

# Maranatha News

JULY 2026

## FROM PASTOR LLOYD

*For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. (The Theme verse for the 2026 AFLC Annual Conference from Philippians 1:6)*

It was a joy for me to take in the AFLC Annual Conference a couple of weeks ago, at Concordia College in Moorhead. I love being a part of this fellowship of likeminded Lutheran Congregations, and reconnecting with many folks whom I have known and worked together with in some capacity over the years. This year a special joy was also seeing many of you over at Concordia for some part of the Conference. Thanks to several of you who answered the need for volunteers for a day in the nursery or VBS Program. A number of you also came for one of the evening worship services, and a few took in several of the daytime business sessions and workshops.

Opening night packed out the Knutson Center Chapel with close to 600 folks filling the chairs on the floor as well as three sides of the balcony. A highlight of the night was the ordination of six young men who have answered calls to parish ministry. 529 folks were registered participants in the Conference business sessions which took place each day. A significant part of those sessions is the giving of reports by the leaders of the various ministry departments of the AFLC.

AFLC President, Pastor Micah Hjermstad on Thursday gave kind of a “State of the AFLC” report. He explained that since 2019 we have been fairly consistent in the number of member congregations – averaging between 247 & 255. However, we have a number of fairly small rural congregations, some of which may close in the years to come. The last 10 years have seen baptized membership of the AFLC drop about 15%, and average attendance drop about 16%. However, also about a 5% increase in attendance has taken place since 2023, following the COVID years. (I am thankful that most of our churches remained open during those years, and several, including Maranatha, had new people come in our doors, invited by parishioners.) Pastor Hjermstad also reported that in our AFLC Congregations about 20% are under age 18, 18% are between ages 19-40, 25% between ages 41-65, and 37% over age 65.

Encouraging to me were reports from AFLC Home Missions and Evangelism and Discipleship ministries. There seems to be a fresh awareness in many of our congregations of the need to be learning how to better reach out to the unchurched. “Rekindling the Fire” training on Tuesday included some practical encouragements on having conversations with folks in our Post-Christian culture, and pointing them to Jesus. I am quite encouraged to see also a fresh determination to plant new congregations that deliberately seek to reach the lost. AFLC Home Missions is working with new Mission Gatherings in Bismark, ND; Minneapolis, Mn; and Flandreau, SD. It also is supporting Mission Congregations in Ankeny, IA; Moorhead, MN; and St. Paul, MN. And they continue to also support Established Congregations in Kildeer, ND & San Antonio, TX. In addition, plans are being developed to call a Renewal Director to be available to come alongside of older AFLC Congregations that have been experiencing measurable decline.

A highlight for me each year is the night that AFLC Pastors and wives enjoy a banquet together. This year that took place at the Courtyard Marriott in Moorhead, where 164 pastors and wives came together for an evening of great food and fellowship. As VP for the AFLC I have the privilege of emceeing that event. After a great meal and fellowship around the tables, we spend some time singing together a capella, from memory, hymns and choruses. The sound of mixed voices singing parts as we praise the Lord together fills the banquet hall, and for me seems a taste of the heavenly choir! We also take time to recognize first time participants, and pastors celebrating milestones since their ordinations. This year Pastor Elden Nelson, former Home Mission Director and former AFLC President, gave the message from God’s Word. Men like him who are over 80, but still have a vibrant testimony of God’s work in and through them, are an inspiration to me. Many of those whom I have looked up to and been mentored by over the years have passed on to glory. But the work of God’s Kingdom continues on, and the Lord continues to raise up younger men to answer His call to shepherd the flocks of the AFLC.

I continue to be thankful for the work that the Lord is doing among us in the hearts and lives of folks at Maranatha, and also for the extended fellowship and mutual encouragement we enjoy as a part of the AFLC. Next year’s Annual Conference is at Warm Beach Conference Center near Stanwood, Washington. I am anticipating a road trip and connecting with folks from our Free Lutheran congregations on the West Coast.

Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon, MN Council Meeting

June 17, 2026, 7:00pm

Present: Glenn Urlacher, Jeff Ehrichs, Bill Dale, Amanda Larson, Rochelle Olson, Chad Johnson, Carol Johnson, Chanyce Dahl & Pastor Quanbeck

President Bill opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's report was read and placed on file.

Board reports:

Finance – Amanda

- Contributions in May were \$27,973. Expenses were \$31,395, leaving us with a shortfall of -\$3,936.
- The church was just gifted a \$25,000 estate gift which will go in the memorial fund for now.

Trustee – Jeff

- They trimmed up the trees on the west side of the building.
- The auto door opener for the men's bathroom has been ordered.
- Also working on the pump connection on the geo-thermal machine in the Sunday school wing.

Worship – Carol

- New members Sunday was on May 31 and went well. Pictures were taken of new members and will be posted on a board.
- They are talking about updating the directory in the future.
- New banners celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> were made by Mary Langerud. They are beautiful, thank you, Mary.

Education – Rochelle

- VBS leadership spots are filled.
- They are still looking for host homes for the team.
- They would like to have some kind of presence at the Loco Days parade on July 25<sup>th</sup> in Dilworth to help advertise and invite kids to VBS.
- The VBS offering will go to Naknek, Alaska.
- They are considering adding the city of Dilworth to the bulk mailing for VBS this year.

Deacons – Glenn

- Deacons are aiming to make monthly visitations.
- The summer schedule is set up with Ulen to help them fill the pulpit on the last Sunday of each month.
- Wilderness camp weekend will be August 22-23.
- Reminded all of us that Pastor Quanbeck was re-elected as the VP of the AFLC and to be aware and give grace for his very busy schedule. Thanking him for all he does for so many of us.

Pastor Quanbeck –

- May was a very full and busy month with many good visits made connected to Confirmation and High School Graduations.
- Reporting from the AFLC Conference that there were 529 registered. Several from our church attended and many helped volunteer in various areas.
- Pastor will preach in Ulen on June 21 for their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church.
- Pastor shared health updates on several parishioners. One being Vickie Havercamp. She has had a very long year. A GoFundMe account has been set up to help her, if you are interested in donating you may contact the church office.

Old Business – none

New Business –

- Congregational meeting will be on June 28<sup>th</sup> following the morning service.

Chad made a motion to adjourn, Rochelle 2<sup>nd</sup>/C

Prayer requests were taken and Pastor Quanbeck closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Chanyce Dahl, Secretary



# WMF NOTES (Women's Missionary Federation)

## Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF met June 2nd, with 14 ladies in attendance. Mary Rolf opened with prayer and led our Bible study on "I Believe God is Lord: I Surrender, Not Self-Assert". President Cris Finstrom opened the business meeting with prayer. Secretary's report and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

### Old Business:

- Cris thanked everyone for helping make 175 baked potato bags. Renate was very grateful when she dropped them off.

### New Business:

- Jeanie made a motion, Anne 2nd, to give \$100 to Annual Conference & Home Missions.
- Evening WMF is meeting at Wilderness Camp on June 16th at 11:30am, all are invited.

Meeting concluded with prayer requests and prayer. Respectfully submitted by Karen Urlacher, Secretary



## Glyndon Evening

Evening WMF met on June 16th at Wilderness Bible Camp. This was open for all women and girls. 10 women, 1 girl (& 3 boys) were in attendance. Melody Okke provided a fun patriotic painting/craft project. After eating our sack lunches with assorted fruit and salad, Melody led our Bible study, "I Believe God is Lord: I Surrender, Not Self-Assert".

No business meeting was held this month.

Prayer requests were shared and prayed over. A delicious dessert was served at the end. Next meeting will be July 21st at 7:00pm at Janet Boe's home.

