

# Maranatha News

JANUARY 2026

## FROM JOSH JOHNSON...

This new year, maybe more than any previous, is sure to bring new experiences for my family. I write this as we are celebrating Christmas, packing up our house, and getting ready to make the move to Glyndon at the end of January. This is the first real move for our family. As we have been processing this transition, the Lord has been reminding us of His steadfast love. Are you facing a big change this new year? Maybe it's a new job, a new baby or grandbaby, or some other new responsibility? Maybe you are facing a loss? Maybe you're not in the place you thought you would be in some other area of life. Whatever you're facing, consider these biblical principles.

There is comfort in knowing others have walked in your shoes and have found peace on the other side. I'm thinking specifically of other Christians in your network and at Maranatha. Instead of turning to the advice of the latest trend setter, share your hopes and anxieties with those who the Lord has placed in your life. Rejoice together, and weep together (Romans 12:15). Learn from those who have been around the block a few times (1 Kings 12:6-8). And rest in knowing your Lord and Savior has walked through death itself. In Christ, everything is going to be ok.

As we say goodbye to friends, we've been reminded that it's important to grieve. Grief and lament are common themes throughout Scripture, especially in the book of Psalms. Often (see Psalm 77) the psalmist begins by voicing his troubles and sorrow but eventually turns to remembrance of the Lord's mighty deeds. Grief has a way of bringing to mind God's faithfulness. That's often why change is hard; it means saying goodbye to the people and things that have blessed us. Grief acknowledges the pain associated with that loss. As we bring that pain to God we remember He is the source of all good things. If He has provided before, He can and will continue to provide.

We have been thankful for many of you who have reached out to welcome us and we feel your prayer support. One unique blessing was watching Maranatha's Sunday School Christmas program online. Our kids were bummed to think they had just finished their last Christmas program at our current congregation but they cheered up after getting to see the kids and teens at our new church. It was tangible evidence that God is providing something new.

We are still learning to rest in God's plans for the year ahead. When so much is out of your control, it is hard not to feel some level of anxiety. If turning the calendar has you feeling weary and uncertain, place all your cares in the hands of one who knows your every need and is sure to bring you through.

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:15-16*

We look forward to seeing you soon!

In Christ,  
Josh Johnson



# COUNCIL MINUTES

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

December 10, 2025, 7:00pm

Present: Cliff Langerud, Glenn Urlacher, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Amanda Larson, Lori Pender, Chad Johnson, and Alyssa Johnson .

Cliff opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

Secretary's report of November meeting minutes was read by Alyssa. No corrections nor additions to the Secretary's report. Stand approved as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Amanda. November 2025 contributions as \$37,500 and expenditures of \$27,900. \$575 to Good Samaritan Fund from Thanksgiving offering.

Board Reports:

~ Finance –Amanda

\* No updates

~ Trustees – Jeff per Kristine

\* No updates

~ Worship & Music – Lori

\* Caroling on 12/6 went well

\* Movie night 11/30 was a success

\* Reviewing bulletin options

~ Education – Rochelle

\* SS Christmas Program 12/14 – Rachel and Corey Trick to lead

\* Planning New Year's Eve party for adults and children

\* Requesting VBS Team

~ Deacons – Glenn

\* Adult Sunday school class "Truth Rising" starting after the first of the year

\* Security team forming plans

\* Christmas Eve offering to go to Good Samaritan Fund

~ Pastor Report - Pastor Lloyd

\* Josh Johnson and family moving the last week of January, to start February 1st – Jeff Ehrichs to help move

\* Hosted young couples dinner at their home

\* Wrapping up Exodus, starting Hebrews

Old Business: None

New Business:

~ Discussed moving away from current bulletins to print own. Chad made a motion to stop ordering from Cathedral Press and print own bulletins. Lori seconded, motion carried.

