Maranatha News

SEPTEMBER 2022

From Pastor Ryan...

As the Reformation was in full swing, Martin Luther began to be "deeply concerned about the lack of basic Christian teachings among the people."[1] Even in the churches of the Reformation, Christians were ignorant of important teachings, like the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer. So, Luther set out to educate and inspire his flock to grow in the faith.

The *Small Catechism* was the result of this effort. The *Small Catechism* lays out the basic of the Christian faith as it taught the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments.

When the *Small Catechism* was first published, Luther intended it for use by parents as they passed on a foundation of faith to their children. Over the years, that responsibility has shifted from the parents to the local congregation. And ever since that time, the *Small Catechism* has formed the basis of Confirmation instruction within local congregations. Students have, traditionally, taken two years to study the *Small Catechism*: one focused on the Ten Commandments & Apostles' Creed, and another focused on the Lord's Prayer & the Sacraments (Baptism & the Lord's Supper).

However, as culture and society have drifted further away from the Lord and the Christian faith, the lack of "basic Christian teachings," which troubled Luther, has grown to include a lack of basic Bible literacy as well. Simple stories – like Adam & Eve, Moses & the Exodus, David & Goliath, Jesus & His life, death, and resurrection, and the early church – are no longer understood, let alone known. The baseline for "basic Christian teachings" has shifted backwards. As pastors, we endeavor to meet students where they are and share with them the "basic Christian teachings," thus building them up in the faith and knowledge of the Lord and equip them for a lifetime of service to the Lord.

For the last few years, we've been wrestling with some very important questions: "What is the *purpose* of the Confirmation program? Is what we are doing *working*?" As we've searched for answers, we've returned to Luther's simple desire to educate students in the basics of the Christian faith and to inspire them in their spiritual walk with the Lord.

To that end, we are adjusting and expanding our Confirmation program. Here are some of the changes that you'll notice:

Three-Year Confirmation Program: First, we are expanding the Confirmation program from it's current two-year program into a three-year program. This will encompass 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.

Sixth Grade - Bible Overview: As the Confirmation program is expanding, we are adding sixth graders into the mix. In 6th grade, students will be studying an overview of Scripture and will discover that all of Scripture is telling us one story, *The Story*, of Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Seventh Grade – **Small Catechism:** Building on the foundational knowledge gained in Bible Overview, the second year of Confirmation will be focused on studying and memorizing the *Small Catechism*.

Eight Grade – Apologetics: The 8th grade year will focus on apologetics. Apologetics is "defending the faith." Apologetics seeks answer the tough questions that students and the culture are asking.

New Curriculum – *Enduring Faith*: Along with the switch to a three-year cycle, we are switching Confirmation curriculums. For many years, Maranatha has been using the *Confirm-IT!* book and the red *Explanation of the Small Catechism.* The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) has a solid, three-year Confirmation curriculum called *Enduring Faith* that we will be using for Confirmation. This also means a switch to the LCMS's *Small Catechism and Explanation*.

I know that change can be difficult, especially in regards to a deeply embedded institution like Confirmation. But I pray that you would be able to see the rational and value in what we are trying to accomplish. As with each change, there are bound to be some bumps in the road that need flattening and some wrinkles that need ironing out. Thank you for you patience as we seek to instill the basics of the Christian faith in these students!

In Christ,

Pr Ryan

Rev. Robert L Lee. Luther's *Small Catechism And Explanation*. Ambassador Publications; 2007:x.

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church
Glyndon Council Meeting

August 18th, 2022 at 7:00pm

Present: Glenn Urlacher, Carla Hurner, Cliff Langerud, Art Welle, Lori Pender, Pastor Ryan Tonneson, Amanda Larson, Bruce Smith, Jeff Ehrichs and Alyssa Johnson

President Glenn opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's report of June, 2022 meeting was read by Alyssa. Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Art, motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Amanda. Reported June income was $25,726 and expenses of $26,676. General fund above $60K target at $71,508. Discussion surrounding possibly setting aside revenue from furniture sale to be used next summer for painting church interior. Jeff made a motion for Finance Board to decide if revenue from the furniture sale in the Trustee's account can be set aside for use next year, Cliff seconded, motion passed. A motion was made by Cliff to approve the financial report, seconded by Art, motion passed.