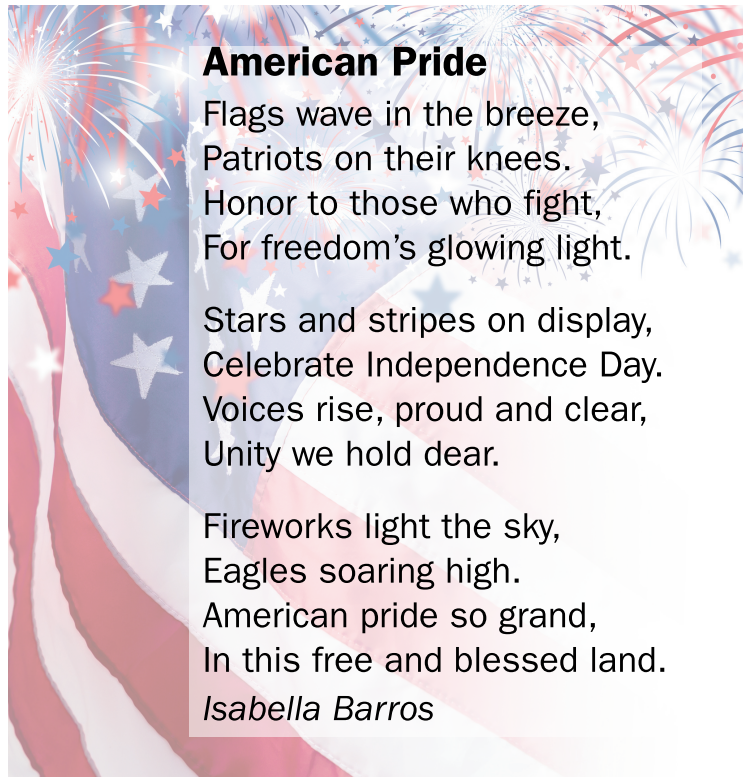
Respectfully submitted by Coco Geray, Secretary

## Ulen

Our Ulen WMF met Wednesday, June 17th at Viking Manor Nursing Home at 1:00pm. We gave out 3 men and 2 women's birthday gifts for the month of June. We opened our study time with prayer and did our lesson with 2 of our women present and 8 residents joining us. It was a wonderful study time and visit with the residents.

We did not do our business meeting at this time.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Zillmer, Secretary



### American Pride

Flags wave in the breeze,  
Patriots on their knees.  
Honor to those who fight,  
For freedom's glowing light.

Stars and stripes on display,  
Celebrate Independence Day.  
Voices rise, proud and clear,  
Unity we hold dear.

Fireworks light the sky,  
Eagles soaring high.  
American pride so grand,  
In this free and blessed land.

*Isabella Barros*

## SERVING GROUP 2 ~ Glyndon

Serving Group 2 will be responsible for **July, August & September**. Take time to check the date or dates that you would be willing to serve goodies after church on Sunday mornings. 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. Any questions, contact Mary Langerud. Thank you!



Shirley Swenson's sister, Beverly Gjersvig, passed away during the night of June 21<sup>st</sup> and the funeral will be in Arizona on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for traveling mercies for Shirley & Larry, her siblings and their spouses as they travel to Arizona and back. Travel is now more challenging as they are all getting older and many have health issues. Pray also for peace and comfort for Beverly's husband, Allen, and their family during this time.



# VBS 2026

**Ulen**  
Sun. - Thurs.  
August 2-6  
6-8pm

**Glyndon**  
Mon. - Fri.  
August 3-7  
9am-Noon

### WORKDAYS IN JULY:

**Glyndon** - Tues. July 7, 4-8pm, supper provided  
Tues. July 28, time TBD

**Ulen** - Wed. July 29 at 9am (workday & set-up)

### VBS Set-Up at Glyndon:

There will be pizza, fruit & sweets served for those that stay and help set up for VBS on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> following the service. Many hands make the work light! Thanks!

### Lunch following Program in Glyndon

There will be a lunch following the program on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Hot dogs, buns, watermelon and chips will be provided. *Please bring a side dish or sweets to share.* Thank You!

Register for Glyndon VBS  
HERE →



## GLYNDON LIBRARY BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR JULY

**ADULT FICTION:** New from Lauraine Snelling, with Kiersti Giron, is the first two books in a series, **Home to Green Creek Series**. Norwegian Immigrant, Amalia, & her little sister, Ruth, acquire a boarding house and must strive for resilience in a new land.

