



Maranatha News

October 2019

From Pastor Lloyd....

Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me,.....
(II Corinthians 2:12)

Dear folks at Maranatha,

“Open doors are for walking through, closed doors have to be opened in order to walk through them.” That, no doubt is stating the obvious! But I do find it interesting that the Bible talks about open and closed doors as a way of illustrating the spread of the Gospel. I was at a Pastor’s Retreat recently, and a fellow pastor led us through a study on this, and pointed out how we are dependent on God to open doors for us to share His Word. The verse above comes from the chapter that we covered here at Maranatha just last Sunday, and it seems at first to be just a side note describing the travels of Paul on his missionary journeys. But stop and think about what Paul is saying here. As he went from place to place preaching about Jesus Christ, he encountered all kinds of situations and obstacles, but he saw God’s hand in it all.

He looked on each situation as an open or closed door for the Gospel, and that shaped his actions.

Here at Maranatha we at times deliberately open our doors wide, by putting up posters or sending out flyers inviting to a special event, or to our weekly ministries. I believe it is valuable for us to do so, as we want people to know that they are welcome, and we hope they also then come and hear God’s Word.

But beyond our invitations, God is at work in ways we may not know. He brings circumstances into people’s lives that soften hearts to see their spiritual need. And thus someone who might at one time dismiss our invitation may at another time be quite receptive to it. If we recognize this then we won’t give up so easily on people around us, and we also will be more sensitive to people’s changing levels of receptivity.

Paul in his letters to churches mentions at different times how God has opened a door for him to share the Gospel. (I Corinthians 16:8-9) He also asks folks to pray for Him that God would open a door for His message, even while he was in prison (Colossians 4:2-3). Sometimes God puts us in situations we would rather not be in, and He does so partly because He wants us to see the open door to share God’s Word with someone around us.

Pray with me about seeing open doors for sharing the Gospel as we go about our individual lives, and as we work together in the Church. We live in a world surrounded by people who are feeling hopeless, and we have a message of hope for this life and also for eternity.





Maranatha Council Meeting @ Glyndon

September 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Present: Joy Dale, Todd Dravland, Jeff Ehrichs, Mary Langerud, Amanda Larson, Pat Lewis, Dave Olek, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Shirley Swenson and Glenn Urlacher.

Meeting was called to order by President Todd. Todd's devotion was on being united and led in prayer.

Secretary's report of August 14, 2019 was read by Pat. Motion was made by Jeff and second by Mary to approve minutes as read; motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Amanda. August income was \$20,438.62 and expenses were \$29,312.57. Report was approved as presented by Glenn and seconded by Dave; motion carried.

For the year thus far expenses are \$20,000 higher than income.

Board Reports

Christian Education – Joy

Kids Club starts on September 18th.

Christmas Program Director(s) needed.

Took away many good ideas to implement from the Home + Church presentation.

Deacons – Glenn

Adult Sunday School classes will start on September 15th.

Pastor Ryan will teach an in-depth study on Bible history.

Pastor Ryan has the website very close to be up and ready to use.

Finalizing cookout details from last Sunday's Cookout on the Green.

Finance – Shirley

Budgets are needed from the boards no later than September 29th.

All old records from upstairs have been placed in a file cabinet in the office. Older records that are no longer needed will be properly disposed of.

Trustees – Jeff

Old couch has been removed from the Youth Room.

Quilts have been removed from the Fellowship Hall ceiling. Foam on walls are at max per fire code.

Craig Larson is working on gutter repairs.

Cry Room signage not completed yet; still determining what signage should say.

Worship & Music – Mary

Dinner & Movie night scheduled for October 20th at dinner at 5 PM and movie at 6:30 PM. Movie to be shown is Run the Race. The board will supply root beer floats.

October 27th is Pastor Recognition Sunday. There will be a pot blessing with the Worship board providing pies for dessert.

Looking through hymnals to pull ones that are in bad shape for repair or removal.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Lloyd

Sunday preaching will be on II Corinthians.

Had 2 funerals for church members parents and have

made related visits.

Confirmation: Pastor Lloyd has 8 second year students and Pastor Ryan has 5 first year.

Attended Ulen Council meeting along with visitation. Will preach there in September and again in November.

Rally Sunday went well; good weather.

Will be adding a Take Home discussion/application each week from the sermon.

Living Free classes on Concerned Persons will be held at Maranatha for nine weeks beginning on September 24th. Larry & Shirley Swenson and Cliff & Mary Langerud will lead the class.

Old Business:

Clarified that any sound equipment maintenance costs will go through the Worship and Music Board's budget.

Discussed getting in contact with the congregation on shorter notice. Decided to see if there was a way to use our website once it is up or robo call...is there a cost?

New Business:

November Congregational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20th at 7 PM.

A clear path is needed to exit the North Sanctuary door per fire code; reviewing possibilities to make this happen.

New keyboard needed; a price quote will be brought to the next meeting.

“Resolved that the total compensation paid to Pastor Ryan Tonneson for September through December of the calendar year 2019 shall be \$21,000. Of which \$16,480 is designated to be a housing allowance (plus utilities).”

