxes will arrive in more than 100 countries, and the message of the Gospel is shared and children are blessed.

Shoebox gift ideas are available in office or talk to Janet Boe or Rachel Trick if you have questions.



CHUCKIPS.

The Judge said to the defendant. "I thought I told you I never wanted to see you in here again." "Your honor," the defendant said, "that's what I tried to tell the police. But they wouldn't listen."

"Just the same" exclaimed Noah's wife, "I'd feel much safer if those two termites were locked up in a metal box."

#### JUST ONE MORE

"Anyone with needs to be prayed over, come forward, to the altar," the Preacher said. LeRoy gets in line, and when it's his turn, the preacher asks," LeRoy, what do you want me to pray about for you?" LeRoy replied: "Preacher, I need you to pray for my hearing." The preacher puts one finger in LeRoy's hear, and he places the other hand on top of LeRoy's head and prays and prays. After a few minutes, the Preacher removes his hands, stands back and asks, "LeRoy, how is your hearing now?" LeRoy says, "I don't know, Reverend, it ain't 'til next Wednesday!"

#### Maranatha Free Lutheran Church Glyndon, MN

Financial Snapshot	- Maranatha Glyndon					
as of 8/31/22						
General Fund	Current Month	Year to Date				
Contributions	\$25,643.00	\$230,834				
Expenditures	-\$28,189.00	-\$222,487				
Surplus / (Shortfall)	NGOMP (SSEE)	\$ 8,347				
	8/31/2022					
GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$25,643					
Deacons	-\$16,231					
Education	-\$153					
Finance	-\$4,313					
Trustees	-\$7,308					
Worship & Music	-\$184					
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	-\$28,189					
Other Income (Rent, Interest, etc)	\$187					
General Fund Balance Change	-\$2,359					
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$69,096	Target is \$60,000				

Special Funds	Income	Expenses	Ending	Balance
Building Fund			\$	19,094
Cookbook Sales for Missions			\$	90
Designated Donations	1058	-249	\$	1,533
Good Samaritan Fund		-31	\$	2,405
Holiday Baskets			\$	924
Lent Offering			\$	-
Memorial Fund			\$	7,412
Men's Fellowship	200		\$	991
Men's Fraternity			\$	318
Outreach Ministries			\$	166
Sunday Fellowship Fund			\$	467
Sunday School Missions			\$ \$ \$	107
Trails End Ranch			\$	1,716
VBS Blanket Project			\$	520
Wedding Fund			\$	1,233
Wednesday Suppers			\$	2,673
World Missions Fund			\$	10,897
Youth Activities Fund	680		\$ \$ \$ \$	(484)
Youth FLY Fund	25			10,854
Special Funds Balance			\$	60,916
General Fund Balance			\$	69,096
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			\$	130,012
PETTY CASH BALANCE			\$	20

Detailed expense reports are available in the Glyndon office. Questions can be directed to Amanda Larson - Treasurer <u>treasurer@maranathafreelutheran.com</u> (701) 793-5177

2022 Monthly Financial Summary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft 9:00am WMF District Rally
<b>2</b> 9:30am Worship Service / Communion	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Young Adults	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Hearts of Clay Fundraiser @ Courtyard by Marriot, Mhd	<b>5</b> 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45—7:45pm Friendship 6:45-8:00pm Men's Study 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens 7:00pm Deacon Meeting	<b>6</b> 7:00pm "Living Water" Bible Study at Pat Johnson home	7	<b>8</b> 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkf
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