

Maranatha News

NOVEMBER 2025

FROM PASTOR LLOYD...

*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His loving-kindness is everlasting (Psalm 118:1)
A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. (Proverbs 11:25)*

Dear Folks at Maranatha,

Fall is a natural time of year to reflect on God's provision for us and to give thanks to Him for His goodness to us, as well as to recognize and be thankful for the people He puts in our lives.

The Lord blessed us with extraordinary weather this year for growing crops and gardens, and both have produced bountifully. I continue to enjoy eating produce that grew in my garden, and thus far, farmers have had great weather for harvesting their crops. And while those crops and gardens required plenty of work on our part, still just how well they produced was completely dependent on the Lord, who gave us the rain and the sunshine. Thus, it is certainly appropriate that we stop and thank Him for His goodness to us in this way.

Jean and I continue to be thankful also for you folks at Maranatha. Your friendship and partnership in the Lord's work is a treasure to us. The cards, gifts and kind words that some of you have shared with us have been an extra encouragement to us in the last couple of weeks. Thank you for your generosity.

As we look forward to the next year, we anticipate the addition to our congregation of a seminary intern and his family. I cannot help but reflect back on the significance of my own seminary internship experience. The Lord and the seminary sent me to serve a congregation called Maranatha Free Lutheran Church! (Not this one, but one with the same name in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.) That year was very formative for me as a Pastor in training. I had a great mentor in Dr. Jim Gerdeen and have fond memories of monthly meetings with him while enjoying eating pasties at a local Finnish restaurant! During those meetings we mapped out my ministry activities for the month in the areas of preaching, leading Bible Study, teaching Confirmation, leading Youth Group, and visitation. He gave me great feedback on what he observed in those areas, and was also a sounding board for sorting out various theological and practical issues in Pastoral ministry. The congregation there loved and encouraged Jean and I, and many of the families had us over for a meal.

My hope is that we at Maranatha in Glyndon can give that kind of support and encouragement to Josh and Katie Johnson and their family as they spend a year with us. And that, whether they continue to serve here afterwards or are called on to another congregation, what will follow for them will be many years of fruitful pastoral ministry. I am confident that they will also be a real blessing to us and the ministry of Maranatha as they share their lives and God's Word with us.

Hosting a Seminary Intern and his family does come with a cost for a congregation, as we take on the responsibility to provide housing and an adequate stipend for a family of six. This is something in which we all can have a part. As we consider God's generosity to us in the last year, may the Lord help us to be generous in return to people in need and to the work of God's kingdom. Maranatha's Finance Board has spelled out elsewhere in this newsletter details concerning the financial aspect of having a Seminary Intern. I invite you to join in praying about how we together might meet this need, and what part each of us might play in it.

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ... You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.
(2 Corinthians 9: 6-7, 11)

Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck

COUNCIL MINUTES

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon, MN Council Meeting

October 8, 2025, 8:00pm

Present: Cliff Langerud, Glenn Urlacher, Amanda Larson, Lori Pender, Kristine Quanbeck, Rochelle Olson, and Alyssa Johnson .

Cliff opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

Secretary's report of September meeting minutes was read by Alyssa. Motion to approve made by Glenn, seconded by Amanda .

Treasurer's report was given by Kristine. September 2025 contributions as 27,253 and expenditures of \$28,183 .

Board Reports:

~ Finance –Amanda

- * Increase congregation awareness of ways to give to the Church

~ Trustees – Jeff per Kristine

- * Education wing furnace finishing up this week
- * Fellowship hall sound devices ordered
- * Gravel in parking lot to be leveled
- * Jack Olek offered to do snow removal this winter

~ Worship & Music – Lori

- * Pastor appreciation 10/12
- * Caroling set for 12/6 at 1:30, with supper after at Pizza Ranch
- * Movie night 11/30 at 6pm, "Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

~ Education – Rochelle

- * Linda Oelke will head UC Hope Halloween activity night at Glyndon Community Center 10/31
- * Christmas concert 12/14 – looking for a leader
- * Second grade Bibles on Sunday
- * 15 kids/week at Kid's Club
- * Operation Christmas Child boxes due 11/16

~ Deacons – Glenn

- * Adult Sunday school class – Not Beyond Reach. Added Wednesday evening class
- * Discontinuing after service Prayer Team
- * Planning Thanksgiving Eve service

Old Business: Board budgets due 10/19

New Business: Annual Congregational meeting set 11/19 at 7pm .

