Maranatha News

JULY 2025

From Nikki...

Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be broken

The first time I heard the phrase "Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be broken" I was the mother of a toddler and learning firsthand that small children do not understand or always care to adhere to a plan no matter how good the plan was. This is not one of the beatitudes found in the Sermon on the Mount. Nor am I promoting any type of yoga or anything like it.

If you were to ask my husband what the most common question I ask him, without a doubt he'd say, "What's the plan?". I like having a plan. I like knowing what to expect. I don't need every detail, but I want some idea of what's coming up and what preparations should be done.

There are many instances where having a plan is a good idea. It is imperative to have a plan when putting up a building. Sending a large number of youth and 6 dorm room leaders to FLY requires planning in advance. Events like weddings and graduations don't just come together by chance. If we have a goal we would like to achieve, our best chance of accomplishing that is setting up a plan. Sports teams have game plans. Teachers prepare lesson plans. Without a plan, a New's Years resolution is just a wish. Even something as simple as having a daily plan, routine, or agenda can assist with staying focused and not getting distracted.

So what happens when there's a good plan in place and it just doesn't GO according to plan? It can be quite frustrating laying out a good plan only to have it completely derail for one reason or another. It's easy to react with anger, irritability, and impatience. Sometimes it's our tendency to get upset and maybe even freak out a little when life doesn't go according to plan.

As I think back to some of the plans I've had for life over the years that have not come to fruition, while they may not have been bad plans, they weren't what God had in mind. I'm constantly in need of reminding that I need to relinquish control and surrender to however God may be leading, even if it isn't what I had in mind. I need to "Trust in the Lord with all my heart and lean not on my own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5). He sees the whole picture, not just the tiny view I have. He is in control. He is not shocked or surprised by the things that surprise us. He can be trusted when unexpected things happen. He knows what he's doing even when it's not clear to us. And God's ways are always best.

Proverbs 19:21 says "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand."

~ Nikki Ehrichs, Youth & Young Adults Ministry Coordinator

COUNCIL MINUTES

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon, MN
Council Meeting
June11, 2025

Present: Cliff Langerud, Kristine Quanbeck, Glenn Urlacher, Amanda Larson, and Jeff Ehrichs.

Cliff opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

Secretary's report for May meeting minutes was read by Kristine. No corrections nor additions to the Secretary's report. Stand approved as read .

Treasurer's report was given by Kristine. Reported May 2025 contributions as $30,669 and expenditures of $27,214. General Fund balance $62,638 (target $60k).

Board Reports:

~ Finance –Amanda
  * Looking at outsourcing payroll software
  * Deacons to review PTO policy

~ Trustees –Jeff
  * One of the handicap bathroom doors arrived; Jeff will install
  * New copier coming - through Liberty Business Systems
  * Working on spraying weeds around church
  * Working on parking lot

~ Worship & Music – no report

~ Education – no report

~ Deacons – Glenn
  * Working on June 22nd congregational meeting information on seminary intern possibility
  * August 23-24 is the Maranatha Wilderness Camp Weekend

~ Pastor Report – no report

Old Business: None

New Business:

~ Congregation Meeting set for June 22nd at 11am

Glenn closed the meeting in prayer

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff; seconded by Glenn

Respectfully submitted by Kristine Quanbeck for Alyssa Johnson

Upcoming events at Wilderness Bible Camp:

July 15-20 ~ AFLC Wilderness Family Camp
10:00am Bible Study led by Rev. Micah Klemme
7:30pm Evening Service, speaker is Rev. Ryan Patenaude

August 23-24 ~ Maranatha Wilderness Camp Weekend
Watch for more details in August newsletter!

Use for directions to Wilderness Bible Camp near Big Cormorant Lake, Lake Park, MN

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

Maranatha Glyndon is looking for someone interested in coordinating an event to participate in Glyndon Days (August 4-9). August 9th is the parade, food trucks/concessions, vendor/craft show. If anyone is willing to arrange a parade entry, or another activity please contact the church office or one of the council members. *FYI: Dave Olek is Grand Marshal of the parade this year!*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Maranatha Free Lutheran – Glyndon
Congregational Meeting
Sunday, June 22nd, 2025 – 11:00am

Vice President Chad Johnson called the meeting to order. Chad opened with Psalm 27:1-5 and prayer. The hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal", was sung.

The congregational Secretary's meeting minutes from January 26th, 2025, were read by Alyssa Johnson. No corrections nor additions to Secretary's Report, stand approved as read.