A motion was made by Mary to accept the request for housing allowance change for Pastor Ryan Tonneson and Shirley seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Lloyd closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 9th at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Lewis

Maranatha Council Meeting @ Ulen

The Ulen Maranatha Church Council met September 11, 2019 with the following present: Harvey Dahl, Bob Herzog, Gary Langerud, Dwight Fevig, Mary Ann Schneidermann, Matt Klemetson, Jeannine Hess and Duane Fuglie. The meeting was called to order at 7PM with prayer and devotions given by Dwight.

Secretary's Report: Read and approved with motion by Bob, second by Duane, carried.

Treasurer's Report: Read, discussed and approved with motion by Greg, second by Dwight, carried.

Deacon's Report : 4 home communions have been done. Pulpit fill discussed.





Trustee's Report: Furnace in fellowship needs to be looked at; is not heating at present.

Music and Worship: No report.

Christian Education: No report.

Old Business; Janitorial position discussed. Motion by Bob, second by Greg to authorize Kristi Schneidermann to do cleaning, carried.

New Business: The Thanksgiving Eve service will be at Glyndon November 27 at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn by Greg, second by Bob. The Lord's Prayer was prayed. Mary Ann will give devotions in October.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Schneidermann

WMF NOTES

(Women's Missionary Federation)

GLYNDON MORNING WMF

Maranatha morning WMF met on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 with 11 ladies present.

Terrie E. opened with a devotions.

Doris D. led our Bible study on "Nehemiah... Build a Strong Wall of Christ like Living."

We prayed our prayer requests.

Terrie Led our Business Meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Thank-you's were read from Suzy and Jill Olek.

Lila made a motion to buy spatulas for kitchen, Jeanie seconded, all approved. Terrie will buy them.

The missing forks were discussed.

Discussed the option of the hostess of the month may choose to host in their home or the church.

Anne made a motion to send \$50 to the General Fund.

Suzy Shared about Albania and shared treats.

Terrie closed with prayer.

Lila Ebner, Secretary

ULEN WMF

Our Ulen Maranatha WMF met Monday, September 16th at 1 p.m. at the Viking Manor with 9 ladies present and also little William. We celebrated 7 birthdays at the home which included Emelyn.

Ellen opened with prayer and together studied our Bible Study lesson entitled "NEHEMIAH...Build a Strong Wall of Christ like Living."

Ellen opened our Business Meeting with the reading of the Secretary's report which was read and accepted with a motion by Kathy and second by Mary Ann. Ellen read the Treasurer's report in Debi's absence which was approved with a motion by Dianne and second by Joyce.

Our project offering of \$50.00 this month will be given to the

General Fund.

A thank you was read from Karen in regards to the ladies making and serving the Brunch for the Class of 1957.

There was more discussion on the distribution of area Bread Baskets.

Mary Beth will be Hostess for October.

Ellen mentioned the Fall District meeting October 5th at Wadena.

Mary Ann made a motion to again give \$100.00 this year for children at Ulen School who cannot afford money for snack/milk break. Second by Mary Beth.

Mary Ann suggested to start up quilting again and was suggested we try meeting the second Wednesday of the month from 10 to 2.

Prayed together the Lord's Prayer and gathered together with the residents in the dining hall to have some Apple Dessert which we brought to enjoy with the residents at the home.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Dahl, Secretary

GLYNDON EVENING WMF

9-17-19 Evening WMF (9 present)

Janet opened the meeting with prayer. Liz led Lesson 5 of the Bible study.

Pat gave the treasurers report. Luci gave the secretaries report.

The reports were approved and accepted.

Old Business:

1. The Christmas Shoe Box project of helping sort items has been cancelled. The headquarters has been moved to Chicago from Minneapolis.

2. The missing forks have not been found.

New Business:

1. Thank you card was shared.

2. A motion was made by Joyce/seconded by Melody to purchase 3 units of 36 Onita Arbor Rose food service dinner forks. The cost is \$157.68.

3. The WMF District Rally is at Zion Lutheran in Wadena on Oct 5 with registration starting at 9am. The theme is "Jesus Is The Light".

4. Melody made a motion/seconded by Carol to give \$200 to Samaritans Purse.

5. Operation Christmas Child boxes will be given again this year. The list of suggestions was discussed.

6. Motion was made by Janet/seconded by Liz to donate \$50 to WMF General Fund.

7. Ground Fresh Coffee tickets are still available. The event is October 25 and 26th. See Chanyce for tickets.

8. Next Evening WMF will be at Melody's.

Motion to adjourn made by Luci/seconded by Pat.

Respectfully submitted by Luci





SERVING GROUP II at Glyndon

Our opportunity to serve our Lord and our church family with goodies during fellowship time on Sunday's is coming up. We will be responsible for the months of October, November and December.



A sign-up sheet is posted in the kitchen for you to select a date or dates that works out best for you to serve. Your willingness for serving in this area is much appreciated. Thank You!

Thankful for all who serve our country! Thank You to all Men & Women, family and friends, who are serving our country both here at home and in other countries. Remember them in prayer!

Kally Anderson, granddaughter of Vonnie Anderson

Trevor Dufault, son of Todd & Sara Dravland

Allan Fuglie, grandson of Duane & Kathy Fuglie

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

Jessica Myers, granddaughter of Gerrie Payne

Luke Stensgard, grandson of Jane Williams

Jonathan Taylor, grandson of Fran Jenson

Josh Trulson, son-in-law of John & Terrie Enlow

Marcus Young, John & Terrie Enlow's niece's husband

GLYNDON LIBRARY

Adult Fiction: By Susan May Warren; **"Tying the Knot"** #2 in her Deep Haven Collection.