Board Reports:

Finance – Art

No updates

Trustees – Jeff

- Income from sale of furniture, and potential of additional income from sale of trailer used for furniture transport
    - Use revenue to paint church interior
    - Considering replacing carpet on upper level of sanctuary
- Exterior door locks changed
- Obtaining bids for snow removal
- Looking into cost of converting Maranatha sign on Hwy 10 to LED sign – obtaining estimates
- Jeff making 35th Anniversary sign due to cost

Christian Education – Carla

- VBS – 70-75 attended, 58 blankets made for Project Ignite Light, offering of $1,058 for Miriam Home in Brazil
- New Sunday School Superintendent selected– Michal Schmidt
- Filling Sunday school teacher positions
- Adult Sunday School class in fall – The Gospel in the Congregation
- Providing bounce house for Anniversary celebration

Worship & Music – Lori

- Glyndon Days events went well
- Anniversary banners ordered for outside of building

Deacons – Cliff

- Deacons doing visitations and assist with leading services during Pastor Lloyd's sabbatical
- Wilderness camp 8/13 - 8/14 – 25 campers attended
- Pastor Lloyd to Nashville 9/4-9/7 for conference

Pastor Report – Pastor Ryan

- Backpacked through Glacier early July
- Fly Beyond – 10 attendees (7 children, 3 adults), was evening speaker
- Boundary waters trip – positive feedback from children
- Pastor Ryan sent out letter to 6th and 7th grade parents for Confirmation update – reviewed letter

Old Business:

- 35th Anniversary planning for 9/11
    - Glenn and Cliff met with Dale and Cris Finstrom and Jeanie Rasmussen
    - Will incorporate into 9:30 service
    - Cake and potluck to follow service
    - Postcards sent out to former members outside of the area
    - Reviewed worship order for service, Pastor Barry Nelson to give sermon

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

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson

Ulen Church Council

Sunday, August 7th, 2022 : 10:30 A.M.

Members present: Bob Herzog, Ben Schmitke, Gary Nelson, Gary Langerud, John Austinson, Pastor Ward, Alayna Klemetson, Megan Schmitke. Absent: Matt Klemetson. Also present: Ellen Zillmer

Herzog called the meeting to order.

Nelson gave devotions out of The Lutheran Ambassador, "What Does It Mean To Be Lutheran?" and opened with a word of prayer.

Secretary Report: Read with no additions or corrections. Motion was made by B. Schmitke to approve, second by Nelson, all approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: M. Schmitke handed out financial statement at the beginning of the meeting, discussed. Motion was made by Austinson to approve, second by Langerud. All approved, motion carried.

Deacons: Installation Sunday went well, thanked everyone for their help.

Trustees: No report.

Christian Ed: Ellen went over details for the Cowboy Night community outreach event. Event will be held from 4:30-7:30 Wednesday, August 10th with games, horse rides, crafts, message, and food. Motion was made by Langerud to take funds out of the youth fund to use for Cowboy Night , second by B. Schmitke. All approved, motion carried. She also spoke about the upcoming

Sunday School classes and children that are now of age to attend.

Pastor's Report: Discussion on doing our own bulletin again. Motion by B. Schmitke to ask the congregation if anyone would be interested in taking charge of making the weekly bulletins for Sunday service, second by Austinson. All approved, motion carried.

Special Report: No Report.

Old Business: No report.

New Business: Discussion on the time of Sunday Service. Motion by Langerud to have Church at 9 a.m., fellowship to follow the service, then Sunday School to be at 10:30 a.m., second by Austinson. All approved, motion carried. Children's Sunday School will still be during the service. Start date for these changes will be September 11th, 2022.

Next meeting will be September 14th, 2022.

Motion to adjourn was made by Langerud, second by B. Schmitke. Meeting adjourned.

Pastor Ward closed in prayer.

Submitted by: Alayna Klemetson

WMF NOTES

(Women's Missionary Federation)

Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF met on August 10, 2022 with 15 ladies present.

