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February 2024 Newsletter



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

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FEBRUARY 2024 @ ULEN



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:00am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School	29	30	31	1 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	2	3
4 NEW SCHEDULE ! 9:00am - Sunday School 10:00am - Worship Service w/Communion Fellowship following	5 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	6	7 6:30pm - Authentic Manhood 33	8 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	9	10
11 9:00am - Sunday School 10:00am - Worship Service Council Meeting & Fellowship following	12 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	13 1:00pm WMF	14 Ash Wednesday 9:00—11:00am - MOPS 5:30-6:15pm - Supper 6:30pm - Lent Bible Study <i>♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥</i>	15 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	16	17 10:00am - Valentine Brunch
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FEBRUARY 2024 @ GLYNDON



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:30am - Worship Service 10:45am - Sunday School 6:33pm - Art of Marriage at the Hurner's home	29	30	31 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30pm Kids Club 6:45pm Friendship Club 6:45pm Men's Study 7:00pm SaltTeens	1 7:00pm Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home	2	3 7:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
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**Maranatha Free Lutheran Church
Glyndon, MN**

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon				
as of 12-31-23				
General Fund			Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions			\$53,242.00	\$328,068
Expenditures			-\$30,887.00	-\$346,031
Surplus / (Shortfall)				\$ (17,963)

12/31/2023	
GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$53,242
Deacons	-\$16,999
Education	\$0
Finance	-\$7,920
Trustees	-\$5,160
Worship & Music	-\$808
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	-\$30,887
Other Income (Rent, Interest, special fund transfers etc)	\$49
General Fund Balance Change	\$22,404
Special Fund Transfer	\$200.00
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$55,830

Target is \$60,000

<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Building Fund			\$ 19,094
Building Improvement Fund		-2242.47	\$ 3,696
Christmas Eve			\$ -
Cookbook Sales for Missions	25		\$ 245
Designated Donations			\$ 420
Good Samaritan Fund			\$ 2,176
Holiday Baskets			\$ 1,442
Lent Offering			\$ -
Memorial Fund			\$ 9,193
Men's Fellowship	100	-69	\$ 1,732
Men's Fraternity			\$ -
Outreach Ministries			\$ 166
Sunday Fellowship Fund			\$ 469
Sunday School Missions			\$ 343
Trails End Ranch			\$ -
VBS Blanket Project			\$ 515
Wedding Fund			\$ -
Wednesday Suppers	609	-921	\$ 2,909
World Missions Fund	5	-4000	\$ 16,838
Youth Activities Fund		-7523	\$ 432
Youth FLY Fund	142	-2423	\$ 1,873
Special Funds Balance			\$ 61,543
General Fund Balance			\$ 55,830
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			\$ 117,352
PETTY CASH BALANCE			\$ 20

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

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February ~ Happy Birthday!

Isabella Johnson	February 01
Gavin Schmidt	February 01
Cheryl Sivertson	February 01
Daniel Smeltzer	February 01
Nellie Pender	February 02
Megan Schmitke	February 03
Tara Baumgartner	February 03
Curt Leach	February 04
Jim Enlow	February 05
Johnny Enlow	February 05
Ashley John	February 06
Nathan Lambert	February 06
Sidney Koehler	February 08
Isabelle Olson	February 08
Zachary Chromey	February 09
Matthew Hamernik	February 09
Grady Erickson	February 09
Bernadene Bentley	February 10
Michal Schmidt	February 10
Katie Oelke	February 11
Jazmin Gonzalez	February 11
Josh Johnson	February 12
Riley Rickford	February 13
Jon Rosenfeldt	February 14
Clay Rasmussen	February 14
Blaine Sivertson	February 14
Dean Nelson	February 15
Jay Buchfink	February 15
Angela Sivertson	February 15
Kris Hamernik	February 16
Celia Trick	February 17
Shirley Macziewski	February 17
Russell Oberg	February 18
Drew Davis	February 20
Logan Schlauderaff	February 20
Debi Langerud	February 21
Andrew Austinson	February 24
Jeff Bates	February 25
Angie Schlieper	February 25
Evan Bates	February 26
Sydney Jacobsen	February 26
Jake Murack	February 28



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

February ~ Happy Anniversary!