Anne never expected to help Noah Standing Bear run his summer camp for inner-city kids, yet Noah has a charisma she can't ignore.

Adult Non-Fiction: The latest book by Max Lucado, **"How Happiness Happens"** is about finding lasting joy in a world of comparison, disappointment and unmet expectations.

Kids: By Joyce Meyer, **"Field of Peace"** is a delightful story of baseball, animals and getting along.



We have many Bible studies in our church library. They offer a great opportunity to start up a Bible study, have a home study with a few friends or even do a

study on your own. (They each come with DVD's. Some have study books and some you will need to order books.)

To check them out: Please DO NOT use date stamp to check out, instead write the due date on the card with your name. The studies can be checked out for 2-3 months at a time.

Women's Studies

by *Beth Moore*: David; Esther; Beloved Disciple; Children of the Day; Sacred Secrets; Entrusted; Stepping Up; When Godly People Do Ungodly Things; James; To Live Is Christ; Inheritance; Breathe; The Law of Love and Family of Jesus.

by *Kay Arthur, Beth Moore, Prissilla Shirer*:

Faithful - Abundant

by *Denise Glenn*: Wisdom for Mothers

by *Susie Larson*: Your Beautiful Purpose

Christian Living

by *Kendrick Brothers*: War Room

by *Francis Chan*: Crazy Love

by *Jim Cymbala*: When God's Spirit Moves

by *Chip Ingram*: Living on the Edge

by *Chip Ingram*: Culture Shock

Parenting

by *James Dobson*: Bringing Up Boys

LIBRARY AT ULEN

Questions about the library - contact Kathy Fuglie or Marilyn Green.

Jail Chaplains Dessert Social & Fundraiser



RESTORING Lives
a story to tell...

JAIL CHAPLAINS

DESSERT
social and fundraiser

{ THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 }
6:30PM PROGRAM / LIVE AUCTION

HOLIDAY INN - FARGO
3803 13th Ave S | Fargo, ND

tickets

\$20
per person

\$300
sponsored table
(set for 10)

can be purchased at jailchaplains.com



SALT TEENS

GLYNDON

Wednesday evenings: Bible Study & Gathering at 7:00pm at the church

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

Lefse Making

Fall is here and that means Christmas is right around the corner! SaltTeens will be making lefse for purchase this year. Youth, we'll be prepping the lefse on November 1 from 5:30-9:30 and making on November 3, following Sunday School. (And yes, lunch will be included!)

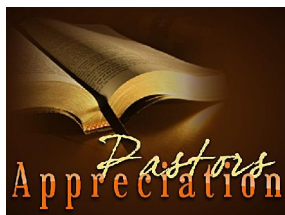
Lefse Orders

In order to help us better prepare, this year we are going to be taking orders! Beginning the week of October 6, there will be an order form on the SaltTeens bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or at the SaltTeens page of the new Maranatha website. Orders will be due by October 30th. If you don't get your order in by the deadline, SaltTeens will be selling extras.

GLYNDON & ULEN

AFLBS Up Close - October 17-18 for 11th & 12th Graders: Take advantage of this opportunity to get an up-close and personal look at AFLBS! At this free event you will attend classes, eat meals, and stay in the dorms right alongside current AFLBS students. Find out what AFLBS is really like! Talk to Pastor Ryan if interested in attending.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday and New Member Sunday @ Maranatha-Glyndon



Sunday, October 27th

9:30am Worship Service

10:45am Sunday School

11:30am Potblessing lunch

An article found: A **Pastor** never gets to say "I'm off duty". Never gets to punch out at 5. Never gets to have a normal schedule. We don't know how many sleepless nights they spend on their knees praying for their church. How much opposition they face. How many family opportunities they miss to meet with hurting people. We can't carry their burden for them but we can do what the Bible tells us to: **Pray for them. Encourage them. Support them.** Thank you Pastor Lloyd and Pastor Ryan for caring for us at Maranatha!

From Our Glyndon Parish Nurse Vickie



Welcome to Fall! I have to say it is my favorite season of all but with it comes many changes and the "art of letting go". It's tough on our "Mental Health". Our children are off to schools whether it be colleges, high schools, kindergartens, pre-schools.....changes are taking place. Our children are gifts from God. Here's a few tips to support your child and yet give you peace of mind.

Use the time in the car traveling to sports events or taxi-ing for times of conversation, times of prayer, even times of devotions that your child can read to you while you drive.

Put notes in lunch boxes, inside book covers.

Offer to pick up their friends children so you get to know who they are hanging out with.

Attend their games- cheer them on but don't be the "parent that embarrasses them" from the stands.

Remember to be the parent- They have friends but they need your parenting love and advice. It will build your friendship later in life.

Hugs are still important- no matter what the age.

Finally- Lead by example, pointing them to Christ for their security and peace of mind. Praying with and for them. Supporting them through their ups and downs.

Take a deep breath parents. Its hard to do but you have been given a precious gift. To have, to hold and yet to let go so they can successfully fly. You're doing a great job!!

