Maranatha News

SEPTEMBER 2025

From Jessie Zillmer...

"*This is a day of good news & we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us*." 2 Kings 7:9

When Pastor Ward sent me a link to a mission trip opportunity through International Orality Institute with Pastor Paul Kneeland, I checked it out. When I found out it was to Ukraine I chuckled and thought "ya right!". I agreed to pray about it and after a week or 2 I was pretty sure this was not something God wanted me to do even though I had warmed to the idea (and had many Gideon/fleece moments). I told Pastor Ward as much and then I watched an online sermon while in the gym and I knew God wanted me to go.

So I joined the group of 8 others from around the country and sat in on the video calls (including Tomasz from Ukraine) and prepared to go. We were going to be leading a family camp at a hotel in Polyanna Ukraine in the Carpathian mountains. We stayed in Lviv (West side of Ukraine) when we got there and before leaving to come home.

The camp was a lot like VBS. We had an opening/closing where we sang songs & introduced the Bible story for the day (using the Orality style of teaching). We had snacks & play time, did crafts & had 2 class times to learn the story. Throughout the week each class was responsible for telling/acting out the story during our closing time. I had my fingers crossed for the pharisee & tax collector because it was an easy story for our little kids. As it turned out our class ended the week by telling the story of Jesus calling the first disciples in Luke 5, not quite as short or easy to learn but they did such an amazing job. Tara Nessa (my co-teacher) and I were even able to McGiver together a fishing pond during playtime to help the kids learn and connect (and get some treats).

There were 4 groups of kids ranging from pre-k to high school. The parent(s) were also at the hotel and had their own classes daily with 2 guys that came with us. Our day ended about 2 pm and then we had lunch. After lunch we had free time for a couple hours to visit or do whatever. Then there were afternoon activities like English workshops (talking to each other), crafts, games, and on Friday the 4th of July we had a party. They bought us a HUGE cake decorated as the flag and we spent the afternoon playing water games, volleyball, American football and listening to American music blasted from the speaker. We even had the kids line up and walk in a parade and throw candy to the parents.

Amid all the fun and learning it was easy to forget, in this peaceful town, just how much the war affects everyone there. Some fathers, for instance, didn't come to family camp because they would've had to cross a checkpoint on the way and feared being conscripted. I met a lady at the local coffee shop, that myself & another couple frequented on our breaks, who had come up from Kiev. We asked her what she was doing in this town and she said she just needed to get some sleep. How eye opening for someone who never worries about getting a full nights sleep. Every morning during breakfast at 9 am everything stopped (around the country) and we prayed for families who lost loved ones, those serving and for peace.

The verse I shared at the beginning is the start of the exciting news that the siege in Samaria is over. This story has been on my mind off & on for a few months now. The people living there have been struggling and losing hope then one night a few lepers venture outside the city to surrender. When they get there they find that God has already won the battle and the Arameans have all run off leaving all the food and supplies. They are all saved! The siege is over! Instead of running to share they start plundering the camp until they realize they are not doing right.

I think this story is such a great representation of the Gospel. We have such great news to share and instead of keeping it to ourselves we need to share. We were told that Ukraine is largely Catholic and Protestant but it is in name only and not a relationship with Jesus. They needed to hear this good news. That God hasn't left them alone, that He cares for them and that one day God will end this war just as he did in Samaria. God has the power to change things in an instant and anytime I've felt that something seems impossible or difficult this story has come to mind (it's been a favorite for a long time). It's no wonder God has kept it on my mind the past months.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for me and our team while we were there! We felt it and it did more than you (or probably I) know.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon, MN
Council Meeting
August 13, 2025, 7:00pm

Present: Cliff Langerud, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Chad Johnson, Craig Hurner, Amanda Larson, Rochelle Olson, Kristine Quanbeck and Alyssa Johnson.

Cliff opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

Secretary's report of July 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 Kristine. July 2025 contributions as $25,919 and expenditures of $23,419. General Fund balance $69,771.