Cliff closed the meeting in prayer

Motion to adjourn made by Kristine; seconded by Rochelle

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson

Dinner & Movie Night

Sunday, November 30, 2025

5:00pm Dinner

6:00pm Movie

Dinner is a free-will donation meal provided by the SaltTeens as a fundraiser for the youth group

Movie sponsored by the Worship & Music Board

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever is a 2024 American Christmas comedy drama film directed by Dallas Jenkins, based on the 1972 novel by Barbara Robinson. Starring Judy Greer, Pete Holmes, Molly Belle Wright, and Lauren Graham, the plot centers around the Herdmans, a group of juvenile delinquent siblings who have unexpectedly found themselves starring in their small town's Christmas pageant. A fun, entertaining movie for all ages!!



Maranatha - Glyndon:

We are excited for our semi-nary intern, Josh Johnson, and his family, to join us next year!



In preparation, we want to make the congregation aware that our expenses will increase and we will need approximately \$5,500 per month in additional contributions.

As a reminder, you can set up one-time or recurring contributions by going to the Donate page on our website, www.maranathafreelutheran.com, or by sending a dollar amount by text to 833-648-6683.

If you have any questions about giving, or about our church expenses, please reach out to the Board of Finance.

Thank you!

Amanda Larson, Chair

Maranatha - Glyndon Feed Thy Neighbor Food Drive



The collection display is set up in the sanctuary for our **Fifth Annual Food Drive** for the UC Hope Organization serving the community of Glyndon and the surrounding areas of need. We will be collecting items until November 23rd.

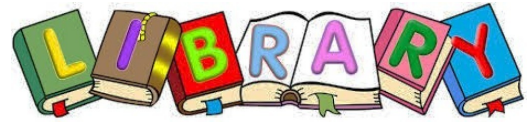
Our goal is to beat last years - \$415.77 and 489.5lbs

Please bring canned or dry goods such as:

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| * cereal | * dried beans/barley/etc. |
| * soup/stews | * canned fruits/vegetables |
| * pasta/pasta sauce | * peanut butter/jellies |
| * rice | * rolled oats |
| * canned meats/fish | * un-popped popcorn |
| * canned tomatoes/sauce | * powdered milk |
| * baby food | * vegetable oil |
| * hard cookies | * cash or grocery gift cards |

We will also have an offering box available for financial contributions. Thank you so much for loving and serving our community so well. Let's make this a banner year of giving!

Maranatha Worship & Music Board



GLYNDON LIBRARY— BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

ADULT FICTION: We now have 2 more books in the *Discerning God's Best* Series from Heidi Gray McGill:

- #0 (Prequel) "Stitched on My Heart"
- #5 "Written on My Heart"

ADULT FICTION: The Fredrick and Grace Mystery Series by Pepper Basham has 3 books:

- #1 - "The Mistletoe Countess"
- #2 - "The Cairo Curse"
- #3 - "The Juliet Code"

NON-FICTION: "The Cross & The Switchblade" by David Wilkerson is a true story of a changed man's life.



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 170 countries, and the message of the Gospel is shared and children are blessed.

Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts and delivered them to boy and girls around the world for over 30 years. Each box is an opportunity to delight the heart of a child and share the Good News of Christ with them and their families. All over the world, these gift-filled boxes become tools for local churches to share God's love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

You are invited to pack shoeboxes—as many as you can. Take empty boxes and fill them with fun toys, a "wow" item, school supplies and hygiene items. Please remember that your shoebox may be the only gift the child ever receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a photo and a note to the child to really make the gift special. The cost for shipping each box is \$10. If you wish to help with that please include in the envelope provided with the labels.

There are "how to pack your box gift" brochures available. They give helpful information to follow and gift suggestions. Take heed of the **"what not to pack"** list, which includes SOAP, CANDY, TOOTHPASTE, GUM, SCARY/WAR-RELATED ITEMS, CHOCOLATE OR FOOD, DRINK MIXES, LIQUIDS OR LOTIONS, GLASS CONTAINERS, AEROSOL CANS, ETC.

We will collect shoeboxes through November 16th. Watch the bulletin for more information. May you be richly blessed as you participate in this project!

National Collection Week is:
Nov. 17–24, 2025





WMF NOTES **(Women's Missionary Federation)**

Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF met on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 with 9 ladies in attendance.

Karen Urlacher opened with prayer and led our Bible Study on "The Light that Transforms: Becoming Sons of Light".

President Cris Finstrom opened the business meeting with prayer.

Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

~ Jeanie made a motion to give \$100 to Christian Education.