Remember its time for your Flu Shots!!! Especially if you have preexisting health conditions. You can go to your local Pharmacy, or your Dr's Office.

Blood Pressure Clinic - Sunday, November 3rd in the fellowship Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Lindsey Tweten	October 01
Luke Sivertson	October 01
Sue Koehler	October 02
Patrick Mosloff	October 03
Adrienne Rheault	October 03
Dilene Spielman	October 03
Levi Forness	October 04
Lila Ebner	October 05
Kallie Quanbeck	October 05
Mary Ann Schneidermann	October 05
Steven Mondt	October 06





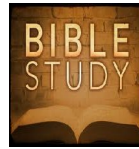
Ramona Habedank	October 07
Luke Quanbeck	October 08
Baxter Rickford	October 08
Charlene Oberg	October 08
Nancy Lunder	October 08
Janet Boe	October 09
Will Oswald	October 09
Pattie Brecto	October 09
Ryan Buchfink	October 10
Rachelle Gilbert	October 10
Kody Chromey	October 10
Bill Strand	October 10
Patience Graff	October 11
Greg Schmitke	October 12
Jeff Tweten	October 12
JoAnn Skaug	October 12
Dwight Fevig	October 13
Glennys Sivertson	October 15
Stan Sivertson	October 15
Roger Wright	October 15
Tammy Erickson	October 15
Elias Gaukler	October 15
Casey Macziewski	October 17
Jake Pender	October 19
Corey Trick	October 19
Marie Tweten	October 21
Sarah Quanbeck	October 21
Preston Johnson	October 22
Bettie Buchfink	October 23
Harold Skaug	October 24
Lily Dalen	October 24
Kathy Fuglie	October 25
Amber Nelson	October 25
Ardis Johnson Haarstad	October 26
Danette Trautmann	October 26
Carol Johnson	October 28
Chris Fuglie	October 28
Sally Johnson	October 29
Betty Menholt	October 30
Blake Heisinger	October 30
Matt Okke	October 31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Sean & Rebecca Buchfink	October 04
Scott & Chris Fuglie	October 10
Jerome & Leane Trautmann	October 16
Gaylan & Sharon Larson	October 20
Gary & Debi Langerud	October 21
Greg & Carol (Tweten) Wallsworth	October 21
Mike & Michal Schmidt	October 23
Wayne & Nancy Lunder	October 24
Elijah & Ciara Dillon	October 24

Bob & Clarice Softing	October 26
Jason & Brittany Schapp	October 27
Russell & Charlene Oberg	October 29

LIFE GROUP BIBLE STUDY



Bible study at Pat Johnson's meet on Thursdays, at 7 pm (4011 39th St S, Mhd)
We will be studying "Life Lessons from Psalms" a Bible study written by Max Lucado, and would like you to have you join us for this study.
Mary & Cliff (218-354-7157)



SUPPER AND MOVIE - Sunday October 20 at Maranatha - Glyndon

5:00 - 6:15pm Dinner will be served by our Youth

6:30pm Movie "Run the Race" will be shown

The Youth will be serving a **Pasta Dinner** for all before the movie. This will be a free will offering which will go toward the Youth FLY account.


In **RUN THE RACE**, two desperate brothers sacrifice today for a better tomorrow.

Reeling from his mother's death and his father's abandonment, Zach, an All-State athlete, finds glory on the football field, working to earn a college scholarship and the brothers' ticket out of town.

When a devastating injury puts Zach—and his dreams—on the sidelines, David laces up his track cleats to salvage their future and point Zach toward hope.


RUN THE RACE shows what's possible when you run to—instead of from—the overwhelming love of God.






New Life Center

October 22, 2019
Delta Hotel • 1635 42nd St SW, Fargo
6:30pm Social & 7:00pm Program





The Untold Story

The New Life Center is hosting its **Fourth Annual Fundraising Dessert Social**. This event is a memorable and powerful tool used to bring awareness to the reality of homelessness in our community.

Back by Popular Demand

Ron Hall of the Same Kind of Different as Me Foundation will join us on October 22, 2019. His new book *Working our Way Home* was released in February 2018. You don't want to miss this great story.

Ron Hall's life was centered around a successful career as an international art dealer and a passion for his Rocky Top ranch on the Brazos River. All this changed in 1998 as a result of an encounter with a homeless man who was threatening to kill everyone in sight at the homeless shelter where Ron and his wife, Deborah, had begun to volunteer two weeks earlier.



