Maranatha News

FEBRUARY 2026

From Nikki Ehrichs...

It's February and seeing as how Valentine's Day is this month it seems appropriate to write about love. We hear the word "love" used a lot for a wide variety of things and reasons. People will say they love winter, or chocolate, or a particular activity like basketball or hockey, or they love their spouse, their kids, even their pet. With how freely the word "love" is tossed around one would think we live in a world that isn't riddled with hate and indifference. But we all know that is not the case.

Out of curiosity, I looked up the definition of love. The first two definitions were "an intense feeling of deep affection" and "a great interest and pleasure in something", followed by "to feel deep affection for someone" and "to like or enjoy very much". While that's all fine and dandy, love is more than just a feeling or emotion. Love is also a verb, actions that show concern for another, to put others first.

Popular culture has named Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" as the most iconic love story of all time. Is it any wonder that the world has such a twisted and shallow definition of love? Scripture paints a very different definition of love, one that is far beyond what any of us can truly grasp. The Bible says that "*but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*" (Romans 5:8) and "*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*" (John 3:16). God's love for us is perfect, and he not only tells us he loves us, he shows us with his actions. There is no greater act of love than that of Jesus laying down his life to pay the penalty for your sins and mine.

If that's how God demonstrates his love to us, how then should we respond? In 1 John 4:9-11 it says "*In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sims. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*" Christians are to love one another, not just with words and empty sentiments, but by our actions. 1 John 4:18 "*...let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*" Not because it serves us or to our own self-serving advantage. But because of what Jesus did for us. He is not only our example, but also the one who enables us to love others the way we are called to, even when it may impossible. There is nowhere in the Bible where it says only to love people who are easy to love. It simply says, "*We love because he first loved us.*" (1 John 4:19).

~ Nikki Ehrichs

COUNCIL MINUTES

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon, MN
Council Meeting

January 14, 2026, 7:00pm

Present: Cliff Langerud, Glenn Urlacher, Amanda Larson, Kristine Quanbeck, Carol Johnson, Jeff Ehrichs, Rochelle Olson, and Alyssa Johnson.

Cliff opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

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

Treasurer's report was given by Amanda. December 2025 contributions as $51,099 and expenditures of $29,512. General Fund balance $89,450.

Board Reports:

- Finance – Amanda
  - ◊ Jeff made a motion to base Josh Johnson's retirement percentage off $32,000. Glenn seconded the motion; motion carried.
  - ◊ Reviewed 2026 budget
- Trustees – Jeff
  - ◊ Explore front furnace options, current unit is built in
  - ◊ Update bathroom with handicap accessible stool, stall, and door with sensor
- Worship & Music – Carol Johnson
  - ◊ Lining up special music for Lent services
  - ◊ Planning Easter flowers – same as last year, variety of flower types
  - ◊ Welcome basket for Josh and Katie Johnson and family
- Education – Rochelle
  - ◊ Kids will sing Mother's Day
  - ◊ May 3rd Confirmation
  - ◊ May 17th Senior Recognition Day
  - ◊ VBS team requested, awaiting dates
- Deacons – Glenn
  - ◊ Glenn continues as Chair, Todd – Vice Chair, Caleb Dahl – Secretary
  - ◊ Planning for moving Josh Johnson
  - ◊ Adult Sunday School continues next four weeks

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Glenn closed the meeting in prayer

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff; seconded by Carol

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson, for Chanyce Dahl, Secretary

Women's Care Center

Maranatha Free Lutheran (Glyndon) will be collecting donations again *during the month of February* for the **Women's Care Center**. There is a bassinet display in the narthex for your donations. Bring in your donations anytime during the month of February. Thank you for your generosity. Below is a wish list provided by them.

2026 Donation Wish List

~ **AMAZON GIFT CARDS** (these do not go directly to clients. They are used for Women's Care Center to purchase larger items such as strollers, car seats, cribs and more.)

