Maranatha News

JULY 2022

From Pastor Ryan...

If you ask ten different art critics to name the Ten Greatest Works of Art, you would probably get around eighty-six different answers. The question, I know, is very subjective. However, a few standard interpretations would generally would rise to the top: the Mona Lisa, by *Da Vinci; Starry Night*, by Van Gogh; *Sistine Chapel by Michelangelo; or any painting done by Monet, Picasso, or Rembrandt.*

I am, admittedly, a far cry from being an art critic. I get impressionism mixed up with abstract art and I can't tell if a painter used acrylic or watercolors. I do know enough, however, to argue that the greatest work of art is not found in a museum or adorning the ceiling of a chapel.

The greatest work of art is all around us: Nature itself. The mountains and oceans, the prairies and savannas, the flora and the fauna, the stars and the planets, the sun and the moon. All of it – from the smallest of quarks inside of the protons, neutrons, and electrons that make up atoms to the vast galaxies that are light-years away. In Psalm 19, David put it this way:

> *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. (Psalm 19:1-3, ESV)*

I can imagine David as a shepherd boy, alone with the flocks, on the slopes of the Judea hillside at night. As he lays on his back, he looks up at the stars and gazes at the beauty and majesty of Creation.

And like any great work of art, Nature, Creation, moves us to get to know the Artist behind the art. Nature displays the creativity and imagination, the talent and raw power of its Creator. "The heavens declare the glory of God." Maybe that's why I like backpacking and canoeing so much. It gives me a chance to know the Creator through His creation. Nature itself is telling me about Him.

Yet, Creation can only tell us so much about God. Nature tells us that God exists and that He is powerful. What Creation can never tells us is the true narrative of God's saving grace and mercy. We need His Word, the Bible, to do that. David goes on in Psalm 19 to extol the perfection of Scripture.

> *The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. (Psalm 19:7-11, ESV)*

We need His Word – both His Law and His Gospel – to convict us of our sin and to point us to our Savior. We know from experience that wrong-doing and evil exist. God's Word calls this sin. God's Word *also tells us what God had done about sin: He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for your sin, redeeming you from sin and its consequences.*

This summer, as you have opportunity to vacation at the lake or exploring the wonders of Creation, I'd encourage you to use those opportunities to get to know your Savior more. Through Creation, yes. But take every chance you have to get to know your Creator through His Word.

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church
Glyndon Council Meeting ~ June 8th, 2022 at 7:00pm

Present: Glenn Urlacher, Amanda Larson, Chad Johnson, Todd Rasmussen, Jill Toms, Lori Pender, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, and Alyssa Johnson

President Glenn called meeting to order – Pastor Lloyd reflected on message on Corporate Worship from Paul David Tripp

Secretary's report of May, 2022 meeting reviewed. Chad made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Todd, motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Amanda. Reported May income was $33,898 and expenses of $27,687 with a year to date surplus of $11,017. General fund above $60K target. A motion was made by Lori to approve the financial report, seconded by Todd, motion passed.

Board Reports:

Finance – Todd

- •No updates

Trustees – Jeff

- •Will be adding additional mulch to courtyard
- •New conference room table/chairs donated
- •Grass mowing done by four volunteers, exploring option for youth to earn FLY points
- •Mower maintenance – awaiting parts
- •Purchasing new cordless vacuum

Christian Education – Jill Toms

- •VBS – offering will be going to Sanctity of Life (Miriam Infant Home – Brazil)
- •Will be selecting new Sunday School Superintendent – reviewing responsibilities
- •Board offered to provide bounce house for anniversary celebration event

Worship & Music – Lori Pender

- •Directory – proofing
- •Super Frog printing 2X3 year signs and will be available for purchase
- •Cowboy Church Saturday of Glyndon Daze (7/23) with Nick to give Sermon – planning to have community dinner prior at 6pm
- •Float for Glyndon Daze parade

Deacons – Chad Johnson

- •Exploring confirmation curriculums with potential of third year
- •Approved Sabbatical for Pastor Lloyd, August – September
  - Pastor Ryan to preach most Sunday's with guest speakers as needed

Pastor Report – Pastor Lloyd

- •Attended retreat in Green Lake, WI
- •The Ambassador at Maranatha, June 19th
- •Wilderness Camp
  - July 12-17th
  - August 13-14th (service and picnic on Sunday)
- •Review of Sabbatical proposal

Old Business:

- •Congregational meeting June 26th

New Business:

- •Trustees to put up sign for 35th Anniversary
- •Anniversary celebration planned for September 11th
- •A draft letter to be drawn up for review – plan to send to active members that have not attended Maranatha for over two years
- •A motion was made by Jeff to approve New Business, seconded by Todd, motion passed.