~ Joan made a motion to give \$150 for Operation Christmas Child boxes

~ Thank you notes were read from UC Hope and Bethany Bible Camp.

~ Next month is election of officers.

~ Our Christmas Party will be December 9th at 10:30am. All the women are invited and Pot Blessing to follow.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 11th at 10:30am.

Our meeting concluded with prayer requests and prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Urlacher, Secretary



Glyndon Evening

Evening WMF met on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at the church. There were 6 lovely ladies present. Melody served a delicious supper & dessert.

Melody prayed and led our Bible Study on "The Light of the World" session 10, Becoming Sons of Light.

Janet led the meeting. The secretary and treasurer reports were given and approved.

Old Business:

~ Three cards were prepared for the card ministry

~ the New Life Center project was discussed. Maranatha will serve in February. Joyce is the contact.

New Business:

~ \$50 given to Christian Education. Joyce/Pat

~ Next meeting will be November 18 at the church.

Prayer requests were shared and prayed over. Meeting adjourned. Joyce/Melody

Respectfully submitted by Luci Carlson, for Coco Geray

Ulen

Our Ulen WMF met Wednesday, October 8th at 1:00pm with 6 ladies present. MaryAnn W. led us in our Bible Study.

Following the study MaryAnn opened our meeting and Ellen read the Secretary's Report. Dianne made a motion to accept as read and Naomi second it. Dianne read the Treasurer's Report and Ellen made a motion to accept as read and Bernadene second it.

Old Business: None

New Business:

~ Our October Project of the month is going to Christian Education.

~ In October we usually give our donation to the Bread of Life Food Pantry. Naomi made a motion to give \$300 and Ellen second it.

~ We also discussed giving to Operation Christmas Child for the gift boxes and MaryAnn made a motion to give \$300 or the cost of shipping all boxes from the church and Bernadene second the motion.

Looking ahead to November: MaryAnn W will be picking up gift tag ornaments again and getting to Viking Manor so we can receive suggested gift ideas for the residents and the church will purchase Christmas gifts for them.

We adjourned our meeting and we closed with several prayer requests and the Lord's Prayer. MaryAnn S. served us a delicious dessert.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Zillmer, Secretary



MARANATHA MORNING WMF WILL BE HOSTING A

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

AT 10:30AM

POT-BLESSING DINNER WILL FOLLOW

ALL WOMEN WELCOME - BRING A FRIEND !

SALT + TEENS

HARVEST SALE FUNDRAISER



Sunday, November 23rd

following the service

The SaltTeens will be hosting a Harvest Sale fundraiser that will include pies, baked goods, home canned goods, and items found at a farmer's market.

Each family is asked to bring 2 items - Items consist of a pie, home-canned good, a dozen cookies/bars, etc.



Youth will be providing a *fundraiser meal* prior to the movie night at church on

**Sunday, November 30
at 5:00pm.**

Please plan to be available to help with preparing, serving and cleaning up that night. Youth will be notified through Flock Notes (texts) with more details .



Moses Word Search



AARON
BLOOD
COMMANDMENT
DARKNESS
EGYPT
FIRSTBORN
FLIES
ISRAELITE
LEADER
MIRACLE

MIRIAM
MOSES
PASSOVER
PHARAOH
PLAGUE
PROTECTION
SEA
SHEPHERD
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SNAKE

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November ~ Happy Birthday!

Clay Johnson	November 01
Titus Johnson	November 01
Abby Dahl	November 03
Mary Ellen Ward	November 03
Joe Olek	November 05
Jeanie Rasmussen	November 05
Mary Langerud	November 07
Kristi Schneidermann	November 07
Kirsten Bates	November 08
Terrie Enlow	November 08
Josiah Hurner	November 08
Jessica Green	November 09
Skylar Dunham	November 10
Julie Scheuring	November 10
Jayden Pender	November 11
Daniel Rugroden	November 11
Savannah Johnson	November 12
Scott McLawhorn	November 12
Lainey Hefta	November 13
Katie Oberg	November 13
Allison Schneidermann	November 13
Kris Schlieper	November 14
Jerome Trautmann	November 14
Rochelle Olson	November 15
Art Welle	November 15
Isaac Young	November 15
Amanda Erickson	November 17
Taylor Macziewski	November 17
Leane Trautmann	November 17
Loren Wibbels	November 17
Dave Zach	November 18
Pr Dale Finstrom	November 19
Ashlyn Lockner	November 21
Darrell Menholt	November 21
Ryder Menholt	November 21
John Sanger	November 21
Allen Wibbels	November 21
Alyssa Johnson	November 22
Michael Gonzalez	November 23
Craig Hurner	November 25
Isabel Toms	November 25
Stephanie Tweten	November 25
Marlysa Ladwig	November 26
Bob Jacobsen	November 28
Cliff Langerud	November 28
Amy Johnson	November 30