Delores Welle opened in prayer and led our Bible Study "Behold God Who Reigns in Power".

Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Old Business:

Delores reported 58 quilts were made at VBS for Project Ignite Light (for at-risk children removed from their homes.)

Joan P. reported on WMF Rally and need for District WMF officers.

New Business:

A motion made and approved to give $200 to Brittany Pender for children church bags.

Motion made and approved to give $100 to WMF General Fund.

Respectfully submitted by Lila Ebner, Secreta

Ulen WMF

Our WMF met August 9, 2022 at 7 pm with 7 ladies present. Ellen opened with prayer and together we share our Lesson "Behold God Who Reigns in Power,"

Business Meeting:

Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Our project offering of $50.00 was given to the General Fund.

Our WMF Rally will be October 1st at Glyndon Maranatha Church. We will serve coffee, orange juice and muffins from 9 - 10 at the time of registration.

Our next month meeting will be Wednesday, September 14th at 1 pm at the Viking Manor.

Dianne offered to serve at the October meeting and Debi offered to serve at our November meeting.

Six children will graduate from the Cradle Roll on Rally Sunday, September 11, 2022 and start Sunday School.

Motion made and second to close the meeting. After a time of prayer over special prayer requests, we prayed together the Lord's Prayer.

Ellen served a wonderful cake.

Respectfully Submitted by Dianne Dahl, Secretary

Glyndon Evening WMF

Evening WMF 8/16/22

Lesson 7 from Behold Our God was led by Pat.

Joyce led the meeting.

There was no secretary or treasurers' report.

Old Business:

WMF officers met to discuss the October 1st Fall Rally to be held in Glyndon. The evening WMF is in charge of the lunch. Discussion was held on what foods to serve. Planning for 50 people.

New Business:

1. A motion was made to give $50 to the General Fund. Luci/Pat.
2. The group decided to table the contribution amount for the Women's Rally.
3. A donation of $50 will be given to help with expenses for the quiet bags.

The meeting was adjourned. It closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Luci

Glyndon Library

Adult Fiction: The World's Fair of 1893 is happening in Chicago and Violet has schemed her way there to meet her mother she barely remembers. In the process, several suitors come to call on her and a decision must be made. Humorous! "A Perfect Pursuit" by Lynn Austin

Adult Fiction: "Night Bird Calling" by Cathy Gohlke presents a sumptuous, textured ode to small-town relationships. In the tradition of "Fried Green Tomatoes".

Adult Fiction: She dreams of a quiet life with her beloved, George, but war looms… Don't miss this exciting novel by Nancy Moser, "Washington's Lady".

Join us as we celebrate 35years at Maranatha– Glyndon

Fall Schedule at Glyndon

Rally Sunday & 35th Anniversary, September 11

Anniversary Worship Service at 9:30am

Sunday School at 10:45am

11:30am Lunch served

Wednesday, September 14

5:45p - Confirmation Meeting for Parents & Students

6:30p - SaltTeens Meeting for Parents & Students

7:00p - 8:15p - SaltTeens

Nurse Vickie will be doing blood pressure checks on **Sunday, September 18** following the Worship Service at Maranatha-Glyndon.

Wednesday Fall Schedule - September 28th

Suppers -5:00-6:30pm

Confirmation - 5:45pm for 6 & 7th Grade

(8th grade Confirmation to begin October 5)

Kids Club - 6:30-7:30pm

Friendship Club 6:45-7:45pm

Men's 33 Study 6:45-7:45pm

Fall Schedule at Ulen

RALLY SUNDAY ~ Sunday September 11th with church service at 9:00am followed by a balloon launch & coffee fellowship. Sunday school for all ages at 10:30am and concluding with a picnic lunch!

We will also be including in our church service the graduation of our cradle roll and presentation of 2nd grade Bible.

We look forward to another year of Sunday school and learning more about Jesus!

Bone Builders

No Bone Builders (watch bulletin for updates)

MOPS (Moms of Preschoolers)

2nd Tuesday, 9:00am-11:00am

Quilting

3rd Wednesday of month 10:00am

SALT TEENS

Wednesday evenings:

7:00 - 8:15PM Bible Study and Fellowship

As the summer wraps up, it's hard to think of the fall and November. However, I want to put before you the SaltTeens' annual **Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway**. We are hoping to supply a Thanksgiving meal for 30 families in need in the community. Would you consider sponsoring a basket this year? The cost is $40 and checks can be made out to Maranatha. Thank you for your continued support!