Board Reports:

~ Finance –Amanda
* Discussed setting up special fund for interim pastor expenses. Decision to continue to use general funds
* Setting up reporting for MN PTO law
* Pausing on review of outsourcing payroll

~ Trustees – no update

~ Worship & Music – no update

~ Education – Rochelle
* VBS - 60 kids, discussing moving to evening next year
* All Sunday school teachers identified, start 9/14 with a potluck
* Rochelle Olson is new chair of the Education Board
* Rachel Trick is new Sunday School Superintendent
* Rachel & Corey Trick will lead Kid's Club

~ Deacons – Craig
* Planning for Interim Pastor
* Deliberate connections with young adults
* Evaluating after service prayer time

~ Pastor Report - Pastor Lloyd
* Planning for Confirmation - in need of one additional teacher for first year class. Pastor Lloyd will have second year class and Brian Dahl will have third year class. Starts 9/17
* Survey for young adults
* Pastor Lloyd and jean will be hosting a dinner at their home for young adult couples
* Two weddings coming up this fall - Katie Koehler and Isaiah Rice 9/20, Laura Finstrom and Andy Olson 11/15
* Wilderness weekend 8/23-8/24. Sunday Service at Wilderness Camp is at 10am and service at Maranatha at 9:30am

- Council Meeting Minutes Continued -

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Pastor Lloyd closed the meeting in prayer

Motion to adjourn made by Chad; seconded by Craig

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson

Secret Sisters

In Glyndon

Sign-Up for 2025-2026 year is open now thru September 21st

Forms are available in the church office and need to be returned to the office (envelope is on desk) by September 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Lewis.

Secret Sisters is a fun way to bless and surprise other women in the church and be blessed and surprised in return. It is also a great opportunity to pray for others throughout the year.

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Ulen Schedule

9:00am - Worship Service
10:15am - Sunday School with Balloon Launch
Fellowship Picnic following

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Glyndon Schedule

9:30am - Worship Service
10:45am - Sunday School
11:30am - Potluck Meal

Wednesday Night Fall Schedule at Glyndon

September 10th

5:45pm - Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting

6:15pm - SaltTeens Parent/Student Meeting

7:00- 8:15pm - SaltTeens

Starting September 17th

5:00-6:30pm - SUPPER

5:45-6:45pm - Confirmation

6:45-7:45pm - Kids Club **NEW TIME **

6:45-8:00pm - Friendship Club

7:00- 8:15pm - SaltTeens

Hand & Foot Game Day

Do you like to play cards?
Looking for other to play with?

If you are interested in being part of a "Hand & Foot" card game day, please contact **Luci** at **218-329-1260** for more information.

Tentative date: Saturday, September 13th @ 1:30pm,

Trail Life

Adventure › Character › Leadership

Trail Life is starting back up for all boys grades K-12!

Kick-Off & Awards Night

Tuesday, September 10th

at Maranatha

Parents and families are invited to attend

Troop meetings

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

6-7:30pm

See Corey Trick with any questions.

Glyndon Library–

Book Suggestions for September

ADULT FICTION: For those of you who enjoy books with a western touch: *Brothers In Arms* series by Mary Connealy includes:

#1- "Braced for Love"

#2- "A Man with a Past"

#3- "Love on the Range"

ADULT FICTION: "*Strands of Truth*" by best selling author, Colleen Coble, is rich with suspense, romance and generational secrets. This book is a stand-alone.

NON-FICTION: "*The Shelter of God's Promises*" by Sheila Walsh, has insight for these uncertain times of life.

Attention: We are missing at least one book from the library-

"***The Butterfly and the Violin***" by Kristy Cambron.

Please check to see if you have these and return to our library. Thank you!

Fall Festival

FARM IN THE DELL OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY

Saturdays - September 20 & 27

10am-3pm

Activities include:

- ⇒ Mini Horses from Bison Strides
- ⇒ Straw Bale Maze
- ⇒ Live Music
- ⇒ Barrel Train
- ⇒ Slides
- ⇒ Games
- ⇒ Face Painting
- ⇒ Bake Sale
- ⇒ Concessions
- ⇒ Vegetable Sales
- ⇒ Pumpkins, Pumpkins and More Pumpkins!