Pastor Lloyd closed the meeting in prayer

Motion to adjourn made by Glenn; seconded by Jeff

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

### MARANATHA GLYNDON

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

11:30AM - POTLUCK MEAL

12:30PM - MEETING

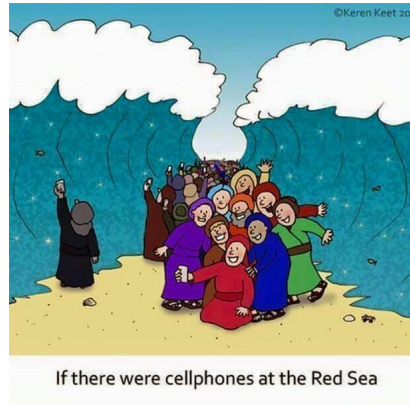
The potluck will also be to welcome our new Intern, Josh Johnson, and his family will be here!

### MARANATHA ULEN

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH

10:15AM - MEETING

LUNCH FOLLOWING



### Maranatha - Glyndon:



The preliminary budget for 2026 was presented at just over \$400,000. This is an increase of \$8,000 per month compared to our current expenses. This includes the cost for our intern pastor plus other increasing expenses such as utilities and insurance.

Please reach out if you have any questions about the budget before it is approved at the January meeting.

As a reminder, you can set up one-time or recurring contributions by going to the Donate page on our website [www.maranathafreelutheran.com](http://www.maranathafreelutheran.com), or by sending a dollar amount by text to 833-648-6683.

Thank you!

Amanda Larson  
Finance Board Chair



*Thank You*

A special thank you to all those who went caroling on December 6th with the church. The wonderful singing, the goodies and all the hugs were so special and made my day.

I also want to express thank you to all those who made donations to the Maranatha Youth Ministry in memory of Roger this past year. The youth ministry has always held a special place in our hearts.

Love in Christ, Sharon Wright

We want to thank all of you so very much for the outpouring of love and care. Your cards, text messages, calls, prayers, visits, and gifts of love have brought so much comfort. Your prayers are still needed and appreciated.

We are most certainly blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family. With much love and gratitude, we wish you all blessings and joy this new year.

Sincerely, the Sanger and Okeson families

*Thank You!*



**Trail Life**

Adventure › Character › Leadership

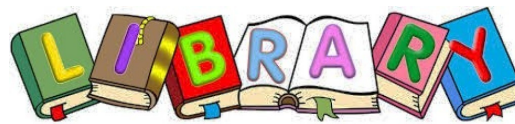
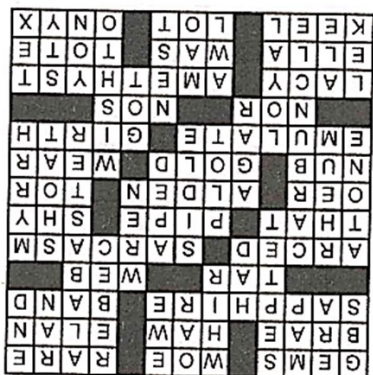
**Troop meetings are the  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6-7:30pm**

**All boys grades K-12 are invited to attend!  
If you have any questions, please contact  
Corey Trick.**

**This month's Troop Meetings are:**

**January 13th**

**January 27th**



**GLYNDON LIBRARY—**

**BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR JANUARY**

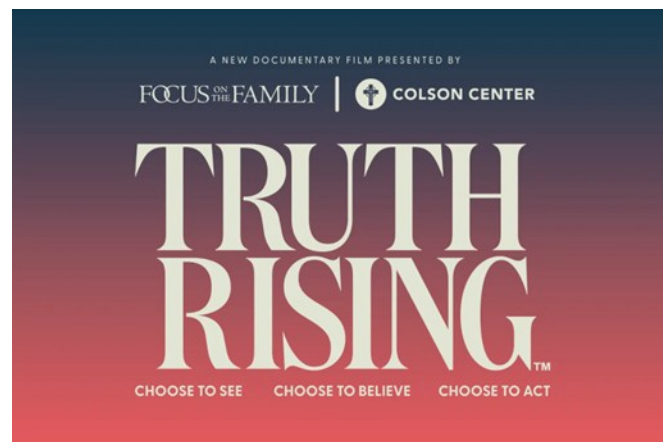
**ADULT FICTION:** *The Inn at Shining Waters* is a 3-book series from Melody Carlson.