- 1) Land of Dreams
- 2) At Morning's Light

**ADULT FICTION:** New to our library, author Pam Hillman. Her **Natchez Trace Novel Series** is:

- #1 - The Promise of Breeze Hill
- #2 - The Road to Magnolia Glen
- #3 - The Crossing at Cypress Creek

They take place in the 1700's in Natchez, Mississippi.

**ADULT NON-FICTION:** **"Imprisoned with Isis"** by Petr Jasek, with Rebecca George.

**Excerpt:** 'It turned into a 445-day imprisonment. And if God had not intervened, Petr would have been there for the rest of his life. In December 2015, Petr traveled to Sudan to evaluate how the Voice of the Martyrs could help Sudanese Christians...'



# CHAPEL AT THE LAKES



**SUNDAYS @ 10AM**  
**JUNE 14 - AUGUST 30**

Wilderness Bible Camp  
12220 Co Hwy 5  
Lake Park, MN



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## AFLC WILDERNESS FAMILY CAMP

JULY 14 - 19

*All are welcome to attend the AFLC Wilderness Family Camp anytime during the week.*

There are morning Bible studies and evening worship services each night beginning Tuesday night, July 14 and concluding Sunday, July 19, following the morning worship service.

- **10:00am Bible Study** led by Dr. Jarrod Hylden (FLBCS and former intern at Maranatha)
- **7:30pm Evening Service**, speaker is Pastor Aaron Olson (from Living Hope in Rogers, MN)

*Maranatha Glyndon is scheduled for leading the Tuesday, July 14, evening service and providing goodies for the fellowship time following.*

# SALT + TEENS

FLY BEYOND  
2026



**FLY Beyond 2026: Living Stone**  
**July 12-16, 2026**  
**Association Retreat Center (ARC)**  
**Osceola, WI**

*Pray for the 5-6 kids attending  
this event.*

Pastor Josh will also be attending  
this with the students.

## SALT TEENS SUMMER EVENTS

**Wednesday, July 22nd 6-8:30pm**  
**Fun night of Food, Fellowship, Games and  
Bible Study at Jake & Brittany Pender's  
Home**

**Wednesday, August 5th (VBS Week)**  
**NO SaltTeens this week**

**Wednesday, August 12th 6-8:30pm**  
**SaltTeens at Nathan & Bambi Lambert's  
Home**

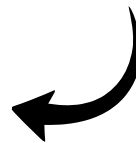


**Tim Barnett**  
Featured speaker  
at FLY Beyond

**Tim Barnett** is an apologist and speaker with *Stand to Reason* (STR), an apologetics ministry dedicated to training Christians to think more clearly about their faith.

In 2020, Tim began Red Pen Logic with Mr. B, an online ministry that assesses bad thinking on social media by using good thinking. Across all social media platforms, Red Pen Logic (RPL) reaches millions of people every month.

Check out his online resources that include "Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?" and "Can the New Testament be Trusted?"



## 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
Harvey Johnson	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
Katie Johnson	July 17
Bambi Lambert	July 17
Faith Fevig	July 18
Lenae Harless	July 18
Tallulah Loyd	July 19
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!

Morgan & Emily Loyd	July 01
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
Josh & Katie Johnson	July 23
Joe & Allie Mozley	July 25
Jack & Emily Olek	July 29
Alex & Adri Fevig	July 30



## *Military Personnel*

*Thankful for those who serve our country!*

**Natalea & Caleb Ackman**, granddaughter & husband of Rick & Anne Manderud

**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

**Kale Okeson**, son of Justin & Sarah Okeson

**Andrew Quanbeck**, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean Quanbeck

**Josiah Quanbeck**, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean Quanbeck

**Isaiah Rice**, husband of Katie (Koehler) Rice

**Jakob Rolf**, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf

## Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon

31-May-26

General Fund	Current Month	Year to Date
<b>Contributions</b>	\$27,973.00	\$ 141,425
<b>Expenditures</b>	-\$31,395.00	-\$148,748
<b>Surplus / (Shortfall)</b>		\$ (7,323)