Old Business: None

New Business

- Election Education Board (2 positions)
  - ◊ Nominees: Brittany Pender (incumbent) and Linda Oelke
  - ◊ Joyce Johnson made a motion for nominations to cease and a unanimous ballot for Brittany Pender and Linda Oelke to serve on Education Board, seconded by Craig Hurner; motion carried
- Recommendation from Call Committee
  - ◊ Jake Murack gave update
    - ♦ The committee sent out letters to individuals, all declined. Josh Johnson reconsidered and will apply for a seminary internship
    - ♦ One year internship starting January 2026
    - ♦ After the internship, a call could be made in 2027
    - ♦ Call Committee recommends Maranatha apply for intern – Josh Johnson
  - ◊ Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck outlined intern role
    - ♦ Preaching at least once per month
    - ♦ Visitations
    - ♦ Lead youth Bible study; Nikki Ehrichs will continue her role in leading youth programming
    - ♦ Young adult fellowship
  - ◊ Glenn Urlacher provided expense sheet outlining estimated financial responsibility for an intern – budget need for 2026 would be $64,850
  - ◊ Congregation voted to apply for intern – majority "yes", 64 to 1. Plan to apply for intern

Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck closed the meeting with prayer

Closing Song – "Doxology"

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson, Secretary

GLYNDON LIBRARY–
BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR JULY

ADULT FICTION: 3 stand alone novels by three separate authors:

-> "*Beneath His Silence*" by Hannah Lander, full of danger and suspense in Regency England.

-> "*Specters in the Glass House*" by Jamie Jo Wright, is fast-paced and suspenseful. Part 1921 and part present day.

-> "*Until Leaves Fall In Paris*" by Sarah Sundin, takes place in Paris, 1940 during World War II.

The 7-Ups

1. **Wake Up!** Decide to have a good day. *"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* Psalm 118:24
2. **Dress Up!** The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. *"For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."* 1 Samuel 16:7
3. **Shut Up!** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "*Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin*" Proverbs 13:3
4. **Stand Up!** for what you believe in. You've got to stand for something or you'll fall for anything. *"Let us not grow weary of doing good; for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ...let us do good to everyone…"* Galatians 6:9-10
5. **Look Up!** to the Lord "*I can do all things through Him who strengthens me*." Philippians 4:13
6. **Reach Up!** for something higher. "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths*." Proverbs 3:5-6
7. **Lift Up!** your prayers. *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplications with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God*." Philippians 4:6

WMF NOTES
(Women's Missionary Federation)

Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF met on Tuesday, June 3 13th, 2025 with 11 ladies in attendance.

Lila Ebner opened with prayer and led our Bible Study on "The Light of Truth and the Response of the Evildoer: Pride of the Pharisees".

President Cris Finstrom opened the business meeting with prayer.

Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Old Business:

~ Cris gave on update of the impact of the Women's Care Center & Alaska NET, where our donations were sent.

New Business:

~ Lori Pender made a motion to give $50 to UC Hope Kid's Club.

~ Tentative plans are for the WMF District Fall Rally to be in Wadena on October 11th. They are requesting food donations.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 8th.

Meeting concluded with prayer requests and time of prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Urlacher, Secretary

Glyndon Evening

Evening WMF and others joined together on Wednesday, June 18th at Wilderness Camp. Many lovely ladies attended.

Melody Okke led our Bible study, "The Light of Truth and the Response of the Evildoer: Pride of the Pharisees".

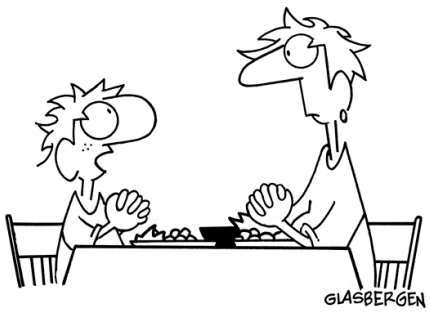
We all brought a picnic lunch and Janet Boe made dessert.

Prayer requests were shared and prayed over.

No meeting as we did 2 in May. It was a beautiful day!

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 15th at Janet Boe's home.

Respectfully submitted by Coco Geray, Secretary



"If God wants me to be thankful for vegetables, why did He make them taste like vegetables?"

Ulen

Our WMF met Wednesday, June 18th, 2025 at 1:00pm at the church with 4 ladies present. This was a week later than scheduled due to busy schedules.

5 Birthday gifts were delivered to Viking Manor previously and we received a nice Thank You note from them for remembering the June birthdays. We did our Bible study together. Following this, MaryAnn W. opened the business meeting with Ellen reading the Secretary's Report. Bernadene made a motion to approve as read and Dianne seconded it. Dianne read the Treasurer's Report. MaryAnn W. made a motion to accept and Ellen seconded it.

Old Business:

~ Thanks was giving to those that donated to the Women's Care Center. Ellen dropped off the items. They are very appreciative of the support that they receive.

New Business:

~ Our June project of the month goes to Christian Education.

