

Maranatha News

AUGUST 2026

FROM INTERN PASTOR JOSH

Prone to Wander

The final verse of the famous hymn "*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*" describes the tendency of our hearts to wander from God: "Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it... prone to leave the God I love" (Ambassador Hymnal, #187). I have often felt the truth of this statement in my own life. Why am I so inclined to wander away from God's good plan? Why am I discontented with His provision and prone to seek out worldly comforts?

Maybe you can also relate to the psalmist when he writes in Psalm 73:1-3, *"Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked."*

As Christians, we know that God is good and faithful to His promises, but we struggle with how He typically works this out in our lives. We struggle to accept that His good path isn't the path of least resistance.

During this first week of August, VBS students in both Ulen and Glyndon are looking to the promises contained in Psalm 23. This psalm of David tells us what God does for those whom He restores. Those whose shepherd is the Lord shall not want. He leads us in paths of righteousness. In His flock, there is no need to fear or worry, for our Shepherd comforts us and provides abundant life.

But notice how the Lord works these blessings for His sheep. He leads us through the valley of the shadow of death. The presence of evil remains for a season. Our Shepherd has His rod ready to beat back the enemy and His staff ready to correct our wandering hearts. Even the table of blessing is prepared in the presence of our enemies. All of these pictures remind us that the road ahead is full of bumps and dangers.

The comfort of Psalm 23 is not that the road is easy; the comfort is that our Shepherd loves us and is stronger than any foe or temptation we face. The ultimate fulfillment of these words rests in the person and work of Jesus, who says in John 10:10-11, *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

How does Jesus provide for our needs and give us life? He gave His life on the cross so that our enemy would have no claim over us. Through faith in Christ, our sins are washed away and we have victory over sin, death, and the devil. His Holy Spirit continues to strengthen us for our daily tasks. Our Good Shepherd is truly a fount of every blessing, both physical and spiritual.

When you are tempted to pursue the distractions and temporary pleasures of this world, meditate on Psalm 23. Remember that Jesus delivers real satisfaction and abundant life. Trust Him to lead you each day and into eternity.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon, MN Council Meeting

July 8, 2026, 7:00pm

Present: Bill Dale, Pastor Quanbeck, Chad Johnson, Amanda Larson, Kristine Quanbeck, Glenn Urlacher.

Bill opened the meeting in devotion on Proverbs.

Chad read the secretary's report of June meeting. Motion to approve as read by Amanda, 2nd by Glenn.

Treasurer's Report: June's contributions were \$30,376 and expenses were \$32,918. YTD contributions are short of expenses by -\$9,297.

Board of Finance:

- The shortfall of contributions versus expenses is averaging -\$3,000 per month in the last 3 months. Planning to print a small financial summary in bulletins to bring awareness.

Board of Deacons:

- Figuring out Adult Sunday School offering for the fall.
- Maranatha is in charge of leading the AFLC Wilderness Family Camp evening service and providing fellowship snacks on Tuesday July 14th.
- Visitation is continuing by each of the Deacons.
- Working on plans to participate in the Dilworth Loco Days parade with trailer, candy, etc.

Pastor's report:

- Encouraged to see our congregation members participate in the AFLC Annual Conference in Moorhead last month.
- Re-elected to the role of AFLC Vice President, leading a pastor installation in McVile this Sunday.
- Had one baptism, and continuing visitations. Reaching out to people with connections to our church.

No representatives or notes from the Boards of Trustees, Worship, and Education.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Pastor Quanbeck closed in prayer.

Next meeting is August 12th at 7pm.

Chad made a motion to adjourn, Kristine 2nd.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Larson, for Chanyce Dahl

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon, MN Congregational Meeting

June 28, 2026, 11:00am

President Bill Dale opened the meeting by reading 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 and prayer.

The secretary's report was read by Chanyce Dahl. Melody Okke made a motion to approve the report, Dave Jensen 2nd/Carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Amanda Larson. The end of May checkbook balance was \$141,000, with expenditures roughly at \$149,000. The average monthly income is \$28,300 with an average monthly expense of \$30,300. The church was gifted a donation of \$25,000 from the Bob Softing Estate. The money is in the Memorial Fund for now and is in a CD.

Dave Jensen made a motion to accept the report, Art Welle 2nd the motion/C.

Old Business – None

New Business –

- Elections for the Board of Education. Emily Lloyd and Sheila Murack were nominated. Kim Jensen made a motion nominations cease, Jeff Ehrichs 2nd/C.
- Pastor Josh's internship goes through the end of December. He will be open for a call sometime in October. If we are interested in calling him, we will need to reactivate the call committee. There are no obligations to him or us with the internship. We are not obligated to call him and he would not be obligated to accept a call if given one. A motion was made to re-activate the call committee. Jason Koehler 2nd the motion/C. Dave Jensen will contact the previous call committee to make sure everyone is still able and willing to serve.

Chad Johnson made a motion to adjourn, Dave Jensen 2nd/C.

Bill Dale closed the meeting in prayer and we sang the doxology together.