~ **ONESIES** - Newborn or 0-3 month size; gender neutral colored or patterned (no white, please)

~ **WHITE SOCKS** (Newborn or 0-3 month)

~ **MINI BOARD BOOKS** (Available at Amazon) (these are the ones that are given out very often to promote literacy and strong families)

* ***World of Eric Carle, My First Library Animal Board Book Block 12-Book Set*** - Pl Kids
* ***Baby Einstein - My First Library Board Book Block 12-Book Set - First Words, Alphabet, Numbers, and More!*** - Pl Kids
* ***World of Eric Carle, My First Library 12 Board Book Set - First Words, Alphabet, Numbers, and More! Baby Books*** - Pl Kids

~ **ITEMS FOR MOMS** (lip balms, hair clips, mini notebooks, mini lotions, cozy socks, nail file kits, etc.)

~ **SUMMER CLOTHING** (Newborn -5T) is appreciated but may be hard to find this time of year

*Money & Gift Cards give to Terrie Enlow or the Church Office. (Make checks payable to *Maranatha* and put *Women's Care Center* on memo).

Easter Flowers

The Worship & Music Board is again planning to display a variety of potted spring flowers for Easter! *Order forms are available at the church to be completed, turned in and paid by Sunday, February 22nd*. All flowers vary in price and many will vary in color. .

Continue to keep Jill, Jed and Grace Toms in your prayers as they travel to Brazil this month for the AFLC Journey Missions Trip. Pray for boldness and sensitivity as they serve alongside our missionaries, pray they show Christ's love and pray the team will enjoy God's presence and glorify Him through service. Pray also for safety and good health for them as they travel.

Dear Maranatha Church family,

We want to express our sincere gratitude for the love, prayers and support you have shown our family as we prepare for this upcoming mission trip. Your encouragement and generosity mean so much to us, and we are deeply thankful to be part of a church that so faithfully supports God's work.

We are reminded of this verse as we think about your partnership and care:

"We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth." – 3 John 1:8.

Thank you for standing with us, praying for us and sending us out with your blessing. We look forward to sharing all that God is doing in the Brazil mission and also within our lives as well.

With heartfelt thanks and gratitude,

Jill, Jed & Grace Toms

Glyndon Library–
Book Suggestions for February

ADULT FICTION: *Child of the River* by Irma Joubert is a timeless tale of heart break and triumph set in South Africa at the dawn of apartheid.

ADULT FICTION: *Love Finds You in Snowball, Arkansas* by Sandra Bricker is a light romance that starts in a church single's group.

ADULT NON-FICTION: *Twelve Extraordinary Women* by John MacArthur - How God shaped women of the Bible and what He wants to do with you!

Trail Life
Adventure › Character › Leadership

Troop meetings are the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6-7:30pm

All boys grades K-12 are invited to attend! If you have any questions, please contact Corey Trick.

This month's Troop Meetings are:

February 10th

February 24th

Thank You

Thank you to **Jack Olek** and **Olek Services** for providing the snow removal for our church in Glyndon this winter. We appreciate all you do to help keep our parking lot and sidewalks clear.

Winter season is here!

Glyndon cancellation of church services or Wednesday evening activities will be posted on KVLY, In-Forum, WDAY, our Web page, Facebook and E-mail. We will follow DGF School storm cancellation policy, if school or after school activities are cancelled on a Wednesday, our evening activities will also be cancelled.

WMF NOTES
(Women's Missionary Federation)

Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF met January 13, with 12 ladies in attendance. Delores Welle hosted. Terrie Enlow opened with prayer and led our Bible study on "I Believe - What is Saving Faith."

President Cris Finstrom opened the business meeting Secretary's report and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

- $100 to World Missions
- "Aspire" women's event (April 25th) in Casselton, ND, is coming up.
- A thank you was red from Karen Pederson, National WMF President.
- Discussed a gift basket for Josh & Katie Johnson as a "welcome".
- Will set up bassinet for Women's Care Center donations in the narthex.

