Maranatha News

January 2020

From Pastor Ryan....

"The Most High rules over the kingdom of men and gives it to whom He will and sets over it the lowliest of men." (Daniel 4:17b)

Maranatha Church Family & Friends:

Happy New Year! As we finally close the books on 2019 and turn to 2020, it is my hope and prayer that God will richly bless you and yours in this new year.

With every new year, comes new opportunities. It's finally time to get (back) in shape. Or to kick that one bad habit. Or to read through your Bible. Or start that project at the house - you know, the one you've been trying to start for a while. With each new year, we start out with goals and resolutions - things we want to accomplish or to change in us. What goals or resolutions have you set out to accomplish in 2020?

But for many, the turning of the calendar to a new year can be a time fraught with anxiety. *If 2019 brought so many terrors, what will 2020 bring? We witnessed a lot in 2019. Stabbings at synagogues and shootings at churches & mosques. Justin Smollett and Greta Thungburg. Trade war with China and continued fighting in the Middle East. The Mueller Report. Jeffery Epstein. Fire at Notre Dame. Vaping. Impeachment.*

It's easy to get anxious and to worry. *If 2019 brought so many terrors, what will 2020 bring?*

I wish I had 20/20 vision to gaze into the future and to foresee what 2020 will bring. We know, in general, a few things that will happen as the calendar flips. I'm sure some of you have weddings that you will be attending this year. The Summer Olympics will take place in Japan this year. In November, we'll be heading back to the polls to vote in a presidential election.

While we can't see perfectly into the future, our Lord can. We are limited to a chronological, linear view of time. But the Lord God Almighty is above time and beyond it. He knows all things. He knew what would happen in 2019. He knows what is going to happen in 2020. None of it is outside of his purview.

In Daniel 4, Babylon's king, Nebuchadnezzar, had a dream of a tree being chopped down and scattered then being driven insane. He calls in Daniel to interpret the dream and to tell him what it means. The emphasis of the dream (and the entire book of Daniel) is this: [So that] The living may know that the Most High rules over the kingdom of men and gives it to whom He will and sets over it the lowliest of men." I would summarize it this way: God is in control; He always has been and He always will be. He appointed Babylon and King Nebuchadnezzar to conquer and exile Judah, and He was going to appoint another nation to conquer Babylon. God is in control.

As we look forward to this new year, whether it is with excitement or with trepidation, we know that He is in control. Nothing will happen in 2020 (or beyond) that He is not aware of or has not divinely ordained. And this should bring us comfort. As we trust that He is working all things for good and setting the stage for His return. Maranatha, Come Lord!

Maranatha Church – Glyndon
Council Meeting

December 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Present: Todd Dravland, Mary Langerud, Amanda Larson, Pat Lewis, Dave Olek, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Todd Rasmussen and Glenn Urlacher.

Meeting was called to order by President Todd. Todd led in devotion and prayer.

Secretary's report of November 13, 2019 was read by Pat. Motion was made by Mary and seconded by Todd R to approve minutes as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Amanda. November income was $23,588.00 and expenses were $25,497.93; which makes budget behind $28,000. Report was approved as presented by Glenn seconded by Dave; motion carried.

Board Report

Christian Education – No report

Deacons – Glenn

- All boards meeting will be scheduled for some time in January/February.
- Staff evaluations will be done.
- Further discussion will be held on church cancellation notifications.

Finance – Todd

- Finance Board will review guidelines for the possibility of setting up a special fund for REACH and will report back at the January Congregational meeting.
- Online giving platform will be presented at the January Congregational meeting.

Trustees –

- Decision has not been made as to where the location the TV to run announcements will be hung.
- Computer malfunction caused files to be lost but have been retrieved through a computer service. Insurance will be covering the computer service cost of getting the files retrieved.