Meeting closed in prayer- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chad, seconded by Glenn, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson.

Maranatha Church – Ulen
Council Meeting

Meeting held later in month

WMF NOTES

(Women's Missionary Federation)

Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF met on June 7, 2022 with 6 ladies present.

Joan Pake opened our meeting with prayer and led our Bible Study "Behold the Rock of our Salvation".

Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Old Business:

→ Dish cloths were purchased.

→ Coffee carafes were ordered, but have not arrived yet.

→ District Rally plans are going well.

New Business:

→ Joan made a motion to purchase a 100-cup coffee maker, Ardis J. seconded, Motion approved.

→ A motion was made and approved to give $100 to Home Missions.

→ A motion was made and approved to give $100 to WMF June Conference.

We closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Lila Ebner, Secretary

Ulen WMF

Our Ulen Maranatha WMF met on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 1 pm at Viking Manor with 4 ladies present. Ellen opened the meeting with prayer and we shared together in our Bible Study lesson with Irma also present with us.

Ellen opened our business meeting with the reading of the Secretary and Treasurer reports which were accepted as read. Our project offering of $50.00 will go to Home Missions.

There was discussion on purchasing donuts from Fertile to have in the freezer for Coffee Time if no one is signed up to serve.

Motion made and second to adjourn.

The home brought in coffee and cookies which was very kind. We so enjoyed spending time with Irma. She was so grateful and enjoyed our time together.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Dahl, Secretary

Glyndon Evening WMF

Evening WMF 6/21/22

A potluck supper was enjoyed at Janet's home.

5 ladies attended.

Janet led the Bible study. Chapter 6, Psalm 95, from Behold Our God.

Joyce opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business:

1. Fall Rally is October 1st.

2. Bible project is pending.

New Business:

1. Motion was made to give $50 to Home Missions. Vickie/Janet

2. Motion was made to give $75 to Christian Education. Janet/Coco

3. Next WMF meeting is July 19th at Vickie's at 7pm. Remember to bring your recipe card.

Motion made to adjourn made by Luci/Janet.

Prayer requests were made.

Respectfully submitted by Luci

ATTENTION GLYNDON LADIES OF SERVING GROUP I ~ We will be responsible for serving the months of July, August and September. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in kitchen, please take time to check date or dates that you would be willing to serve goodies following the service on Sunday morning. We will also be responsible for serving pot-blessings, wedding receptions, special events and funerals that happen during our 3 months. Thank you for your willingness to serve and your cooperation. It is much appreciated.

Glyndon Library

Adult Fiction: The latest from Karen Kingsbury! In "Forgiving Paris", Could Ashley Baxter Blake's journey to forgiveness lead her back to the city of light?

Adult Fiction: "Bookends" by Liz Curtis Higgs. "...will keep you up all night laughing."

Adult Fiction: "Love finds you in Branson, Missouri" by Gwen Ford Faulkenberry. An old diary tells a tale of love and loss. Will history repeat itself?

Wednesday evenings:

6:00 - 8:38PM Bible Study and Fellowship (except on July 20th, no SaltTeens that evening)

FLY BEYOND at the ARC in Wisconsin - July 17-21. We will leave from the church on Sunday at 1:00pm

SaltTeens, the **Boundary Water Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) trip! July 26 - 30!!** We'll spend 4/days, 3/nights in the pristine wilderness, enjoying time in God's creation, and disconnecting from the distraction of life.

We continue to look for commitments to donate to **Narcice**, **Our Compassion Child** from Togo, Africa.

July ~ Happy Birthday!