Meeting concluded with prayer requests and prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Terrie Enlow, for Karen Urlacher, Secretary

Glyndon Evening

Evening WMF met on January 20th at Church. 6 Lovely ladies were present. Coco provided supper and led our first bible study of the year.

President Melody Okke opened our business meeting in prayer!

Old business:

- Bunco night date will be February 27th at church 6:30. More information to come.
- Discussion on the New Life Center Meeting on February 20th.

New business:

- Welcome basket for the Johnson family discussed .
- $50.00 to world missions
- Giving Hearts Day donations:
  - $50.00 to Brady Oberg Foundation
  - $50.00 to UC Hope

Prayer requests shared and prayed over.

Respectfully submitted by Coco Geray, Secretary

Ulen

Our Ulen WMF met Wednesday, January 14th at 1:00 pm with 6 ladies present. MaryAnn S. led our new Bible study titled "I Believe Who God Is".

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

Old Business:

- Everyone enjoyed the Christmas Party at "Fill Thy Cup" in Hawley and may look at possibly doing it again there.
- The Giving Tree for Viking Manor went well with 42 gifts given to the residents there.
- Adi K. has been doing a deep cleaning in the kitchen and Dianne made a motion to pay her when she is completed and Bernadene second the motion.
- MaryAnn W. thanked those that brought food for the Annual meeting lunch last Sunday.

New Business:

- MaryAnn S. made a motion and Ellen second it to keep our offering amount for the WMF Project of the Month at $75. This month it will be for World Missions.
- We discussed our Valentine Brunch for February. It was decided to plan it for Saturday, February 14 at 10am. We will keep the menu pretty much the same.
- Ash Wednesday is February 18th and we will be serving a light supper before our Lenten Study and we will have a sign-up sheet at our next meeting.

We closed with several prayer requests followed by the Lord's Prayer. MaryAnn W. served us a delicious dessert.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Zillmer, Secretary

SERVING GROUP 3 ~ Glyndon

Serving Group 3 continues to be responsible for February & March. Take time to check the date or dates that you would be willing to serve goodies after church on Sunday mornings. We will also be responsible for serving other events that come up—lunches, special events, and funerals. Thank you for your willingness to serve our Lord & our church family—it is much appreciated. Any questions, contact Ruth Larson or Kim Jensen. Thank you!

SALTeens

LENT SUPPERS

Beginning Wednesday, February 18th

Through Wednesday, March 25th

Youth will again be providing and serving suppers throughout Lent as a fundraiser

FAMILIES are encouraged (and expected) to sign up with 1 or 2 other families to provide the menu/food and serve a Wednesday Night meal.

ALL YOUTH ARE EXPECTED TO SIGN UP TO WORK SHIFTS EACH WEDNESDAY - NOT JUST THE WEEK YOUR FAMILY IS IN CHARGE.

"Silver Wars", the fundraiser for the FLY fund continued through February 1st. Points have been tallied each week, and as of January 27, the GUYS had -3,835 pts and the GALS had -5,470 pts with $242.95 raised . The reward for the winning team will be:

If the GUYS win - Addie gets pied

If the GALS win - Clay gets pied

If we raise $400+, Nikki will ALSO get pied

FLY BEYOND 2026 — LIVING STONE — 1 PETER 2:4-9

FLY Beyond 2026: Living Stone

July 12-16, 2026

Association Retreat Center, Osceola, WI

FLY Beyond is the national youth equipping conference for the AFLC. It combines preaching, teaching, apologetics, and worldview with a small group learning environment for a powerful week of spiritual growth.

Registration for FLY Beyond is open!

Click link for more information and to register!