Worship & Music – Mary

- Twenty-four went Christmas caroling on December 8th to nine locations visiting 15 members of the church. Caroling concluded with a meal at the Fryn Pan.
- Approximately 20 Ambassador hymnals are in bad shape; will check with Spring Colony to see if repairable.
- Sunday morning greeters schedule has been filled for the next three months.
- Valentine Day party is tabled until the next board meeting.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Lloyd

- Surviving the Holidays class will be held on December 14th; seven have signed up to attend.
- Visiting new people attending our church as several are potential to become new members.
- Pastor Lloyd and Ryan pray each Tuesday for a portion of the Congregation.
- Pastor Lloyd will be late for church on December 15th as he will be in Ulen for a baptism and then at Glyndon for the sermon.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 26th at 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary; a pot blessing will be held prior to the meeting.
- A motion was made by Todd R to approve fall scholarship requests and seconded by Mary; motion carried.
- Mary made a motion to purchase 96 ESV Bibles at $5 a Bible plus shipping with money from the Memorial fund. These Bibles would replace the existing pew Bibles plus provide additional needed copies. Motion was seconded by Glenn; motion carried.
- The following is the resolution to be approved by the council: Resolved, that the total compensation paid to Pastor Ryan Tonneson for the calendar year 2020 shall be $63,000 of which $33,250 is designated to be a housing allowance (plus utilities) and that the designation of $33,250 as a housing allowance apply to 2020 and all future years unless otherwise provided.
- A motion was made by Glenn to accept the request for Pastor Ryan Tonneson and Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Lloyd closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 15th at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Lewis

Maranatha Council Meeting @ Ulen

The Ulen Maranatha Church Council met December 11, 2019 with the following present: Bob Herzog, Jeannine Hess, Greg Zillmer, Matt Klemetson, Harvey Dahl, Mary Ann Schneidermann, Duane Fuglie. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Matt and devotions and prayer were given by Matt.

Secretary's Report: Read with no additions or corrections. Motion by Bob, second by Jeannine to accept, carried.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund income for November was $10,624.91; General Fund expenses were $1,608.72. Motion by Greg, second by Bob to accept, carried.

Deacon's Report: Pulpit fill discussed and annual meeting with suggested topics discussed.

Trustee's Report: Duane reported he has contacted someone to look at the back door.

Christian Education : No report.

Music and Worship: No report.

New Business: Motion by Jeannine, second by Greg to split the total of the Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve offerings between the Youth for Christ organization and the Hearts of Clay Jail Ministry [Clay County].

Old Business: Greg is working on the Ambassador Magazine subscriptions. Motion by Greg, second by Bob to hold the annual meeting January 26,2020 following the 9AM service.

Next meeting will be January 8, 2020 at 7PM. Motion by Greg, second by Bob to adjourn. Greg closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Schneidermann

WMF NOTES

(Women's Missionary Federation)

GLYNDON MORNING WMF

Christmas Party was held on December 10th at the church at 10:30am.

ULEN WMF

We had a wonderful Ulen Maranatha WMF Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8th at 3 pm with 10 ladies present.
Ellen opened the meeting with the election of officers. It was decided there would be no change.
Debi shared a reading "The Joy of Christmas."
We sang together some Christmas carols and played a game and had drawing of some gifts to the ladies.
Special offering went to the Miriam Children's Home in Brazil.
Together we sang The Table Prayer and shared in the Pot Blessing meal and fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted by Dianne Dahl

GLYNDON EVENING WMF

Christmas Party was held on December 17th at the home of Janet Boe at 6:30pm.

Maranatha-Glyndon Congregational Meeting:

Glyndon will have their Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, January 26, 2020.** A Potluck dinner will be served at 11:30am followed by the meeting at 12:30pm.

If you have been the **CHAIRMAN OF YOUR BOARD**, you will need to get a written report of the 2019 year into the office by January 10th. All reports will be combined into a booklet and available on Sunday, January 19th so you can read them ahead of time.

Maranatha-Ulen Congregational Meeting:

Ulen Annual Meeting. The Annual meeting of Maranatha Ulen will be Sunday, January 26th, 2020, at 10:30am. ALL Boards and Committees, please give your yearly reports to Annie Rognlie at Maranatha-Glyndon by January 10th. Thank you!

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.

GLYNDON PARISH NURSE

Blood Pressure Clinic will be Sunday, February 2 after the morning service.

This is Cold and Flu Season. Just a few reminders:
1. Wash your hands with soap and water- If you sing jingle bells through once you will have washed the appropriate time.
2. Cover your coughs. A typical cough can spread 6-8 feet so you can imagine what can happen in public places.
3. Use hand sanitizer, especially after using grocery carts, hand rails, and door handles.

Prevention will help keep your whole family healthy. Happy New Year!! May it be a Healthy One!!

Thankful for all who serve our country!