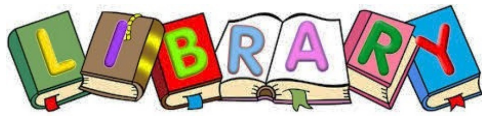
Bob & Jocie Herzog	February 04
Alan & Sharon Christensen	February 07
Cliff & Mary Langerud	February 11
Steve & Ruth Stong	February 12
Brian & Chanyce Dahl	February 14
Zach & Julie Boehrsen	February 17
Marlin & Gloria Hadden	February 29



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 Gary & 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
Josiah Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean
Jakob Rolf, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf
Ethen Vind, grandson of Art & Dolores Welle



GLYNDON LIBRARY—

BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

KIDS: “*Wait Until Then*” by Randy Alcorn is a story of Promise - and why Heaven is worth the wait.

ADULT NON-FICTION: “*A.D. The Bible Continues*” by Dr. David Jeremiah. This is a narrative exploration of the characters, culture, and conflict that fueled the rise of the early church.

ADULT FICTION: By Jody Hedlund, the 4-book series “*Bacons of Hope*” -

1. Love Unexpected
2. Hearts Made Whole
3. Undaunted Hope
4. Forever Safe



12 Men & Their Master

During Lent this year we will be looking at Jesus Christ’s Master Plan for spreading the Gospel to the world. Each Wednesday night at 7:00 PM, as we gather for an abbreviated Lenten Service, we will be considering one or more of the 12 rather ordinary men Jesus called to be His disciples. And we will also notice the things each one learned about the one they came to call their Master.

The Sunday morning messages will examine the calling that Jesus gave to these 12 men and the lessons they learned as they followed Him. We will also see how Jesus’ death on the cross and His resurrection from the grave cemented in their hearts and minds the conviction that He was the Son of God and the promised Savior of the world.

SALT+TEENS

Lent is nearly upon us and - among other things - that means that the SaltTeens will be preparing and serving the Wednesday night meals. This is a wonderful time to serve the congregation with our time and talents.

We are asking SaltTeen families to sign up (link found in the QR code) to bring food items to help defray the cost of the meals. We are again asking for Parent Volunteers each week to help guide our youth in the kitchen. Please be at church by 4:00p to ensure supper can be served by 5:00p.



SaltTeens are skiing at [a.snow.com](#) on February 25 at Detroit Mountain! We'll purchase the lift ticket if you cover your ski/snowboard rental. Sign up in the youth room by February 21.



ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS OUR LENT SEASON ON FEBRUARY 14th

YOUTH WILL SERVE SUPPER FROM 5:00-6:30PM
LENTEN SERVICES WILL BE AT 7:00PM EACH WEDNESDAY

This year’s theme: “**12 Men & Their Master**”
(check calendar for other regular Wednesday activities)

LOOKING AHEAD:

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 24
MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 29
EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31

Winter season continues

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



WOMEN OF THE AFLC

WMF NOTES

(Women's Missionary Federation)

Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF met January 9, 2024, with 8 ladies present.

Terrie Enlow opened with prayer and led the Bible Study "Exuberant Joy".

Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Old Business:

~ Christmas party was a success, very enjoyable with all the ladies. Morning and Evening WMF groups worked well together and was appreciated.

New Business:

~ Women's Care Center - Terrie Enlow will be in charge again this year. Donations will be accepted from February 1st-29th, with information put in the newsletter and bulletins of the needs of the Care Center.

~ A motion made and approved to give \$100 to the Christian Ed.

~ Discussion was held on Alaska Mission, they are short-handed and in need of a pilot. This will be continued next month.

Meeting closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Delores Welle, Secretary

Glyndon Evening

Evening WMF met at Maranatha on January 16, 2024, with Luci Carlson hosting and Leading our Bible study on Philipians, titled "Exuberant Joy".

There were 5 lovely ladies in attendance.

Janet Boe called the meeting to order. No secretary report because of Christmas Party. Treasurer report given and approved.