New Life Center



The Untold Story

Ticket & Sponsorship Opportunities

Genesis - \$3,500

- 10 tickets for the Dessert Social and Program
- 10 tickets for the VIP Meet & Greet with Ron Hall
- Full page Powerpoint slide ad

Harbor - \$1,000

- 6 tickets for the Dessert Social and Program
- 6 tickets for the VIP Meet & Greet with Ron Hall
- Logo on Powerpoint slide ad

Passport - \$1,500

- 10 tickets for the Dessert Social and Program
- 10 tickets for the VIP Meet & Greet with Ron Hall
- 1/2 pg Powerpoint slide ad

Life Preserver - \$500

- 4 tickets for the Dessert Social and Program

Individual Tickets - \$40 ea

- Assigned Seating

Sponsorship Special Instructions

I only need tickets for the Dessert & Program

I only need tickets for the Meet & Greet

I only need copies of Ron Hall's New Book

Your business name and logo submissions (logos must be sent to NLC via email at events@nlgcenter.org by Sept. 1st, 2019 so we can properly recognize event partners. For questions or assistance please call 701-523-4433

Operation Christmas Child

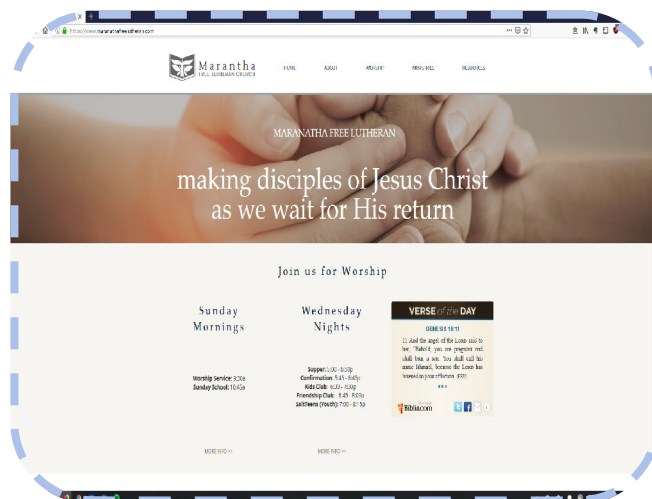


Just a reminder if you want to start early: Boxes will not be due till middle of November.

1. Find a Shoebox. Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately.
2. Girl or Boy ~ Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.
3. Fill with Gifts ~ Select a medium to large "wow" item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. (Check sight for items not to be included.)
4. Pray ~ Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.
5. Follow Your Box Labels ~ Donate \$9 online and receive a tracking label to [Follow Your Box](#) and discover the destination of your shoebox gift.
6. Drop-Off ~ during National Collection Week, Nov. 18-25, 2019.

Maranatha-Glyndon has launched the new web page site.

The address is www.maranathafreelutheran.com



We are excited to let you know that the new web page is up and running! When you have a chance please take a look at it. Audio sermons are also included on this site in the resource page.

Thanks to Pastor Ryan for all the work on getting this up and running, he has did a great job!

LOOKING AHEAD:

Annual November Congregational meeting at Maranatha-Glyndon will be held on Wednesday evening, November 20th at 7:00pm. At this meeting we will look at purposed budgets for 2020 and have election of officers. If you have items that you would like added to the agenda at this meeting please be in contact with President Todd Dravland.

Chuckle:

A three-year old boy decided he could put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed he had his left shoe on his right foot and right shoe on his left foot. She said, "Son, your shoes are on the wrong feet." He looked at her with a raised brow and said, "Don't kid me mom, I know they're my feet!"



Maranatha Free Lutheran Church Monthly Financial Summary**8/31/2019****August GENERAL FUND INCOME****\$20,438.62****GENERAL FUND EXPENSES**

Deacons	\$15,513.89
Education	\$1,088.12
Finance	\$3,649.69
Trustees	\$7,676.62
Worship & Music	\$200.00
August GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$28,128.32

Other Income (Rent, Interest, etc) \$11.05

General Fund Balance Change **-\$7,678.65****August GENERAL FUND BALANCE****\$63,301.57**

	7/31/2019			8/31/2019
Special Funds	Previous Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
Building Fund	\$ 19,093.72			\$ 19,093.72
Compassion Child - Narcise	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00
Cookbook Sales for Missions	\$ 400.00			\$ 400.00
Designated Donations	\$ -	\$765.50		\$ 765.50
Gear Head Fund	\$ 1,184.59			\$ 1,184.59
Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 3,430.20		\$106.42	\$ 3,323.78
Holiday Baskets	\$ 232.79			\$ 232.79
Lent Offering	\$ -			\$ -
Memorial Fund	\$ 11,119.23			\$ 11,119.23
Men's Fellowship	\$ 548.80	\$40.00		\$ 588.80
Men's Fraternity	\$ 317.55			\$ 317.55
Outreach Ministries	\$ 166.42			\$ 166.42
Parking Lot	\$ 1,671.74			\$ 1,671.74
Sunday Fellowship Fund	\$ 467.31			\$ 467.31
Sunday School Missions	\$ -			\$ -
Trails End Ranch	\$ 1,716.00			\$ 1,716.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ -	\$630.25	\$630.25	\$ -
VBS Blanket Project	\$ 145.68	\$130.00	\$145.68	\$ 130.00
Wedding Fund	\$ 1,244.99			\$ 1,244.99
Wednesday Suppers	\$ 2,929.94			\$ 2,929.94
World Missions Fund	\$ 8,915.92	\$160.00		\$ 9,075.92
Youth Activities Fund	\$ -			\$ -
Youth FLY Fund	\$ 2,270.05	\$667.00	\$159.76	\$ 2,777.29
Special Funds Balance	\$ 55,904.93	\$ 2,392.75	\$ 1,042.11	\$ 57,255.57
General Fund Balance	\$ 70,980.22			\$ 63,301.57
CHECKBOOK BALANCE	\$ 126,885.15			\$ 120,557.14
PETTY CASH BALANCE	20.00			20.00

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon

General Fund	Current Month	Year to Date	Total Budget	Monthly Contributions	Percent of Budget Received / Expended YTD
				Needed to Meet Budget	
Contributions	\$20,438.62	\$202,767.20		\$ 30,401.27	55.58%
Expenditures	\$28,128.32	\$222,811.80	\$364,815.27		61.08%
		-\$20,044.60			

Questions may be directed to Amanda Larson, Treasurer (701) 793-5177

Detailed financial reports are available in the Glyndon office.