Kally Anderson, granddaughter of Vonnie Anderson

Trevor Dufault, son of Todd & Sara Dravland

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

Jessica Myers, granddaughter of Gerrie Payne

Luke Stensgard, grandson of Jane Williams

Jonathan Taylor, grandson of Fran Jenson

Josh Trulson, son-in-law of John & Terrie Enlow

Marcus Young, John & Terrie Enlow's niece's husband

Thank You to all Men & Women, family and friends, who are serving our country both here at home and in other countries. Let's remember them in prayer!

GLYNDON LIBRARY

Kids: "Follow That Star" (A Christmas Story) by Elizabeth Raum. Star, a Lamb who is a reluctant participant in the Christmas pageant, runs from the church lawn stable, only to end up leading a parade of townspeople back to the stable manger.

Adult Fiction: "The End of the Magi" by Patrick W. Carr. Centuries before the Magi arrived in Bethlehem, a prophecy sets a young Magus on his path.

Adult Fiction: "When I Close My Eyes" by Elizabeth Musser. An enthralling story about family secrets, regret and shame.

LIBRARY AT ULEN

Questions about the library - contact Kathy Fuglie.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Chad Johnson	January 01
Lisa Austinson	January 01
Irene Zillmer	January 02
Tim Enlow	January 02
Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck	January 03
Maya Bushy	January 03
Sophia Baumgartner	January 03
Howard Scheuring	January 04
Pat Johnson	January 04
Brodey Johnson	January 04
Sean Buchfink	January 05
Aubrey Lambert	January 05
Kris Leach	January 08
Lori Pender	January 08
Alex Fevig	January 08
Matt Klemetson	January 08
Jim Haarstad	January 08
Gene Leach	January 09
Jean Quanbeck	January 09
Ellen Zillmer	January 09
Dave Cochran	January 10
Cory Johnson	January 10
Sam Bates	January 11
Doug Macziewski	January 12
Mavis Jacobsen	January 14
Dave Olek	January 15
Bailey Murack	January 15
Trista Oberg	January 16
Logan Johnson	January 18
Jeremy Ebner	January 19
Gunner Nelson	January 19
Dianne Wolla	January 19
Greg Zillmer	January 20
Karen Urlacher	January 21
Jonah Larson	January 22
Caleb Dahl	January 23
Tanner Dufault	January 23
Fran Jenson	January 25
Steve Sorenson	January 25
CieGie Hilde	January 27
Liz Tonneson	January 27
Joshua Koehler	January 28
Emily Dalen	January 28
Robert Huewe	January 28
Olivia Rasmussen	January 29
Kristen Ebner	January 29
Bridget John	January 29
Adelynn Hurner	January 29
Kaitlin McCollum	January 30
Necole Dobbs	January 31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Jerry & Liz Walker	January 02
Jeff & Peg Tweten	January 12
Bruce & Dianne Wolla	January 18
Roy & Marie Tweten	January 19
Caleb & Stephanie Dahl	January 28
Ron & Ruth Larson	January 30

SALT TEENS

Wednesday evenings: Bible Study & Gathering at 7:00pm at the church beginning January 8.

We continue to look for commitments to donate to **Narcice**, **Our Compassion Child** from Togo, Africa.

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER

Donations continue to be collected through January 5th for **Women's Care Center** (formerly First-Choice Clinic) Please place new items in the bassinette in the narthex for these items. Some of the items that would be welcomed at the clinic are:

Women's Care Center

Infant clothing (onesies, sleepers, socks)
24month clothing for boys and girls
Nursing covers
oppy Nursing pillows
Diapers (Size 3, 4,5) and Baby wipe
Diaper bags, towels, wash cloths
Feeding Items (bottles, bibs, spoons, sippy cups)
Walmart gift cards and the diapers are always useful.

If you would like to give a Walmart card please give it directly to Terrie Enlow or during the week you can bring to the office and give them to Annie. Thank you!

MARANATHA-GLYNDON

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church Monthly Financial Summary

	11/30/2019
November GENERAL FUND INCOME	**$23,588.00**
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	
Deacons	$16,384.66
Education	$126.20
Finance	$4,064.11
Trustees	$4,405.68
Worship & Music	$517.28
November GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	**$25,497.93**
Other Income (Rent, Interest, etc)	$8.41
General Fund Balance Change	**-$1,901.52**
November GENERAL FUND BALANCE	**$55,498.50**