Old Business:

~ Joint WMF Christmas party went over very well!

New Business:

~ \$50.00 approved for General fund.

~ Giving Hearts Day in February: \$50.00 approved for Heart of Clay and \$50.00 to New Life Center

~ Praying for the Lord's direction in upcoming projects.

Prayer requests were given and prayed over.

Respectfully submitted Coco Geray

Ulen

Our Ulen WMF met Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 1:00pm at the home of Ellen Zillmer with 6 ladies present. We began our new Bible study on Philipians "Exuberant Joy". Following our bible study we began our business meeting with the reading of our Secretary Report which was approved as read. We did not have a Treasure Report.

Old Business:

~ Our ladies Christmas party went over well with positive feedback.

New Business:

~ Our Project of the Month giving was discussed. A motion was made and second to increase our giving from \$50/month to \$75/month. Motion carried. Our project offering this month is for Christian Education.

~ A discussion was held on questioning the need of purchasing more Red hymnals, no decision was made.

~ Our Valentine Brunch will be February 17th and invitations will be made and sent out by January 31st. Gifts have been purchased. Menu will remain the same from last year and several ladies volunteered to bring items. A sign-up sheet will be done up for the remaining items. We received a Thrivent gift card to cover expenses for the event.

~ A light lunch will be served following the Congregational meeting next Sunday. Food items will be purchased for this.

~ Ash Wednesday and Lent was discussed with plans to serve a meal before the study begins. A sign-up sheet will be done up and it is up to the individual/individuals serving, what their meal choice is. The serving time will be from 5:30-6:15pm.

Our meeting was adjourned and we closed with several prayer concerns & The Lord's Prayer.

Ellen served lunch following.

Respectfully submitted by, Ellen Zillmer, Secretary

SERVING GROUP I ~ Glyndon

Attention: Ladies of Serving Group I. We will continue to be responsible for **servicing the months of February, & March**. A sign-up sheet is posted in the kitchen —please 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 servicing 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. If you have any questions, contact Karen Urlacher or Carol Johnson. Thank you.

Puzzles & Games

JESUS' DISCIPLES

The names of Jesus' disciples are listed below. Write the letter of the correct disciple's name in front of each statement on the left. Answers may be used more than once or not at all. Then, see how many of the names (in bold) that you can find in the word search.

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|---|---|
| ___ I was a tax collector. (Matt. 9:9) | A. Peter (also called Simon) |
| ___ I betrayed Jesus. (Matt.10:4) | B. Andrew |
| ___ I denied Jesus three times, but later repented. (Matt. 26:69-75) | C. James |
| ___ I was Peter's brother. (John 1:40) | D. John |
| ___ We were brothers, the sons of Zebedee. (Mark 1:19-20) | E. Philip |
| ___ I said that I would not believe that Jesus was risen until I saw the print of the nails in His hands. (John 20:24-28) | F. Bartholomew (also called Nathanael) |
| ___ I beat Peter in a foot race to the empty tomb. (John 20:6-10) | G. Thomas |
| ___ Jesus asked me where we should buy bread for 5,000 people. (John 6:5-7) | H. Matthew |
| ___ My name means "Twin". | I. James (the Lesser) |
| | J. Jude (also called Thaddeus) |
| | K. Simon the Zealot |
| | L. Judas (Iscaiot) |

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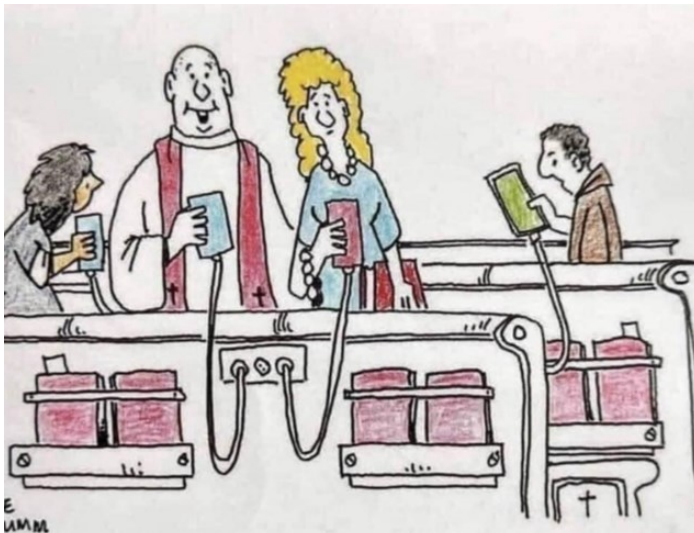