Tim Sivertson	July 02
Andy Heisinger	July 02
Bob Herzog	July 02
Roger Hamernik	July 03
Heidi Ladwig	July 03
Rick Manderud	July 03
Adam Olson	July 03
Timmy Trautmann	July 05
Amber Eckert	July 05
Ruby Abel	July 05
Joan Strand	July 06
Mike Schmidt	July 06
Jaydan Hamernik	July 07
Nora Larson	July 08
Terry Erholtz	July 08
Gaylan Larson	July 10
Serena Tonneson	July 10
Sarah Ebner	July 11
Stephanie Dahl	July 11
Dorothy Haverkamp	July 11
Sherry Nelson	July 12
Carla Hurner	July 13
Monica Briske	July 13
Lisa Syverson	July 14
Lori Oberg	July 14
Alyssa Oswald	July 15
Melanie Gross	July 15

Josie Fevig	July 16
Falline Erickson	July 16
Everett Erickson	July 16
Harper Schmidt	July 16
Alexa Hamernik	July 16
Bambi Lambert	July 17
Faith Fevig	July 18
Rick Myhra	July 19
Karson Ferden	July 20
Sarah Huewe	July 20
Joel Gonzalez	July 20
Blake Krueger	July 20
Stan Rasmussen	July 23
Doyle Fevig	July 23
Ryan Leach	July 23
Kali McCollum	July 23
Amber Olek	July 24
Joyce Johnson	July 26
Sheila Murack	July 27
JoNell DeJong	July 27
Katie Schantz	July 28
Sally Rugroden	July 28
Brad Bushy	July 28
Paul Spielman	July 28
Amanda Larson	July 29
Adison Klemetson	July 29
Aubrey Hamernik	July 30
Shane Erickson	July 30
Kyle Syverson	July 31

July ~ Happy Anniversary!

Morgan & Emily Loyd	July 01
Art & Delores Welle	July 01
Stan & Dianne Sivertson	July 02
Loren & Sheri Wibbels	July 04
Christopher & Lindsay Ortega	July 06
Don & Joan Pake	July 07
Bob & Lisa Jenson	July 09
Jake & Brittany Pender	July 09
Pastor Nick & CoCo Geray	July 11
Del & Pat Palloch	July 20
Geoff & Katlin McCollum	July 21
Henry & Mable Singer	July 29
Joey & Grace Johnson	July 29

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SUMMER EVENTS

AFLC WILDERNESS BIBLE CAMP **July 12-17th.**

The AFLC Wilderness Bible Camp south of Lake Park Minnesota near Middle Cormorant Lake .

Evening Sessions will start at 7:30pm and Morning study at 10:00am

"Upward" Fly Beyond **- July 17—21, 2022**

Ephesians 4:11-16

Trail's End Ranch Ekalaka, Mt. - Various Dates

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT MARANATHA –GLYNDON August 1-5

Maranatha Glyndon 9:00am-Noon

Theme for the week is **"Zoomerang"**. At Zoomerang, you'll marvel at the unforgettable wildlife, culture, and beauty of Australia while exploring the wonder and value of life, from the lives of preborn babies to eternal life in the kingdom of God. Register online at www.maranathafreelutheran.com

August 13-14 - Maranatha Wilderness Camp Days. Mark your Calendars!! Everyone at Maranatha is invited to the Wilderness Bible Camp for a fun weekend! Bring your campers or stay in one of the dorm rooms. We will have fun and fellowship together. We will have Worship service at 11:00am on Sunday followed by a potluck lunch. Watch for more details in bulletins and August Newsletter.

Thankful for those who serve our country!

Kally Anderson, granddaughter of Vonnie Anderson

Levi Dahl, grandson of Harvey & Dianne Dahl

Trevor Dufault, son of Todd & Sara Dravland

Brody Erickson, grand nephew of Glennys Sivertson

Andy Heisinger, husband of Tracy

Kyle Johnson, son-in-law of Gary & Debi Langerud

Layne Johnson, grandson of Ardis Johnson

Wyatt Ladwig, son of Scott & Heidi Ladwig

Hunter Macziewski, son of Doug &Tiffany Macziewski

Jessica Myers, granddaughter of Gerrie Payne

Andrew Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean

Josiah Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean

Jakob Rolf, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf

Luke Stensgard, grandson of Jane Williams

Jonathan Taylor, grandson of Fran Jenson

"We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name. Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in You alone."