- 1) River's Song
- 2) River's Call
- 3) River's End

Three generations of Women Return to their roots to discover who they are and who they are meant to be.

**ADULT FICTION:** Tessa Afshar's *Pearl In the Sand* is about Rahab of the Bible. Striking beauty comes with a price!

**ADULT NON-FICTION:** *Twelve Ordinary Men* by John MacArthur is about how the Master shaped His disciples for greatness, and what He wants to do with you.



Truth Rising: The Study is built around four key themes - Hope, Truth, Identity, and Calling - this study equips you to understand the times, ground yourselves in God's truth, and step boldly into your role in history, and move from awareness to action. This study is your next step toward living with intentionality and influence. The Adult Sunday School class will start this new study on January 4th. The class will begin with viewing the documentary over two weeks followed by a 4-week in-depth study.

We would like to encourage small groups for our congregation. One option might be the Video series Truth Rising. We will be starting Truth Rising as an Adult Sunday School class on Jan. 4th for 6 to 7 weeks because of the short class period (this typically is a 6 week study). To find out more info please join us on the 4th or search online at Truth Rising (the study). For more information on leading or attending a small group, please talk to Craig Hurner.

## WMF NOTES (Women's Missionary Federation)

### Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF hosted a Christmas Party for the women and girls on Tuesday, December 16, after being postponed due to weather the week before. The program was followed by a Potluck Meal. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 13th at 10:30pm at the church.

### Glyndon Evening

Christmas party was at Janet Boe's home December 16. No meeting was held in December. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00pm at the church.

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No meeting was held. Our Christmas Gathering was held at Fill Thy Cup in Hawley on December 4th. Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 14th at 1:00pm at the church.

#### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

When in sorrow, call John 14  
 When men fail you, call Psalm 27  
 If you want to be fruitful, call John 15  
 When you have sinned, call Psalm 51  
 When you are in danger, call Matthew 6:19-34  
 When God seems far away, call Psalm 139  
 When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrews 11  
 When you are lonely and fearful, call Psalm 23  
 When you grow bitter and critical, call 1 Corinthians 13  
 For Paul's secret to happiness, call Colossians 3:12-17  
 For idea of Christianity, call 2 Corinthians 5:5-19  
 When you feel down and out call Romans 8:1-30  
 When you leave home for labor or travel, call Psalm 121  
 When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, call Psalm 67  
 For a great invention/opportunity, call Isaiah 55  
 When you want courage for a task, call Joshua 1  
 How to get along with fellow men, call Romans 12  
 When you think of investments/returns, call Mark 10  
 If you are depressed, call Psalm 27  
 If your pocketbook is empty, call Psalm 37

### SERVING GROUP 3 ~ Glyndon

Serving Group 3 will be responsible for January, February & March. 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 Ruth Larson or Kim Jensen. Thank you!

## **You're Invited!** To Pat Lewis' retirement party!



Celebrating Pat's 39 ½ years at St. Luke's, MeritCare and Sanford!

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**2:00PM - 4:00PM @**  
**Maranatha Free Lutheran Church**  
**101 Foundation Ave**  
**Glyndon, MN 56514**

**We can't wait to see you there!**

### **Thank You**



Thank you to **Jack Olek** and **Olek Services** for providing the snow removal for our church in Glyndon this winter. We appreciate all you do to help keep our parking lot and sidewalks clear.



### **Winter season is here!**

Glyndon cancellation of church services or Wednesday evening activities will be posted on KVLV, In-Forum, WDAY, our Web page, Facebook and E-mail. We will follow DGF School storm cancellation policy, if school or after school activities are cancelled on a Wednesday, our evening activities will also be cancelled.