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church of Ulen
Statement of Financial Income and Expense
August 2019

	<u>Aug 19</u>		
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · Contributions Income			
4000.1 · General Fund Contributions	5,926.00		
4000 · Contributions Income - Other	0.00		
Total 4000 · Contributions Income	<u>5,926.00</u>		
4010 · Special Funds Income			
Total 4010 · Special Funds Income	<u>0.00</u>		
Total Income	<u>5,926.00</u>		
Gross Profit	5,926.00		
Expense			
GFEXP · General Fund Expenses			
5001.1 · Pulpit Fill	478.00		
5002.1 · Secretary	675.00		
5005 · Treasurer Expense	800.00		
5009 · Payroll Tax Expense			
Total 5009 · Payroll Tax Expense	0.00		
5099 · Donations to Ministries	1,052.00		
5102 · Christian Education Expense	1,554.00		
5103 · Worship and Music Expense	125.00		
5104 · Utilities			
5104.1 · Electricity	124.54		
5104.2 · Water	76.80		
5104.3 · Telephone/Internet	94.83		
5104.6 · Garbage Pickup	74.08		
Total 5104 · Utilities	<u>370.25</u>	Special Funds	
5300 · Office Supplies Expense		A.E.D Fund	0.00
Total 5300 · Office Supplies Expense	0.00	Building Fun	15,470.82
6500 · Operations		Good Samari	3,133.47
Total 6500 · Operations	<u>0.00</u>	Lenten Servi	0.00
Total GFEXP · General Fund Expenses	<u>5,054.25</u>	Memorial Fur	737.00
SPEX · Special Fund Expenses		Men's Fellow	3,832.25
5202 · Men's Fellowship Meals, Ent.	130.96	Parish Nurse	606.61
Total SPEX · Special Fund Expenses	<u>130.96</u>	Scholarship I	1,201.50
Total Expense	<u>5,185.21</u>	Sunday Schc	1,161.93
Net Ordinary Income	740.79	Youth FLY Fi	2,348.64
Net Income	<u>740.79</u>	Total Special Funds	<u>28,492.22</u>
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		Ending Bank Balance 8	58,243.42
		General Funds Av. Bal:	29,751.20



OCTOBER @ GLYNDON 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00pm High Mileage Game Day 6:30pm Over 30 Life Group	2 5:00-6:30pm Supper Served 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45-7:45pm Friendship Club 7:00pm SaltTeens	3 7:00pm Life Group Bible Study at Pat Johnson home	4	5 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft WMF Rally at Wadena, MN
6 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE / COMMUNION 10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	7 7:00pm Under/30 meet	8 10:30am Morning WMF 6:30pm Over 30 Life Group	9 5:00-6:30pm Supper Served 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45-7:45pm Friendship Club 7:00pm SaltTeens 8:00pm Church Council meets	10 7:00pm Life Group Bible Study at Pat Johnson home	11	12 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
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AFLBS UpClose Days for 11th & 12th Graders

Laura Finstrom will be with us on Sunday, October 20 during our Worship Service to share with us on her missionary work as a Math teacher in Hungary



OCTOBER @ ULEN 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00pm Prayer Time	3 No Bone Builders	4	5 6:30am Men's Bkft & Bible Study WMF Rally at Wadena, MN
6 9:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE / COMMUNION 10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	7 9:30-10:30am Bone Builders @Ulen Fellowship Hall	8	9 10:00 - 2:00pm Quilting Day at the church 7:00pm Church Council	10 9:30-10:30am Bone Builders @Ulen Fellowship Hall	11	12 6:30am Men's Bkft & Bible Study
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That's What Sex Is For

WALT MUELLER, CPYU President



YOUTH CULTURE HOT QUOTE

"We vastly undervalue God's fatherhood as well as overvalue our own. When our children are out of our sight, they are not out of his sight. Right now, God is actively parenting our children. . . You don't have to be a perfect parent, and in fact, you never can be. Your children, however, do have a perfect parent. He knows them better than you do and knows what they need more than you do. He loves them more than you do and has more power to act out of that love than you do. He has sacrificed more for them than you have and will be able to care for them beyond your limited lifetime."

Nancy Guthrie, "Praying Through The Bible For Your Kids," p. 261



Taylor Swift's latest musical message to the world about sex, sexuality, and gender brought home two big Moon Man awards at the recent MTV Video Music Awards. The pop star's hit song "You Need To Calm Down", is at its root Swift's critique of what she sees as an old-fashioned and out-dated way of looking at sex, sexuality, and gender. When the song won for "Video of The Year" and "Video For Good", it was once again clear that our culture has moved away from a God-centered sexual ethic to a self-centered sexual ethic. For those of us who hold to what the Bible clearly teaches about the purpose and place of God's good gift of sex, Taylor's lyrical message in the song is this: "You would rather be in the dark ages. . . You need to calm down. . . You need to just stop."