$5 wristband for unlimited games and barrel train

The Market at Farm in the Dell

Thursdays from 4-6pm

at the farm - 7426 40th St N, Moorhead

Sweet Corn, Potatoes, Cucumbers, Peppers and much more!

WMF NOTES
(Women's Missionary Federation)

Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF met on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 with 8 ladies present.

Joan Pake opened in prayer and led our Bible Study on "The Light of the World: The Invitation".

President Cris Finstrom opened the business meeting with prayer.

Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Old Business:

~ Cris read a thank you from Alaska Missions thanking us for food & support.

New Business:

~ Lori Pender made a motion to send $100 to World Missions.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9th at 10:30am.

Our meeting concluded with prayer requests and prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Terrie Enlow, filling in for Karen Urlacher, Secretary

Glyndon Evening

Evening WMF met on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at Joyce Johnson's home. There were 6 lovely ladies in attendance. Joyce served us a delicious light supper and her famous brownies.

Pat Palloch prayed and led our Bible Study on "The Light of the World: The Invitation."

Old Business: None

New Business:

~ WMF Fall Rally October 11th discussion.

~ $75.00 to World Missions

~ $250 to Bethany Bible Camp.

~ Will pay $10 towards Bible covers for confirmation kiddos.

Prayer requests were shared and prayed over. Joyce adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 16th. Place to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by Coco Geray, Secretary

Ulen

Our Ulen WMF met Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 1:00pm at the church with 6 ladies present. We did our Bible Study time together.

MaryAnn W. opened our business meeting with Ellen reading the Secretary's Report. MaryAnn S. made a motion to approve and Niomi seconded it. Dianne read the Treasurer's Report. Debi made a motion to approve and Ellen seconded it.

Old Business: None

New Business:

~ Our August project of the month goes to World Missions.

~ We look forward to the WMF Fall Rally October 11th and will discuss that more next month.

~ We will meet next month at Viking Manor where we celebrate the September birthdays as well.

Our meeting was adjourned and we closed with several prayer requests and the Lord's Prayer. Naomi served a delicious dessert.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Zillmer, Secretary

West Central MN District
WMF Fall Rally

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Zion Free Lutheran Church
Wadena, MN

Theme: "My Help Comes From the Lord" - Psalm 121

9am Registration & Breakfast

⇒ There will be a Hymn Time in both morning and afternoon sessions. Bring your requests - anyone is welcome to accompany!

⇒ Lunch will be a Sald Pot-Luck

⇒ Each group is asked to bring a salad to share

⇒ Dessert will be provided.

RSVP: Tara Kihle, District Secretary at 218-469-0491

SALTEENS

Fall Kick-Off for SaltTeens

Wednesday, September 10th @ 7:00pm

Hope to see all youth grades 7-12 there!

~ This will be following the parent/ student meeting at 6:15pm.

SaltTeens Bake Sale

Sunday, September 14 (RALLY DAY)!

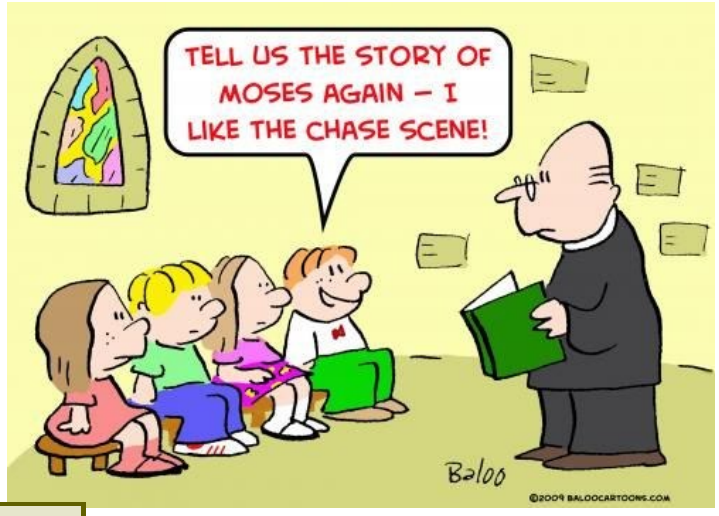
** Each family is asked bring 2 dozen baked goods to sell. **