Special Funds	10/31/2019 Previous Balance	Income	Expenses	11/30/2019 Ending Balance
Building Fund	$ 19,093.72			$ 19,093.72
Compassion Child - Narcise	$ 50.00			$ 50.00
Cookbook Sales for Missions	$ 475.00			$ 475.00
Designated Donations	$ -	$150.00		$ 150.00
Gear Head Fund	$ 1,184.59			$ 1,184.59
Good Samaritan Fund	$ 3,273.69		$623.68	$ 2,650.01
Holiday Baskets	$ 232.79	$70.00		$ 302.79
Lent Offering	$ -			$ -
Memorial Fund	$ 11,119.23	$20.00	$3,050.60	$ 8,088.63
Men's Fellowship	$ 712.29	$60.00		$ 772.29
Men's Fraternity	$ 317.55			$ 317.55
Outreach Ministries	$ 166.42			$ 166.42
Parking Lot	$ 1,671.74			$ 1,671.74
Sunday Fellowship Fund	$ 467.31			$ 467.31
Sunday School Missions	$ 72.73	$98.96		$ 171.69
Trails End Ranch	$ 1,716.00			$ 1,716.00
Vacation Bible School	$ -			$ -
VBS Blanket Project	$ 130.00			$ 130.00
Wedding Fund	$ 1,244.99			$ 1,244.99
Wednesday Suppers	$ 2,916.66	$916.68	$982.49	$ 2,850.85
World Missions Fund	$ 9,255.92	$160.00		$ 9,415.92
Youth Activities Fund	$ -	$361.00		$ 361.00
Youth FLY Fund	$ 3,424.29	$960.00		$ 4,384.29
Special Funds Balance	**$ 57,524.92**	**$ 2,796.64**	**$ 4,656.77**	**$ 55,664.79**
General Fund Balance	**$ 57,400.02**			**$ 55,498.50** $
CHECKBOOK BALANCE	**$ 114,924.94**			**$ 111,163.29**
PETTY CASH BALANCE	**20.00**			**$ 20.00**

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon

General Fund	Current Month	Year to Date	Total Budget	Monthly Contributions Needed to Meet Budget	Percent of Budget Received / Expended YTD
Contributions	$23,588.00	**$272,356.38**		$ 30,401.27	74.66%
Expenditures	$25,497.93	**$300,233.53**	$364,815.27		82.30%
		-$27,877.15			

Questions may be directed to Amanda Larson - Treasurer treasurer_maranatha@outlook.com (701) 793-5177

Detailed financial reports are available in the Glyndon office.

JANUARY @ GLYNDON 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
5 8:00am Youth Ministry Team 9:30am Worship Service /Communion 10:45am Sunday School	6 7:00pm Under/30 meet	7 1:00pm - 3:30pm High Mileage Game Day in church library 6:30pm Over 30 Life Group	8 5:00-6:30pm Supper Served 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45-7:45pm Friendship Club 7:00pm SaltTeens 7:00pm Deacons meeting	9 7:00pm Life Group Bible Study at Pat Johnson home	10	11 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
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19 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School	20 7:00pm Under/30 meet	21 1:00 pm Quilting at church 6:30pm Over 30 Life Group 7:00pm Evening WMF	22 5:00-6:30pm Supper Served 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45-7:45pm Friendship Club 7:00pm SaltTeens	23 7:00pm Life Group Bible Study at Pat Johnson home	24	25 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
26 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School 11:30am Potluck Dinner 12:30pm Annual Congregational Meeting	27 7:00pm Under/30 meet	28 6:30pm Over 30 Life Group	29 5:00-6:30pm Supper Served 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45-7:45pm Friendship Club 7:00pm SaltTeens	30 7:00pm Life Group Bible Study at Pat Johnson home	31	

JANUARY @ ULEN 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Bone Builders until further notice			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4 6:30am Men's Bkft & Bible Study
5 9:00am Worship Service / Communion/ (Anders Macy) 10:30am Sunday School	6	7	8 10:00am-Noon MOPS 1:00pm WMF at the church 7:00pm Church Council	9	10	11 6:30am Men's Bkft & Bible Study
12 9:00am Worship Service / (P. Peter Ward) 10:30am Sunday School	13	14	15 10:00am - 2:00pm Quilting	16	17	18 6:30am Men's Bkft & Bible Study
19 9:00am Worship Service / (Anders Macy) 10:30am Sunday School	20	21	22	23	24	25 6:30am Men's Bkft & Bible Study
26 9:00am Worship Service / (Jonny Sollie) 10:30am Annual Congre-gational Meeting	27	28	29	30	31	

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

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