As Christian parents, we've been called to nurture our children and teens into a God-glorifying understanding and expression of sex, sexuality, and gender. To accomplish that task, we must first understand what they're learning about these matters that's skewed, off-base, and in error. Taylor Swift's song is just one example of what today's culture is teaching our kids. They're told that you must decide for yourself based on how you feel and what you desire. In other words, it's all up to you to determine the place and purpose for sex. And, as you make your decision, there are no borders or boundaries. *You can do whatever you want, wherever you want, however you want, whenever you want, with whomever you want.* But that's not all. You need to ignore any advice on sex and gender that comes from "the dark ages" . . . including anything your parents, youth worker, or church might teach you about biblical sexuality.

Because the culture is sending such strong and compelling messages to our kids, we need to ramp up our own efforts to tell our kids the truth about God's good gift of sex. Two of the most basic and foundational truths we must

teach are that God has clearly established both a *place* and a *purpose* for sex. . . both of which have been given to protect us from harm and to provide for our human flourishing.

In the book of Genesis (the creation account in Chapters 1 and 2), God gives the good gift of sex to be experienced and indulged within the context of a life-long, monogamous, heterosexual, covenantal marriage between one man and one woman. That's the *place*.

But the gift of sex is not about indulging and seeking to satisfy our own sexual appetites in self-centered ways. Rather, the Bible tells us there are four distinct purposes for sex, and we should go out of our way to teach the joyful wonder of each to our children and teens.

First, sex is a Divine-gift to consummate a marriage. It is about two human beings powerfully coming together in their totality which the Bible calls "becoming one flesh" (Matthew 19:4-6). Sex completes a marriage.

Second, sex is a Divine-gift which allows us to "be fruitful and multiply" (Genesis 1:28). God commanded humanity to procreate. Sex is how human life begins.

Third, sex is a Divine-gift which allows us to express our love in the most intimate of ways. The entire Old Testament book of The Song of Solomon expresses this in the most beautiful and poetic of ways.

Finally, sex is a Divine-gift which allows us to experience the greatest of physical pleasures. While the selfish pursuit of pleasure for pleasure's sake is sinful (Proverbs 21:17), God has given us the gift of pleasure by His design.

Parents, the culture engages in the sex education of your kids 24/7. Give them a proper perspective on sex so that they might sexually prosper and thrive to the glory of God! ★

Songs on the Billboard Hot 100

Week of September 28, 2019
Source:
Billboard



1. *Truth Hurts* by Lizzo
2. *Senorita* by Shawn Mendes & Camila Cabello
3. *Bad Guy* by Billie Eilish
4. *Someone You Loved* by Lewis Capaldi
5. *Panini* by Lil Nas X
6. *Ran\$om* by Lil Tecca
7. *No Guidance* by Chris Brown featuring Drake
8. *Goodbyes* by Post Malone featuring Young Thug
9. *Circles* by Post Malone
10. *Old Town Road* by Lil Nas X featuring Billy Ray Cyrus



QUICK STATS

Having acne in adolescence is associated with achieving higher grades in high school English, math, science, and social studies, along with an overall higher high school GPA.

(Do Pimples Pay? Acne, Human Capital, and the Labor Market study)

Later school start times resulted in 31 more minutes of sleep per night for middle schoolers and 48 more minutes per night for high school students.

(American Academy of Sleep Medicine)

FROM THE NEWS:

VAPING

If you've been tracking at all with the news over the last couple of months, you know that Vaping has not only become more popular among kids, but it's also come under fire for the health risks. The CDC has documented a growing number of cases where kids have been placed in medically induced comas because of severe and deadly vaping related lung illnesses. Parents, pass on these words of warning from 18-year-old Maddie Nelson. "I thought vaping was fine. I used all sorts of different products, from all sorts of vape shops." On July 27, Nelson was admitted to the hospital with severe nausea, vomiting, chest pain, back pain, and fever. She says, "My temperature was so high, my brain just totally shut off. I had fat particles growing inside my lungs that were related to the glycerin in vape juice. My lungs were full of fluid and they said that my chest x-rays were some of the worst they'd ever seen. I will never touch a vape again." Let's pray that our kids will do the same.

TRENDS: LGBTQ ACTIVISM AND MARKETING

At CPYU, we continually say that marketing is not only about selling product, it's also about selling a worldview. Ads tell stories that shape our beliefs, which in turn shape our behaviors. This is especially true for our children and teens who are vulnerable to marketing's pitch. Recently, the Converse sneaker company launched an ad campaign for their new Pride Collection of footwear designed to celebrate

LGBTQ activism efforts. The footwear features things like glitter, pride flags, and rainbows. The campaign is centered around seven young people who identify as LGBTQ, some as same-sex attracted, and some as transgender. One of them is eleven year-old Desmond Napoles who self-identifies as gay, dresses in drag, and frequents gay nightclubs. ... all with his parents support and approval. Parents, as your children encounter these campaigns, be sure to respond by teaching how to engage with this cultural narrative in ways that are marked by Godly grace and biblical truth.