DISTRICT FALL YOUTH RETREAT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
2:00PM

at Zion-Sarpsborg Free Lutheran Church
Dalton, MN
(Leave from church at 1:00pm)

Join us for Bible Study, Pizza, 9 Square, Octoball, Volleyball, and More!



Church Bulletin Bloopers:

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come and here Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

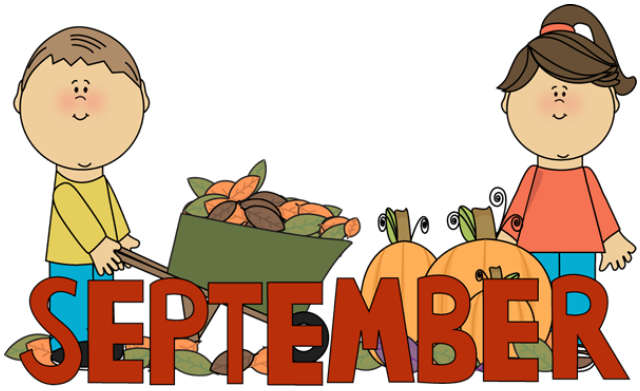
Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10am. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done. (we presume this means Bible Study)

September ~ Happy Birthday!

Bill Dale	September 01
Andrew Quanbeck	September 01
Isaiah Ebner	September 02
Kryss Geray	September 02
Morgan Schlauderaff	September 02
Kota Hoselton	September 03
Reid Hurner	September 03
Vanessa Skolness	September 04
Jed Toms	September 04
Presley Hilde	September 06
Wyatt Huewe	September 06
Shelby Buchfink	September 07
Del Palloch	September 07
Katie Ferden	September 08
Jason Koehler	September 08
Dave Evans	September 10
Linda Oelke	September 11
Dave Jensen	September 12
James Rickford	September 12
Kasey Horn	September 13
Victoria Mosloff	September 14
Josie Horn	September 15
Devika Gwin	September 16
Amos Fevig	September 17
Gordon Fevig	September 17
Conner Herren	September 17
Cody Oberg	September 17
Adam Adrian	September 18
Luci Carlson	September 18
Ethan Johnson	September 18
Anne Manderud	September 18
Julie Boehrnsen	September 20
Joy Dale	September 20
Addie Ehrichs	September 20
Emelyn Fevig	September 20
Grace Wendt	September 20
Jon Rognlie	September 21
Harvey Dahl	September 22
Cody Erickson	September 22
Elijah Dillon	September 25
Alan Christensen	September 26
Reed Johnson	September 26
Casey Oberg	September 26
Hannah Toms	September 26
Joan Pake	September 27
Rachel Rasmussen	September 27
Caleb Jensen	September 28
Parker Larson	September 28
Jan Haaland	September 29
Brittany Pender	September 29
Bennett Trautmann	September 29
Alice Young	September 29
Melody Okke	September 30
Jerry Walker	September 30



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

September ~ Happy Anniversary!