We look for commitments to donate to **Charles**, **Our Compassion Child** from Togo, Africa. Charles is our Compassion Child as of recent. Narcice, who we had been sponsoring, and his family are doing better financially and his name was removed from the Our Compassion Child list. We are glad to sponsor Charles!

September ~ Happy Birthday!

Andrew Quanbeck	September 01
Ben Nordvik	September 01
Alexa Oswald	September 01
Bill Dale	September 01
Isaiah Ebner	September 02
Morgan Schlauderaff	September 02
Kryss Geray	September 02
Dylan Bushy	September 03
Reid Hurner	September 03
Angie Klevgaard	September 03
Kota Hoselton	September 03
Jedidiah Toms	September 04
Vanessa Skolness	September 04

Brooklyn McCollum	September 05
Kara Davis	September 06
Wyatt Huewe	September 06
Shelby Buchfink	September 07
Del Palloch	September 07
Jakobe McDonald	September 07
Jason Koehler	September 08
Katie Ferden	September 08
Dave Evans	September 10
James Rickford	September 12
David Jensen	September 12
Carol (Tweten)Wallsworth	September 13
Victoria Mosloff	September 14
Clarice Dahl	September 14
Jordan Berntson	September 16
Devika Gwin	September 16
Gordon Fevig	September 17
Cody Oberg	September 17
Amos Fevig	September 17
Ethan Johnson	September 18
Anne Manderud	September 18
Luci Carlson	September 18
Emelyn Fevig	September 20
Addie Ehrichs	September 20
Joy Dale	September 20
Grace Wendt	September 20
Jon Rognlie	September 21
Roger Zetocha	September 21
Cody Erickson	September 22
Harvey Dahl	September 22
Nick Olek	September 25
Elijah Dillon	September 25
Reed Johnson	September 26
Casey Oberg	September 26
Hannah Toms	September 26
Alan Christensen	September 26
Rachel Rasmussen	September 27
Joan Pake	September 27
Anna Sorenson	September 27
Parker Larson	September 28
Caleb Jensen	September 28
Brittany Pender	September 29
Jan Haaland	September 29
Melody Okke	September 30
Soonie Hong	September 30
Jerry Walker	September 30

September ~ Happy Anniversary!

Jon & Annie Rognlie	September 01
Brad & Heidi Bushy	September 02
Bobby & Rochelle Olson	September 02
Dave & Sherry Nelson	September 04
Luke & Olivia Eggebraaten	September 04
Jeremy & Kristen Ebner	September 06
Michael & Payton Dittmann	September 06
Darrell & Betty Menholt	September 07
Gene & Gerri Leach	September 07
John & Lisa Austinson	September 07
John & Terrie Enlow	September 09
Gary & Naomi Nelson	September 12
Dean & Linda Nelson	September 13
Glenn & Karen Urlacher	September 19
Ben & Megan Schmitke	September 20
Mason & Necole Dobbs	September 20
Matthew & Ashley Larson	September 21
Jason & Sue Koehler	September 22
Chris & Soonie Hong	September 22
Rick & Anne Manderud	September 23
Jay & Kaylee Herman	September 24

SECRET SISTERS time at Glyndon. The Secret Sisters Reveal for this past year will be on **Tuesday October 4th.**

Forms are available for SS sign up for next year 2022-2023 ...beginning September 11th to be turned into the office no later than Sunday September 25th. We will start the new year October 1st.

Estate Sale

Proceeds are going towards Operation Christmas Child in remembrance of Suzy Olek

Sat., Sept. 10, 8:00am to 6:00
Sun., Sept. 11, 12:00pm to 6:00
Location: 401 130th St S, Glyndon, MN

Majority of items are new, with tags and original boxes.