~ We discussed giving a donation to Zach Kupser & his wife toward his flight training and future work in Alaska. MaryAnn W. made a motion to donate $300 towards this and Bernadene seconded it.

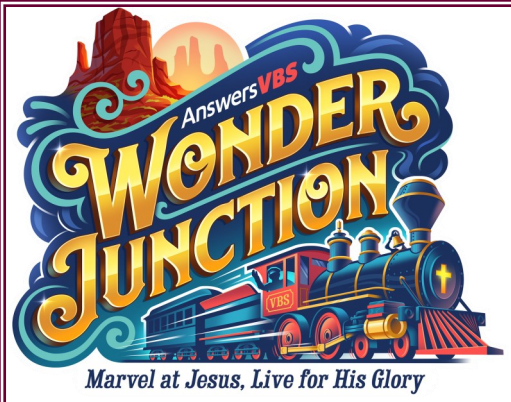
~ We will be serving the funeral for Irma Hendrickson on Monday, June 30th at 2:00pm. The family will be taking care of preparing the food.

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

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Zillmer, Secretary

SERVING GROUP 1 ~ Glyndon

Serving Group 1 will be responsible for July, August & September. Please take time to check the date or dates that you would be willing to serve goodies after church on Sunday mornings and sign up on the sign-up sheet in the kitchen. 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.
If you have any questions, contact Karen Urlacher or Carol Johnson. Thank you!



July 13-18

Register Now For VBS!!

Glyndon: Monday-Friday

9:00AM-Noon

Register online at our church website or this link:

www.maranathafreelutheran.com

WORKDAY: JULY – Thursday, July 10 @ 10:00am
SET-UP: Sunday, July 13 following the service

Ulen: Sunday-Thursday

Supper at 5:30pm

VBS 6:00-8:00pm

To Register, call or text:

Ciara Dillon 701-205-2200

Ellen Zillmer 701-866-0131

WORKDAY/DECORATING: Wednesday, July 9 @ 3:00pm
Friday, July 11 @ 10:00am (if needed)

SALTTEENS

YOUTH VOLUNTEERING AT VBS

All youth who volunteer to help at VBS in July are invited to go to ***Thunder Road Amusement Park*** following the picnic (& tear down) on Friday, July 18th. Cost is covered by SaltTeens.

Sign-up here to volunteer at VBS:

THUNDER ROAD FAMILY FUN PARK

BEHOLD

FLY 2025 | JOHN 1:29

Pray for safe travels and open hearts for all those attending FLY to hear God's Word through the speakers, music and fellowship, and good health and safety for all attending camp.

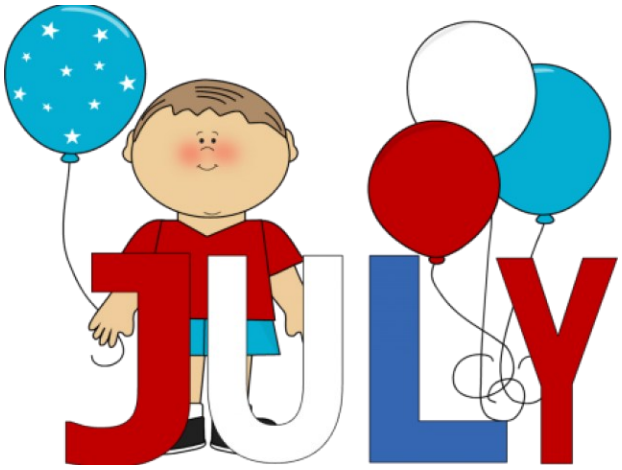
Bus will be returning the evening of Sunday, July 6 - parents will receive a text from their child/children approx. 1 hour before arriving back to the church.

All students & staff attending FLY:

You will each be asked to share your experiences and highlights at FLY during the church services on either July 13 or 20. You will sign up on the bus for the Sunday that works best for you. Parents, let your children know which Sunday works best for you!

July ~ Happy Birthday!