Respectfully submitted by Chanyce Dahl, Secretary



A twelve-year old boy became a Christian during a revival. The next week at school his friends questioned him about the experience "Did you see a vision?" "Did you hear God speak?" The youngster answered "No" to all the questions. "Well, how did you know you were saved?" they asked. The boy searched for an answer and finally said, "It's like when you catch a fish; you just feel him tugging on the line. I just felt God tugging on my heart."

- Confirmation starts - 5:45-6:45pm
- Kid's Club starts - 6:45-7:45pm
- Friendship Club starts - 6:45-7:45pm



VBS 2026

Ulen

Sun. - Thurs.

August 2-6

5:30pm - Supper

6-8pm - VBS



Glyndon

Mon. - Fri.

August 3-7

9am-Noon

VBS Set-Up at Glyndon:

There will be pizza, fruit & sweets served for those that stay and help set up for VBS on Sunday, August 2nd following the service. Many hands make the work light! Thanks!

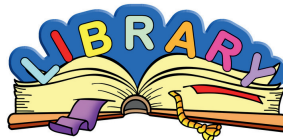
Lunch following Program in Glyndon

There will be a lunch following the program on August 7th. Hot dogs, buns, watermelon and chips will be provided. *Please bring a side dish or sweets to share.* Thank You!

VBS Programs:

Ulen: Thursday, August 6, at 7:30pm

Glyndon: Friday, August 7, at 11:30am



GLYNDON LIBRARY BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR AUGUST

ADULT FICTION: We have had Sarah Sundin's 1st book: "A Distant Melody" on our shelves. Now, we have the second and third books in the series ***Wings of Glory:***

#2 - A Memory Between Us

#3 - Blue Skies Tomorrow

ADULT FICTION: From author Amy Wallace: ***Defenders of Hope*** series is about FBI agents and their families facing high-stakes danger, personal trauma and tests of faith.

#1 - Ransomed Dreams

#2 - Healing Promises

#3 - Enduring Justice

ADULT NON-FICTION: "***Captivating***" by John & Staci Eldredge → Unveiling the mystery of a woman's soul



CHAPEL AT THE LAKES



SUNDAYS @ 10AM
JUNE 14 - AUGUST 30

Wilderness Bible Camp
12220 Co Hwy 5
Lake Park, MN



AFLC

Association of Free Lutheran Congregations



MARANATHA WEEKEND AT WILDERNESS CAMP August 22-23

Maranatha Weekend is coming up!
Saturday afternoon - Sunday afternoon

- 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 11:00am**
- **Potluck following service around 12 noon.** Meat, buns and beverages will be provided. Please bring sides, salads or desserts to share.
- **Rumor** - there may be a rematch of volleyball

SALT + TEENS

SALT TEENS SUMMER EVENTS

August 3-7 VBS

Helping with VBS counts towards your FLY points

AND as a thank you for your hard work = THUNDER ROAD on August 19th

Wednesday, August 5th (VBS Week)

NO Youth Group = BAKE SALE at Community Center.

Each family is asked to provide 2 dozen + baked goods packaged ready to sell to the church by 4pm, Wed. Aug. 5.

Looking for youth to set up (4:30pm) and work the bake sale (5pm). Talk to Pastor Josh or Nikki if you can help for any portion of this or have questions.

Wednesday, August 12th 6-8:30pm

Regular Salt Teens at the church

Wednesday, August 19th 6-8:30pm

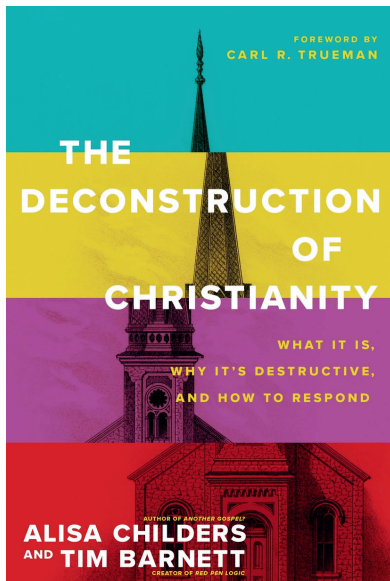
THUNDER ROAD

If you are planning to attend, meet at church at 6pm sharp. We'll head to Thunder Road in Fargo for supper and an evening of fun, being back to church by 8:30pm. If you DID NOT help with VBS, cost is \$15.00.

If you are planning to to, please let Josh or Nikki know by Tuesday, August 18th so we can arrange transportation.

Wednesday, August 26th 6-8:30pm

Supper and Worship Night with testimonies



Alisa Childers



Tim Barnett

6-Week Sunday School Series for Adults and Senior High Students - Starting Sept. 20 -

A movement called 'deconstruction' is sweeping through our churches and affecting our loved ones.

In this six week series, Alisa Childers, bestselling author of *Another Gospel?*, and Tim Barnett, host of *Red Pen Logic*, will help you understand what deconstruction is, the roots of the movement, why it is compelling to some, and how it disrupts the lives of so many. You will be able to think through the main issues around this trend and explore wise and loving ways to respond from a biblical worldview.