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VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SCRAMBLE

- LOAHCETO _____
- LWRSEFO _____
- OELV _____
- YNACD _____
- URFYREAB _____
- TVIALENN _____
- TSHAER _____
- DCIPU _____
- DRFEIN _____
- ELDUCD _____
- SISK _____
- SREOS _____
- EWESRTSEHAT _____
- GHU _____
- WROAR _____
- WLEYJRE _____

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"TO ENCOURAGE OUR CONGREGATION TO SIT IN THE FRONT PEWS, I'VE INSTALLED CELL PHONE CHARGING STATIONS IN THE FIRST THREE ROWS."

VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SCRAMBLE Answer Key: Chocolate, Flowers, Love, Candy, February, Valentine, Hearts, Cupid, Friend, Cuddle, Kiss, Roses, Sweethearts, Hug, Arrow, and Jewelry.

JESUS' DISCIPLES answers: H, L, A, B, C, D, G, D, G, D, E, G

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER outreach opportunity

In the month of February, we will be collecting items to donate to the Fargo Women's Care Center. Bring your donations to the church and place in the bassinet. Gift Cards can be put in the office with Rhonda.

Below are specific items they are requesting:

Items of Greatest Need:

- * Onesies - 0-3 month size, gender neutral, colored or patterned (no white, please)
- * Board Books for infants and toddlers, especially the 12 Board Book sets of "World of Eric Carle, My First Library" and "Baby Einstein, My First Library"
- * Gift Cards to Walmart and Amazon

Other Needs:

- * Preggie Pops (for pregnancy nausea)- can be purchase at Walmart or Amazon
- * Spring/Summer clothing for boys or girls - newborn-4T (no sleepers or pajamas please)
- * Diaper Bags - especially the backpack style
- * Baby Carriers
- * Nursing Covers
- * Pacifiers

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon Council Meeting

January 10th, 2024 8:00pm

Present: Mary Langerud, Cliff Langerud, Glenn Urlacher, Bruce Smith, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Kristine Quanbeck, Bill Dale, Brittany Pender, Art Welle, Pastor Ryan Tonneson and Alyssa Johnson

Cliff opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's report of December meeting minutes was read by Alyssa. No corrections or additions to the minutes as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Kristine. Reported December 2023 income as \$53,242 and expenses of \$30,887. General fund balance \$55,830 (target \$60K). Board budgets complete for 2024. No corrections or additions to the Treasurer's report as given.

Board Reports:

Finance – Art
- No updates

Trustees – Bill
- New outdoor spotlight in spring
- Flooring to be updated in kitchen this spring
- Reviewing lighting in Sanctuary as it is obstructing views
- Parking lot lights on a timer, timer not functioning properly
- working to improve the lighting/timing

Worship & Music – Mary
- Good turnout at Christmas at the farm
- Lent begins 2/14
- Preparing for Palm Sunday
- Sign-up to be posted for Easter lilies
- Will not be planning a Valentines dinner this year

Education – Brittany
- Christmas program went well this year, discussing times for next year
- VBS team applied for and will be split with Ulen again this summer, dates TBD

Deacons – Glenn
- Reorganized areas of responsibilities
- Lent focus discussion
- Art of Marriage – adult Sunday school
- All Boards meeting – planning in February

Pastor Report – Pastor Lloyd
- Deacon Board positions: Glenn – Chair, Brad – VP, Jeremy – Secretary, Craig – Communion
- Bible School Concert Choir 3/8, will need host families
- Local Gideon International to share during service 2/11
- Adult Sunday school – Art of Marriage 6 weeks, looking ahead to Art of Parenting afterwards
- Looking ahead at a potential new member class

Pastor Report – Pastor Ryan
- Youth group good attendance
- HS boys Bible study Monday mornings before school
- Trail Life kick-off, 17 students
- Fly Beyond at ARC, WI – July

- Will be attending Youth Workers Weekend at ARC this weekend
- SaltTeens ski trip 2/25

Old Business:
- Lutheran Ambassador subscription at Congregational meeting for decision/vote

New Business:
None

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Glenn, seconded by Bill; motion carried.