NAMES OF GOD

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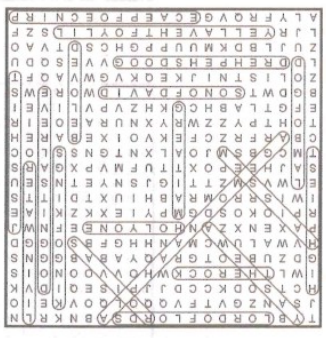
ALPHA AND OMEGA
BELOVED
EVERLASTING GOD
GOOD SHEPHERD
GREAT I AM
HIGH PRIEST
HOLY ONE
JESUS CHRIST
KING OF KINGS
LAMB OF GOD
LILY OF THE VALLEY
LIVING WATER
LORD OF LORDS
MESSIAH
PRINCE OF PEACE
SAVIOR
SON OF DAVID
THE ROCK
YASHEWA

February ~ Happy Birthday!

Bella Johnson	February 01
Gavin Schmidt	February 01
Nellie Pender	February 02
Natalie Eckert	February 03
Megan Schmitke	February 03
Jim Enlow	February 05
John D Enlow	February 05
Ashley John	February 06
Nathan Lambert	February 06
Sidney Koehler	February 08
IsaBelle Olson	February 08
Zachary Chromey	February 09
Grady Erickson	February 09
Matthew Hamernik	February 09
Bernadene Bentley	February 10
Michal Schmidt	February 10
Jazmin Gonzalez	February 11
Josh Johnson	February 12
Riley Rickford	February 13
Clay Rasmussen	February 14
Jon Rosenfeldt	February 14
Jay Buchfink	February 15
Angela Sivertson	February 15
Celia Trick	February 17
Logan Schlauderaff	February 20
Debi Langerud	February 21
Andrew Austinson	February 24
Charlotte Heffta	February 24
Jim Specht	February 24
Jeff Bates	February 25
Angie Schlieper	February 25
Jake Murack	February 28



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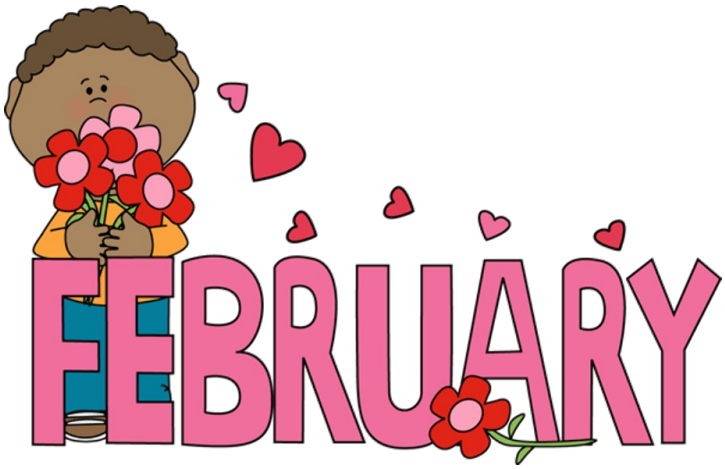

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

February ~ Happy Anniversary!

Conner & Morgan Herren	February 03
Ethan & Payton Johnson	February 03
Bob & Jocie Herzog	February 04
Alan & Sharon Christensen	February 07
Cliff & Mary Langerud	February 11
Steve & Ruth Stong	February 12
Brian & Chanyce Dahl	February 14
Zach & Julie Boehrnsen	February 17

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
Isaiah Rice, husband of Katie (Koehler) Rice
Jakob Rolf, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon

31-Dec-25

General Fund	Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions	$51,099.00	**$346,457**
Expenditures	-$29,512.00	**-$307,593**
Surplus / (Shortfall)		**$ 38,864**

12/31/2025

GENERAL FUND INCOME	**$51,099**
Deacons	-$15,866
Education	-$514
Finance	-$7,525
Trustees	-$4,661
Worship & Music	-$946
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	**-$29,512**
Other Income (Rent, Interest)	$20
Transfers between Funds	-$1,022
General Fund Balance Change	**$20,585**