There will be 2 classes available each week - Pastor Lloyd and Pastor Josh will each be leading a class.

August ~ Happy Birthday!

Peter Habedank	August 01
Annie Rognlie	August 01
Gabriel Olek	August 02
Trent Dufault	August 03
Sawyer Johnson	August 03
Carter Schmidt	August 03
Amy Menholt	August 04
Kenton Chromey	August 05
Mary Beth Fevig	August 05
Kelly Higgins	August 05
Stuart Johnson	August 05
Brian Dahl	August 06
Emily Loyd	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 Rasmussen	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!

Natalea & Caleb Ackman, granddaughter & husband of Rick & Anne Manderud

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

Kale Okeson, son of Justin & Sarah Okeson

Andrew Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean Quanbeck

Josiah Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean Quanbeck

Isaiah Rice, husband of Katie (Koehler) Rice

Jakob Rolf, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon			
30-Jun-26			
General Fund		Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions		\$30,376.00	\$171,801
Expenditures		-\$32,918.00	-\$181,666
Surplus / (Shortfall)			\$ (9,865)

6/30/2026

GENERAL FUND INCOME **\$30,376**

Deacons	- \$22,881
Education	\$0
Finance	- \$4,764
Trustees	- \$4,326
Worship & Music	- \$947
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	- \$32,918

Other Income (Rent, Interest)	\$24
Transfers between Funds/ Other Expenses	- \$608
General Fund Balance Change	- \$3,126

GENERAL FUND BALANCE			\$76,757
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Special Funds	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
Building / Emergency Fund	608		\$ 9,393
Christmas Eve			\$ -
Designated Donations			\$ (0)
Furnace Fund			\$ 13,407
Good Samaritan Fund	275	-425	\$ 3,856
Lent Offering			\$ (0)
Memorial Fund	25000		\$ 35,437
Men's Fellowship/Breakfast		-213	\$ 905
Outreach Ministries			\$ 0
Sunday Fellowship Fund			\$ 469
Sunday School Missions			\$ 639
Thanksgiving Offering			\$ -
Trail Life		-180	\$ -
Vacation Bible School			\$ -
VBS Blanket Project			\$ -
Wedding Fund			\$ 500
Wednesday Suppers			\$ 4,070
World Missions Fund			\$ 8,626
Youth Activities Fund			\$ 852
Youth Community Outreach			\$ 1,442
Youth FLY Fund	101		\$ 5,919
Special Funds Balance			\$ 85,515
General Fund Balance			\$ 76,757
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			\$ 137,252
SAVINGS BALANCE (CD)			\$ 25,000
PETTY CASH BALANCE			\$ 20

Detailed expense reports are available in the Glyndon office.
Questions can be directed to Kristine Quanbeck - Treasurer
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:30am • Worship Service	27	28 VBS Workday	29 6-8:30pm • SaltTeens	30	31	1 7am • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
2 8:00am • YMT Meeting 9:30am • Worship Service w/ communion Set-Up VBS following church - lunch for those helping	VBS: August 3-7 9am-Noon					8 7am • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
9 9:30am • Worship Service	10	11 10:30am • Morning WMF at church	12 6-8:30pm • SaltTeens 7pm • Deacon Meeting	13	14 11:30am • VBS Program 12noon • VBS Picnic Tear-down following picnic	15 7am • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
16 9:30am • Worship Service	17	18 10am-3pm • Quilting at church 7pm • Evening WMF at Janet Boe's home	19 6-8:30pm • SaltTeens (THUNDER ROAD)	20	21	22 7am • Men's Fellowship Breakfast Maranatha Weekend at
23 Wilderness Bible Camp 9:30am • Worship Service 11am • Wilderness Camp Service followed by Potluck Picnic	24	25	26 6-8:30pm • SaltTeens (Worship Night)	27	28	29 7am • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
30 9:30am • Worship Service 5:00pm • Young Adults Fellowship	31	1	2 NO SaltTeens 7pm • Deacon Meeting	3	4	5 7am • Men's Fellowship Breakfast



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9am • Worship Service	27 9:30-10:30am • Bone Builders	28	29 9:00am • VBS Workday & Set-Up	30 9:30-10:30am • Bone Builders	31	1
2 9am • Worship Service w/communion	3 NO Bone Builders this month!	4	5	6 7:30pm • Closing Program	7	8
VBS WEEK: August 2-6 5:30pm Supper, 6-8pm VBS						
9 9am • Worship Service Council meeting following	10	11	12 9-11am • MOPS	13 1pm • WMF	14	15 Ulen Days
16 9am • Worship Service Emelyn Fevig's 90 th Birthday Celebration following the service	17	18	19	20	21	22 Maranatha - Glyndon Wilderness Camp Weekend
23 9am • Worship Service 11am • Wilderness Camp Church Service	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9am • Worship Service	31	1	2	3	4	5

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

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