LATEST RESEARCH: BENEFITS OF NOT DATING

As Christian parents, our greatest desire for our kids should be to see them flourish by living every square inch and second of their lives under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. One of the most common roadblocks to this kind of flourishing is the teenage dating, romance, and love scene. The pressure to be in a dating relationship can be strong. And for those who aren't, they can somehow come to the

wrong conclusion that they are less than their friends. If you're a parent like me, you've pushed back on the pressure your kids feel to date. A new study from the *Journal of School Health* says that there are benefits to not dating. The study found that 10th grade students who are not in a romantic relationship have stronger social skills and are less depressed than their peers. In addition, those students exhibit greater leadership skills. Parents, let your kids know that they don't have to conform to the latest dating pressures. Relationships can become an idol that derails their love for Christ.

COLLEGE TRANSITION INITIATIVE

a resource of CPYU
www.CollegeTransitionInitiative.com

Connecting College Students to Church

by Walt Mueller



Studies say that up to 65 to 80 percent of young people who grow up in the church drop out of church when they become college-aged. The reasons for this are many. They arrive on campus and get so busy that they don't make time for church or campus fellowship groups. Others cave to the peer pressure to immerse themselves in the campus social scene, and even may be ostracized if they choose church over what everyone else is doing. And, among a host of other reasons, a student might not know where to begin to find fellowship on campus.

Parents, youth workers, and pastors should be working together to foster continued church involvement and spiritual growth long before a student leaves for campus. Here are some initial simple steps to take:

- Make the importance of a lifetime of involvement in fellowship a lifetime conversation. Don't wait until the day, week, month, or even year a student leaves home to have the conversation.
- Once a student leaves for college, check in regularly to encourage them to connect with a fellowship group and church. Use texts, calls, and even hand-written letters to stay connected.
- Finally, enlist the help of the College Church Connection (collegechurchconnection.org), an organization that will research and recommend fellowship opportunities on campuses around the country.

New Podcast

Youth Culture Matters

is a long-format podcast from CPYU co-hosted by Walt Mueller and Jason Soucinek.



Listen at
www.cpyu.org/podcast.

Be sure to check out
Episode 89 titled
"Beyond 7-11 Songs:
Raising the Bar on Youth
Group Worship"

FROM THE WORD

In the opening chapter of his letter to the Galatian church, Paul speaks about the audience of One from whom he seeks approval. He contrasts his desire to preach, minister, and live in a way that pleases God, to being motivated by seeking approval from man. In fact, Paul tells us in Galatians 1:10 that people-pleasing and God-pleasing are actually mutually exclusive: "If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ."

Since the time when our first parents fell into sin, the desire to please people has motivated humans to do much of what we do. Our default setting is to seek approval in any way possible. This reality has ramped up for our kids thanks to the presence of social media in their lives. They fabricate, curate, and promote their online persona. . . which can be considerably different from who they *really* are. . . in order to accumulate the currency of "likes." In fact, we adults engage in this empty pursuit way too often ourselves.

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GALATIANS 1:10 (NLT)**

Seeking approval is not in and of itself a bad thing. When we are motivated to find approval from our Creator, our approval-seeking is a good thing. But when we seek approval in the eyes of the world we will never have enough. . . and we will wind up spiraling down into the never-ending rabbit hole of spending more time and effort on our search for significance.

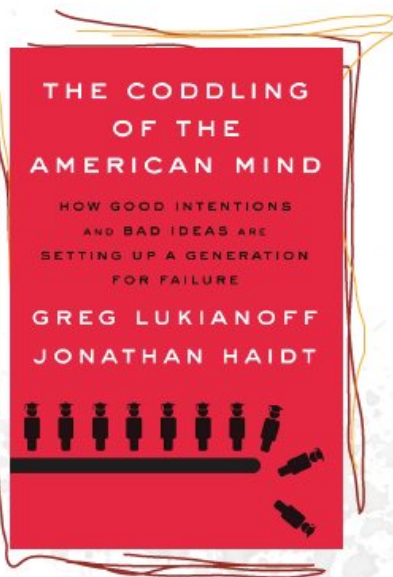
Like Paul, we should seek the divine approval that we already have in Christ. And, we must make every effort to steer our kids in the same direction.

HELPFUL RESOURCE ←

Something has been going wrong on many college campuses in the last few years. Speakers are shouted down. Students and professors say they are walking on eggshells and are afraid to speak honestly. Rates of anxiety, depression, and suicide are rising. How did this happen?

First Amendment expert Greg Lukianoff and social psychologist Jonathan Haidt show how the new problems on campus have their origins in three terrible ideas that have become increasingly woven into American childhood and education: What doesn't kill you makes you weaker; always trust your feelings; and life is a battle between good people and evil people. These three Great Untruths contradict basic psychological principles about well-being and ancient wisdom from many cultures. Embracing these untruths—and the resulting culture of safetyism—interferes with young people's social, emotional, and intellectual development. It makes it harder for them to become autonomous adults who are able to navigate the bumpy road of life. Lukianoff and Haidt investigate the many social trends that have intersected to promote the spread of these untruths.

The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions And Bad Ideas Are Setting Up A Generation For Failure is a book for anyone who is confused by what is happening on college campuses today, or has children, or is concerned about the growing inability of Americans to live, work, and cooperate across party lines.



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there is freedom." II Corinthians 3:17



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