GENERAL FUND BALANCE	**$89,450**

Special Funds	***Income***	***Expenses***	**Ending Balance**
Building / Emergency Fund	*1023*		$ 5,955
Christmas Eve	*2003*	*-2003*	$ -
Designated Donations		*(150)*	$ (0)
Furnace Fund			$ 13,383
Good Samaritan Fund	*2578*		$ 4,493
Lent Offering			$ -
Memorial Fund			$ 10,362
Men's Fellowship/Breakfast	*50*	*-243*	$ 1,109
Outreach Ministries			$ 0
Sunday Fellowship Fund			$ 469
Sunday School Missions	*18*		$ 567
Thanksgiving Offering		*-575*	$ -
Trail Life			$ -
Vacation Bible School			$ -
VBS Blanket Project			$ -
Wedding Fund			$ 500
Wednesday Suppers	*293*	*-1038*	$ 5,188
World Missions Fund	*300*	*-3800*	$ 4,726
Youth Activities Fund	*23*		$ 742
Youth Community Outreach			$ 1,443
Youth FLY Fund	*25*	*-221*	$ 1,734
Special Funds Balance			**$ 50,672**
General Fund Balance			**$ 89,450**
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			**$ 140,105**
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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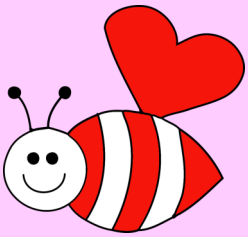
218-498-2808



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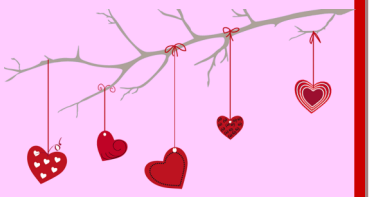

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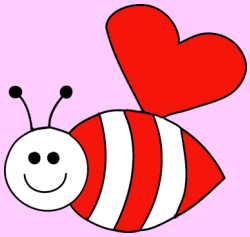
1 8:00am - YMT Meeting 9:30am - Worship Service w/Communion 10:45am - Sunday School - New Member Class 11:30pm - Potluck Meal 12:30pm - Annual Meeting	**2**	**3**	**4** 5:00-6:30pm - Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:45pm - Kid's Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club 7:00pm - SaltTeens 7:00pm - Deacon Mtg	**5** 7:00pm - Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home	**6**	**7** 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
8 9:30am - Worship Service 10:45am - Sunday School - New Member Class **Youth Bake Sale** following church 	**9**	**10** 10:30am - Morning WMF at church 6:00-7:30pm - Trail Life	**11** 5:00-6:30pm - Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:45pm - Kid's Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club 7:00pm - SaltTeens 7:00pm - Council Mtg	**12** 7:00pm - Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home	**13**	**14** 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
15 9:30am - Worship Service 10:45am - Sunday School - New Member Class	**16** President's Day 	**17** 10:00am-3:00pm - Quilting at the church 7:00pm - Evening WMF at church	**18** Ash Wednesday 5:00-6:30pm - Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:45pm - Kid's Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club **7:00pm - Ash Wednesday Service** 7:00pm - SaltTeens	**19** 7:00pm - Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home	**20**	**21** 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast 6:00pm - Dusty Way Chapel
22 9:30am - Worship Service 10:45am - Sunday School - New Member Class	**23**	**24** 6:00-7:30pm - Trail Life	**25** 5:00-6:30pm - Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:45pm - Kid's Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club **7:00pm - Lenten Service** 7:00pm - SaltTeens	**26** 7:00pm - Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home	**27**	**28** 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast



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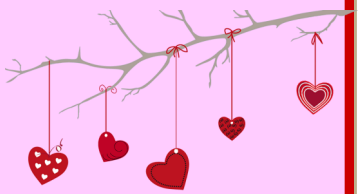

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… "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." II Corinthians 3:17

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