5/31/2026

<b>GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>	<b>\$27,973</b>
Deacons	-\$19,820
Education	-\$127
Finance	-\$4,509
Trustees	-\$6,374
Worship & Music	-\$565
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$31,395</b>
Other Income (Rent, Interest)	\$25
Transfers between Funds/ Other Expenses	-\$539
<b>General Fund Balance Change</b>	<b>-\$3,936</b>

<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$79,939</b>
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<b>Special Funds</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Building / Emergency Fund	564.38		\$ 8,785
Christmas Eve			\$ -
Designated Donations			\$ (0)
Furnace Fund			\$ 13,407
Good Samaritan Fund	150	-475.81	\$ 4,006
Lent Offering			\$ (0)
Memorial Fund			\$ 10,437
Men's Fellowship/Breakfast	50	-10	\$ 1,118
Outreach Ministries			\$ 0
Sunday Fellowship Fund			\$ 469
Sunday School Missions	11		\$ 639
Thanksgiving Offering			\$ -
Trail Life			\$ 180
Vacation Bible School			\$ -
VBS Blanket Project			\$ -
Wedding Fund			\$ 500
Wednesday Suppers	440	-1346	\$ 4,070
World Missions Fund			\$ 8,626
Youth Activities Fund			\$ 852
Youth Community Outreach			\$ 1,442
Youth FLY Fund	101		\$ 5,818
<b>Special Funds Balance</b>			<b>\$ 60,349</b>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>			<b>\$ 79,939</b>
<b>CHECKBOOK BALANCE</b>			<b>\$ 140,398</b>
<b>PETTY CASH BALANCE</b>			<b>\$ 20</b>

*Detailed expense reports are available in the Glyndon office.  
 Questions can be directed to Kristine Quanbeck Treasurer  
[treasurer@maranathafreelutheran.com](mailto:treasurer@maranathafreelutheran.com)  
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## @ GLYNDON



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:30am • Worship Service 11am • Congregational Meeting Young Adults Fellowship	29	30	1 10am • Women's Bible Study 6-8:30pm • SaltTeens 7pm • Deacon Meeting	2	3	4 
5 9:30am • Worship Service w/ communion	6	7 <b>4-8pm</b> • <b>VBS Workday (supper provided)</b>	8 10am • Women's Bible Study 5pm • YMT Meeting 6-8:30pm • SaltTeens 7pm • Council Meeting	9	10	11 7am • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
12 9:30am • Worship Service	13	14 10:30am • Morning WMF at church	15 10am • Women's Bible Study	16	17	18 7am • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
<div style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; border-radius: 10px;"> <b>AFLC Wilderness Family Camp - July 14-19</b> </div>						
<div style="background-color: #ADD8E6; color: #0056b3; padding: 10px; display: inline-block; border-radius: 10px; border: 2px solid #0056b3;"> <b>FLY Beyond (at the ARC) - July 12-16</b> </div>						
19 9:30am • Worship Service	20	21 10am-3pm • Quilting at church 7pm • Evening WMF at Janet Boe's home	22 10am • Women's Bible Study 6-8:30pm • SaltTeens at	23	24	25 7am • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
26 9:30am • Worship Service Young Adults Fellowship	27	28 <b>VBS Workday - Time TBD</b>	29 10am • Women's Bible Study 6-8:30pm • SaltTeens	30	31	1 7am • Men's Fellowship Breakfast



# JULY 2026

## @ ULEN



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>28</b> 9am • Worship Service	<b>29</b> 9:30-10:30am • Bone Builders	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30-10:30am • Bone Builders	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 
<b>5</b> 9am • Worship Service w/communion	<b>6</b> 9:30-10:30am • Bone Builders	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9-11am • MOPS  1pm • WMF	<b>9</b> 9:30-10:30am • Bone Builders	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>26</b> 9am • Worship Service	<b>27</b> 9:30-10:30am • Bone Builders	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00am • VBS Workday & Set-Up	<b>30</b> 9:30-10:30am • Bone Builders	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>

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... “where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom.” II Corinthians 3:17

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