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

November ~ Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Voni Specht	November 02
David & Kristi Schneidermann	November 09
Ben & CieGie Hilde	November 19
Tim & Lori Pender	November 19
Reuben & Eileen Moseng	November 24
Kris & Angela Schlieper	November 24
Greg & Ellen Zillmer	November 24
Dwight & MaryBeth Fevig	November 27
Craig & Carla Hurner	November 30



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

30-Sep-25

General Fund			Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions			\$27,253.00	\$238,970
Expenditures			-\$28,183.00	-\$234,411
Surplus / (Shortfall)				\$ 4,559

9/30/2025

GENERAL FUND INCOME **\$27,253**

Deacons	-\$14,060
Education	-\$306
Finance	-\$5,946
Trustees	-\$7,148
Worship & Music	-\$723

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES **-\$28,183**

Other Income (Rent, Interest)	\$340
Transfers between Funds	-\$473

General Fund Balance Change **-\$1,063**

GENERAL FUND BAL- ANCE			\$64,206
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<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Building / Emergency Fund	473		\$ 3,719
Designated Donations			\$ (0)
Furnace Fund		(26,050)	\$ 13,990
Good Samaritan Fund	850		\$ 2,796
Lent Offering			\$ -
Memorial Fund			\$ 10,362
Men's Fellowship/Breakfast	25		\$ 1,494
Outreach Ministries			\$ 0
Sunday Fellowship Fund			\$ 469
Sunday School Missions	23		\$ 488
Trail Life			\$ -
Vacation Bible School			\$ -
VBS Blanket Project			\$ -
Wedding Fund	475	-575	\$ 400
Wednesday Suppers	550	-854	\$ 3,610
World Missions Fund			\$ 8,226
Youth Activities Fund	24		\$ 669
Youth Community Outreach			\$ 1,493
Youth FLY Fund	532		\$ 635
Special Funds Balance			\$ 48,351
General Fund Balance			\$ 59,238
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			\$ 107,568
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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:30am - Worship Service 10:45am - Sunday School	27	28 6:00-7:30pm - Trail Life	29 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:45pm - Kid's Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club 7:00pm - SaltTeens 7:00pm - "Not Beyond Reach" Study	30 7:00pm - Bible Study @ Pat Johnson's home	31	1 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
2 8:00am - YMT Meeting 9:30am - Worship Service w/Communion 10:45am - Sunday School	3	4	5 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:45pm - Kid's Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club 7:00pm - SaltTeens 7:00pm - "Not Beyond Reach" Study 7:00pm - Deacon Mtg	6 7:00pm - Bible Study @ Pat Johnson's home	7	8 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
9 9:30am - Worship Service 10:45am - Sunday School	10	11 10:30am - Morning WMF 6:00-7:30pm - Trail Life	12 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:45pm - Kid's Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club 7:00pm - SaltTeens 7:00pm - "Not Beyond Reach" Study 7:00pm - Council Mtg	13 7:00pm - Bible Study @ Pat Johnson's home	14	15 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
16 9:30am - Worship Service 10:45am - Sunday School	17	18 10:00am-3:00pm - Quilting at Church 7:00pm - Evening WMF at church	19 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:45pm - Kid's Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club 7:00pm - SaltTeens 7:00pm - Congregational Meeting	20 7:00pm - Bible Study @ Pat Johnson's home	21	22 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
23 9:30am - Worship Service 10:45am - Sunday School - YOUTH HARVEST SALE	24	25 6:00-7:30pm - Trail Life	26 5:45pm - Confirmation 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	27 	28	29 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
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26 9:00am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School Pot Blessing to follow	27 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	28	29 3:30-4:30pm - "Choices"	30 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	31	1
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9 9:00am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School Church Council following	10 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	11	12 9:00-11:00am - MOPS 1:00pm - WMF 3:30-4:30pm - "Choices"	13 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	14	15
16 9:00am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School Final Day for Operation Christmas Boxes	17 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	18	19 3:30-4:30pm - "Choices"	20 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	21	22
23 9:00am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School	24 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	25	26 NO "Choices" 6:30pm - Thanksgiving Eve Service Pie Fellowship following	27 	28	29
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... "where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom." II Corinthians 3:17

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