Jon & Annie Rognlie	September 01
Bobby & Rochelle Olson	September 02
Luke & Olivia Eggebraaten	September 04
Jeremy & Kristen Ebner	September 06
John & Lisa Austinson	September 07
Darrell & Betty Menholt	September 07
John & Terrie Enlow	September 09
Kasey & Josie Horn	September 11
Gary & Naomi Nelson	September 12
Mike Engelke & Jan Haaland	September 16
Glenn & Karen Urlacher	September 19
Ben & Megan Schmitke	September 20
Jason & Sue Koehler	September 22
Rick & Anne Manderud	September 23
John & Martha Sanger	September 26

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
Jakob Rolf, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon

31-Jul-25

General Fund	Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions	$25,919.00	**$189,110**
Expenditures	-$23,419.00	**-$173,483**
Surplus / (Shortfall)		**$ 15,627**

	7/31/2025
GENERAL FUND INCOME	**$25,919**
Deacons	-$13,052
Education	-$267
Finance	-$4,269
Trustees	-$5,481
Worship & Music	-$350
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	**-$23,419**
Other Income (Rent, Interest)	$26
Transfers between Funds	-$518
General Fund Balance Change	**$2,008**
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	**$69,771** Target is $60,000

Special Funds	***Income***	***Expenses***	**Ending Balance**
Building / Emergency Fund			$ 2,311
Designated Donations	*682*		$ 682
Furnace Fund			$ 40,040
Good Samaritan Fund			$ 1,946
Lent Offering			$ -
Memorial Fund			$ 10,362
Men's Fellowship/Breakfast			$ 1,419
Outreach Ministries			$ 0
Sunday Fellowship Fund			$ 469
Sunday School Missions			$ 465
Trail Life			$ -
Vacation Bible School			$ -
VBS Blanket Project			$ -
Wedding Fund			$ 500
Wednesday Suppers			$ 3,914
World Missions Fund			$ 8,226
Youth Activities Fund	*25*		$ 821
Youth Community Outreach			$ 1,493
Youth FLY Fund	*611*	*-14490*	$ 3,226
Special Funds Balance			**$ 75,875**
General Fund Balance			**$ 69,771**
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			**$ 145,625**
PETTY CASH BALANCE			**$ 20**

Detailed expense reports are available in the Glyndon office.
Questions can be directed to Kristine Quanbeck - Treasurer
treasurer@maranathafreelutheran.com
218-498-2808

SEPTEMBER 2025 @ GLYNDON

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9:30am - Worship Service	1 	2	3 *NO SALTTEENS* 7:00pm - Deacon Meeting	4 7:00pm - Bible Study @ Pat Johnson's home	5	6 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
7 8:00am - YMT Meeting 9:30am - Worship Service w/Communion	8	9 10:30am - Morning WMF 6:00-7:30pm - Trail Life *Kick-Off & Awards*	10 NO SUPPER 5:45pm - Confirmation Parent Meeting 6:15pm - SaltTeen Parent Meeting 7:00pm - SaltTeens 7:00pm - Council Mtg	11 7:00pm - Bible Study @ Pat Johnson's home	12	13 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
14 Rally Sunday 9:30am - Worship Service ***Bake Sale following*** 10:45am - Sunday School 11:30am - Potluck Meal	15	16 10:00am-3:00pm - Quilting at the Church 7:00pm Evening - WMF at church	17 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:45pm - Kid's Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club 7:00pm - SaltTeens	18 7:00pm - Bible Study @ Pat Johnson's home	19	20 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
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28 9:30am - Worship Service 10:45am - Sunday School 2:00pm (leave @ 1pm) - District Fall Youth Retreat in Dalton, MN	29	30	1 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:45pm - Kid's Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club 7:00pm - SaltTeens 8:00pm - Deacon Mtg	2 7:00pm - Bible Study @ Pat Johnson's home	3	4 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

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@ ULEN

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9:00am - Worship Service	1 No Bone Builders	2	3	4 No Bone Builders	5	6
7 Rally Sunday 9:00am - Worship Service w/communion 10:15am - Sunday School w/Balloon Launch - Picnic Lunch following	8 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	9	10 9:00-11:00am - MOPS 1:00pm - WMF at Viking Manor	11 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	12	13
14 9:00am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School - Council following	15 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	16	17	18 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	19	20
21 9:00am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School	22 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	23	24 3:30-4:30pm - “Choices”	25 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	26	27
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… "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." II Corinthians 3:17

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