Pastor Lloyd closed meeting in prayer

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson

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Ulen Council Meeting

The Ulen minutes will not be published in the newsletter, however, there is a binder at the church that will have each month's minutes available for the public to view.



The Free Lutheran Bible College Concert Choir

Will be in concert at our church in Glyndon on Friday, March 8th at 7:00pm. The 37 student choir along with 8 adults will be making Maranatha one of their Weekend Preview Tour stops before traveling on their Scandinavia tour this spring.

Maranatha has the privilege to host the choir, providing them with an evening meal before their concert on March 8, and will NEED SEVERAL FAMILIES to be willing to open their homes to host 2-4 students or adults overnight following the concert. They will need a place to sleep and breakfast before returning to the church Saturday morning. We will also provide them with sack lunches to take with that day. Watch the bulletins for more information this month.

Maranatha News

FEBRUARY 2024

FROM PASTOR PETER...

If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved. And to be steady on all the battlefield besides, is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.

Martin Luther

We all want our say in matters don't we. Eventually some people find comfort in surrendering to the wisdom of God in our lives. Ultimately who do we try to appease? Who does God want to with His actions and Word...me, you, or someone else you know? The answer should be obvious. What then does this say about the message of the church?

God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom; **but we preach Christ crucified**, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, (1 Corinthians 1:21b-23 NASB)

The church and her people seeking to be faithful to the victorious Jesus and to be true to the will of God must be intentional and ever watchful to the ministry of its pulpit and its teaching. The focal point of its preaching must be... *we preach Christ crucified*. For integrity's sake the church must be obvious in its devotion to *preach Christ crucified* with full knowledge of the consequences. There is the spiritual battle inherent to the Gospel because the message of Christ crucified has its opponents... *For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom*.

The entire church has to have discipline to *preach Christ crucified*. That the church is offering a message of hope for the sinful things the culture accepts, is hard to hear. The devil and the world always want to dictate the subject matter of the church's foolish message of Christ and His cross. Some folk express their displeasure with the church's message with their feet.

The preaching of *Christ crucified* gave rise to the church (Acts 20:28). Preaching *Christ crucified* builds His church. It grows on the Good News of Christ crucified, and as the old adage states, "watered by the blood of the martyrs." It is a bold congregation who expects Christ crucified in its message.

We're reminded why preachers must never hold back the message of the cross. The Law awakens the heart, but it will never convert it. The Law will bruise and crush a soul, but it will never console it. The Law will hammer away at the wayward will of man but will not change it. No, only the Gospel of Christ is the power of God for salvation (Romans 1:16). Certainly, the whole counsel of God is to be proclaimed and taught. Is God not pleased, when, to the glory of His Son and for the well-being of His children that Sunday after Sunday we hear the man of the pulpit *preach Christ crucified*.

The preaching of Christ crucified to those who are the called is not only a life-giving power, but also a life living power. Christ crucified becomes the way of life. Christ crucified is the power of God for this earthly life unto eternal life. Christ crucified is the wisdom of God for His people to live life. Christ crucified is intimately practical for the true believer. We don't live life on our own...by our own. Through the Gospel message we are transformed by the renewing of our mind.

As the passengers flying in an airliner depend upon the constant provision of pressurized air flowing into the cabin, so too believers are dependent upon the constant life-giving flow of God's power and wisdom through the preaching of Christ crucified. Like the hymn writer says of the blood of Christ, "Sins stains are lost in its life-giving flow". May we always hear and never grow tired of the preaching of Christ crucified. God's provision for our sin assuring us of life eternal through faith in His Son. Amen.