Bob Herzog	July 02
Roger Hamernik	July 03
Heidi Ladwig	July 03
Rick Manderud	July 03
Adam Olson	July 03
Ruby Abel	July 05
Amber Eckert	July 05
Voni Specht	July 05
Tim Trautmann	July 05
Mike Schmidt	July 06
Jaydan Hamernik	July 07
Nora Larson	July 08
Serena Tonneson	July 10
Stephanie Dahl	July 11
Sarah Ebner	July 11
Dorothy Haverkamp	July 11
Sherry Nelson	July 12
Monica Briske	July 13
Carla Hurner	July 13
Lori Oberg	July 14
Lisa Syverson	July 14
Melanie Gross	July 15
Everett Erickson	July 16
Falline Erickson	July 16
Josie Fevig	July 16
Alexa Hamernik	July 16
Cherish Phonethep	July 16
Harper Schmidt	July 16
Bambi Lambert	July 17
Faith Fevig	July 18
Lenae Harless	July 18
Rick Myhra	July 19
Karson Ferden	July 20
Joel Gonzalez	July 20
Sarah Huewe	July 20
Blake Krueger	July 20
Doyle Fevig	July 23
Maci Heffta	July 23
Stan Rasmussen	July 23
Amber Olek	July 24
Anne Adrian	July 26
Joyce Johnson	July 26
JoNell DeJong	July 27
Sheila Murack	July 27
Kirsti Heffta	July 28
Sally Rugroden	July 28
Adison Klemetson	July 29
Amanda Larson	July 29
Shane Erickson	July 30
Aubrey Hamernik	July 30
Kyle Syverson	July 31



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

July ~ Happy Anniversary!

Art & Delores Welle	July 01
Stan & Dianne Sivertson	July 02
Loren & Sheri Wibbels	July 04
Don & Joan Pake	July 07
Jake & Brittany Pender	July 09
Pr Nick & CoCo Geray	July 11
Del & Pat Palloch	July 20
Jack & Emily Olek	July 29
Alex & Adri Fevig	July 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
Jakob Rolf, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon
31-May-25

General Fund	Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions	$30,669.00	**$135,042**
Expenditures	-$27,214.00	**-$127,144**
Surplus / (Shortfall)		**$ 7,898**

	5/31/2025
GENERAL FUND INCOME	**$30,669**
Deacons	-$14,615
Education	-$1,600
Finance	-$5,471
Trustees	-$4,399
Worship & Music	-$1,129
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	**-$27,214**
Other Income (Rent, Interest)	$29
Transfers between Funds	-$514
General Fund Balance Change	**$2,970**
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	**$62,638**

Target is $60,000

Special Funds	*Income*	*Expenses*	Ending Balance
Building / Emergency Fund	*514*		$1,748
Cookbook Sales for Missions			$ -
Furnace Fund			$40,040
Good Samaritan Fund			$1,946
Lent Offering			$ -
Memorial Fund			$10,347
Men's Fellowship/Breakfast			$1,602
Outreach Ministries			$ 0
Sunday Fellowship Fund			$469
Sunday School Missions	*5*		$465
Trail Life			$ -
VBS Blanket Project			$ -
Wedding Fund			$500
Wednesday Suppers	*504*	*-1078*	$3,764
World Missions Fund			$8,226
Youth Activities Fund	*24*		$771
Youth Community Outreach			$1,493
Youth FLY Fund	*2,347*	*-10328*	$16,505
Special Funds Balance			**$87,877**

General Fund Balance	**$62,638**
CHECKBOOK BALANCE	**$150,495**
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

JULY 2025 @ GLYNDON

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8:00am - Load Busses 8:20am - Prayer 8:30am - Leave for FLY 9:30am - Worship Service	30	1	2 9:30am - Women's Bible Study (No SaltTeens)	3	4 	5 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
6 9:30am - Worship Service w/Communion *FLY students/staff return home this evening*	7	8 10:30am - Morning WMF	9 9:30am - Women's Bible Study 6:00-8:38pm - SaltTeens 7:00pm - Council Mtg	10 10:00pm - VBS Workday	11	12 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
13 9:30am - Worship Service Following church will be VBS Set-Up	14	15 7:00pm Evening WMF at Janet Boe's home	16 6:00-8:38pm - SaltTeens	17	18 11:30am - VBS Program 12:00 Noon - Picnic	19 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
20 9:30am - Worship Service	21 10:00am-3:00pm - Quilting at the Church	22	23 9:30am - Women's Bible Study 6:00-8:38pm - SaltTeens	24	25	26 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
27 9:30am - Worship Service	28	29	30 9:30am - Women's Bible Study 6:00-8:38pm - SaltTeens	31	1	2 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

FLY 2025 - Estes Park, CO June 30-July 5

VBS Monday - Friday 9:00am-NOON

AFLC Wilderness Family Camp July 15-20

JULY 2025 @ ULEN

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9:00am - Worship Service	30	1	2	3	4 	5
6 9:00am - Worship Service w/Communion	7	8	9 9:00-11:00am - MOPS 1:00pm - WMF 3:00 pm - VBS Decorating	10	11 10:00am - VBS Decorating (if needed)	12
13 9:00am - Worship Service Council meets following	14	15	16	17 7:30pm - VBS Program	18	19
20 9:00am - Worship Service	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:00am - Worship Service	28	29	30	31	1	2

FLY 2025 - Estes Park, CO June 30-July 5

VBS Week: Sunday - Thursday 5:30pm supper | 6:00-8:00pm VBS

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

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