Psalms 33:20-22

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church
Glyndon, MN

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon as of 5/31/22				
General Fund			**Current Month**	**Year to Date**
Contributions			$33,898.00	**$151,345**
Expenditures			-$27,687.00	**-$140,328**
Surplus / (Shortfall)				**$ 11,017**

	5/31/2022
GENERAL FUND INCOME	**$33,898**
Deacons	-$15,905
Education	-$417
Finance	-$5,386
Trustees	-$4,633
Worship & Music	-$1,346
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	**-$27,687**
Other Income (Rent, Interest, etc)	$1
General Fund Balance Change	**$6,212**

GENERAL FUND BALANCE			**$61,320**	Target is $60,000

Special Funds	***Income***	***Expenses***	**Ending Balance**
Building Fund			$ 19,094
Cookbook Sales for Missions	*10*		$ 90
Designated Donations	*1175*		$ 1,245
Good Samaritan Fund	*25*	*-26*	$ 2,516
Holiday Baskets			$ 924
Lent Offering		*-3768*	$ -
Memorial Fund			$ 7,392
Men's Fellowship		*-465*	$ 441
Men's Fraternity			$ 318
Outreach Ministries			$ 166
Sunday Fellowship Fund			$ 467
Sunday School Missions	*28*		$ 107
Trails End Ranch			$ 1,716
VBS Blanket Project	*20*		$ 20
Wedding Fund		*-27*	$ 1,233
Wednesday Suppers	*855*		$ 4,081
World Missions Fund			$ 10,897
Youth Activities Fund			$ -
Youth FLY Fund	*136*		$ 11,784
Special Funds Balance			**$ 62,492**
General Fund Balance			**$ 61,320**
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			**$ 123,814**
PETTY CASH BALANCE			**$ 20**

Detailed expense reports are available in the Glyndon office.
Questions can be directed to Amanda Larson - Treasurer
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2022 Monthly Financial Summary

JULY @ GLYNDON 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	**2** 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
3 9:30am Worship Service	**4** Happy 4th!	**5**	**6** 9:30am Ladies Bible Study at church 6:00-8:38pm SaltTeens 7:00pm Deacon Meeting	**7** 7:00pm Colossians Bible Study at home of Pat Johnson	**8**	**9** 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
10 9:30am Worship Service / Communion	**11** 7:00pm Young Adults	**12** 10:30am Morning WMF at church	**13** 9:30am Ladies Bible Study at church 6:00-8:38pm SaltTeens 7:00pm Council Meeting	**14** 7:00pm Colossians Bible Study at home of Pat Johnson	**15**	**16** 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
			Wilderness Bible Camp, Lake Park MN - July 12—17			
17 9:30am Worship Service 1:00pm FLY Beyond Departure time from church	**18** 7:00pm Young Adults	**19** 10:00—3:00pm Quilting at the church 7:00pm Evening WMF at home of Vickie Haverkamp	**20** 9:30am Ladies Bible Study at church No SaltTeens	**21** 7:00pm Colossians Bible Study at home of Pat Johnson	**22**	**23** 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft 6pm All City Picnic 7:00pm Cowboy Church / Pr Nick Geray
	Youth FLY BEYOND - July 17—21					
24 9:30am Worship Service	**25** 7:00pm Young Adults	**26**	**27** 9:30am Ladies Bible Study at church 6:00-8:38pm SaltTeens	**28** 7:00pm Colossians Bible Study at home of Pat Johnson	**29**	**30**
			Youth Boundary Waters Trip - July 26 - 30			
31 9:30am Worship Service	<u>Looking Ahead:</u>					
	Vacation Bible School August 1—5 Monday—Friday 9:00—Noon					

JULY @ ULEN 2022

Bible Reading for the month

June 27 – July 3rd Psalm 117-139
July 4-10 Psalm 140 -Proverbs 12
July 11-17 Proverbs 13 - Ecclesiastes 4
July 18-24 Ecclesiastes 5 -Isaiah 7
July 25-31 Isaiah 8 - 30

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3 9:00am Worship Service / Communion	4 Happy 4th!	5	6	7 9:30am –10:30am Bone Builders	8	9
10 9:00am Worship Service	11 9:30am –10:30am Bone Builders 1:00pm WMF at church	12	13 9:00—11:00am MOPS 7:00pm Church Council Meets	14 9:30am –10:30am Bone Builders	15	16
17 9:00am Worship Service	18 9:30am –10:30am Bone Builders	19	20	21 9:30am –10:30am Bone Builders	22	23
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Wilderness Bible Camp, Lake Park MN - July 12—17

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

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