- Children's Toys
- Clothing (Men's, Women's and Children's)
- Games
- Kitchenware
- Home Decor
- Crafts/School Supplies

Other items:

- Antique Furniture
- Material and Patterns
- Hunting/Fishing
- Tools
- Books
- Records

And more...

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations. Since 1993, more than 198 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox.

Operation Christmas Child
Samaritan's Purse
www.samaritanspurse.org

Together they have found a friendship, raised a family, and God has blessed them as they have built a beautiful marriage.

Their daughters and families invite you to the joyous celebration of

Rick & Anne Manderud

as they gather for their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, September 24

2:00 – 4:00pm

at Maranatha – Glyndon.

NO GIFTS!

Looking Ahead to October ~ WMF District Rally

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

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church
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Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon

as of 7/31/22

General Fund	Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions	$25,726.00	$177,071
Expenditures	-$26,676.00	-$167,004
Surplus / (Shortfall)		$ 10,067

	7/31/2022
GENERAL FUND INCOME	**$25,726**
Deacons	-$17,044
Education	-$534
Finance	-$4,091
Trustees	-$4,406
Worship & Music	-$601
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	**-$26,676**
Other Income (Rent, Interest, etc)	$10,311
General Fund Balance Change	**$9,361**

GENERAL FUND BALANCE			**$71,508**	Target is $60,000

Special Funds	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
Building Fund			$ 19,094
Cookbook Sales for Missions			$ 90
Designated Donations	249		$ 724
Good Samaritan Fund			$ 2,436
Holiday Baskets			$ 924
Lent Offering			$ -
Memorial Fund	20		$ 7,412
Men's Fellowship	350		$ 791
Men's Fraternity			$ 318
Outreach Ministries			$ 166
Sunday Fellowship Fund			$ 467
Sunday School Missions			$ 107
Trails End Ranch			$ 1,716
VBS Blanket Project			$ 520
Wedding Fund			$ 1,233
Wednesday Suppers		-594	$ 2,673
World Missions Fund			$ 10,897
Youth Activities Fund	430	-1879	$ (1,164)
Youth FLY Fund	20	-1045	$ 10,829
Special Funds Balance			**$ 59,233**
General Fund Balance			**$ 71,507**
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			**$ 130,743**
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

SEPTEMBER @ GLYNDON 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00pm Deacon Meeting	**2**	**3** 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
4 9:30am Worship Service / Communion	**5** 6:00pm Young Adults Potluck at Gooseberry Park in Mhd	**6**	**7** 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens	**8** 7:00pm Church Council	**9**	**10** 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
11 **Rally Sunday & 35th Anniversary** 9:30am Worship - Anniversary Service 10:45am Sunday School 11:30am —Lunch	**12** 7:00pm Young Adults	**13** 10:30am Morning WMF at church	**14** 5:45pm Confirmation Parents Meeting 6:30pm SaltTeens Parent Meeting 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens	**15**	**16**	**17** 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
18 9:30am Worship Service Blood pressures by Nurse Vickie 10:45am Sunday School	**19** 7:00pm Young Adults	**20** 10:00—3:00pm Quilting at the church 7:00pm Evening WMF at home of Joyce Johnson	**21** 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens	**22**	**23**	**24** 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft **24-25th** 11-4pm Farm in the Dell Fall Festival
25 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School	**26** 7:00pm Young Adults	**27**	**28** 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm Confirmation 6&7 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45—7:45pm Friendship 6:45-8:00pm Men's Study 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens	**29**	**30**	

SEPTEMBER @ ULEN 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bible Reading for the month Aug 29- Sept 4 Lamentations 5 - Ezekiel 22 Sept 5-11 Ezekiel 23 - 45 Sept 12-18 Ezekiel 46 - Hosea 8 Sept 19-25 Hosea 9 - Jonah 4 Sept 26- Oct 2 Micah 1 - Zechariah 5				**1**	**2**	**3**
4 9:00am Worship Service / Communion	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
11 Rally Sunday 9:00am Worship Service Balloon Launch 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Picnic lunch	**12**	**13**	**14** 9:00—11:00am MOPS 1:00pm WMF at Viking Manor 7:00pm Church Council Meets	**15**	**16**	**17**
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… "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." II Corinthians 3:17

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