# SALT + TEENS



## Lock-In

January 30th - 31st

Friday 7pm to Saturday 7am

There will be a sign up sheet in the youth room and on the bulletin board.

We are also looking for a few parent volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested or able to help, please talk with Nikki.

More details coming in January!



## SILVER COIN WARS



There will be a fundraiser for the FLY fund starting January 4<sup>th</sup> and going through February 1<sup>st</sup> called "Silver Wars". There will be two jars in the fellowship hall, one labeled "GUYS" and one "GALS".

**Silver coins** can be placed into your team's jar for positive points;

**Bills** can be placed into the opponent's jar for negative points.

The team with the highest NET points wins.

The points are: +5 for nickels

+10 for dimes

+25 for quarters

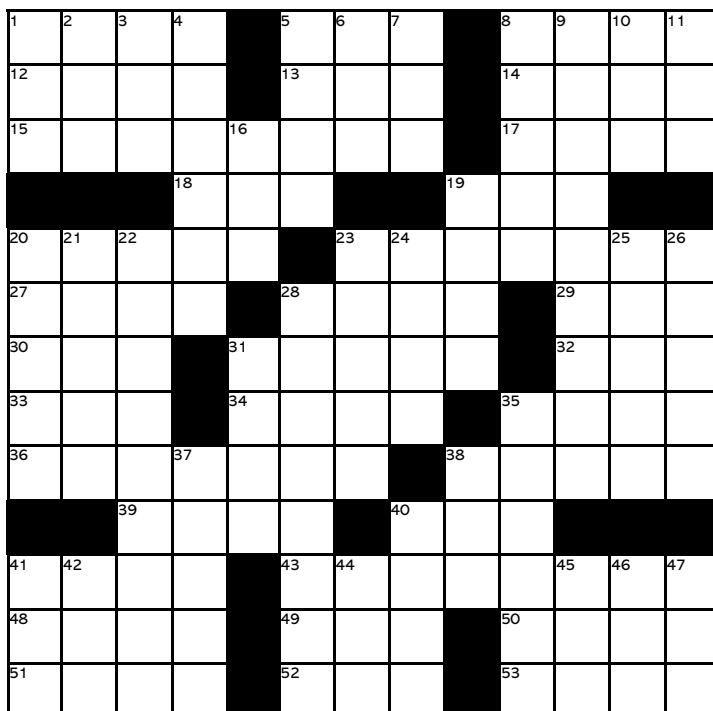
-100 for a 1-dollar bill

-500 for a 5-dollar bill, etc....

Points will be tallied each week and displayed by the jars.

Rewards for the winning team will be announced in January.

## TREASURES



20. Curved

23. Cutting ironic remark

27. "It is a rare thing \_\_\_ the king requireth" (Daniel 2:11)

28. Snowman accessory

29. Timid

30. "\_\_\_ the land of the free..."

31. "The Courtship of Miles Standish" character

32. Rocky hill

33. Well-worn pencil

34. "I have coveted no man's silver, or \_\_\_" (Acts 20:33)

35. Have on, as clothes

36. Strive to equal or match

38. Measurement around the waist

39. "Eat not of it raw, \_\_\_ sodden" (Ex. 12:9)

40. Negative replies

41. Like doilies

43. Twelfth foundation of Jerusalem's walls In Revelation 21:20

48. Jazz singer Fitzgerald

49. "And the earth \_\_\_ without form" (Gen 1:2)

50. Lug

51. Boat' backbone

52. Sodom escapee

53. "There is bdellium and the \_\_\_ stone" (Gen. 2:12)

6. "And all that handle the \_\_\_" (Ezekiel 27:29)

7. Ram's mate

8. Three-stringed instrument

9. "...an \_\_\_ box of very precious ointment" (Matthew 26:7)

10. Sprinted

11. "The \_\_\_ of all flesh is come before me" (Genesis 6:13)

16. "Yet I \_\_\_ planted thee a noble vine" (Jeremiah 2:21)

19. Songbird

20. Make amends

21. Rhubarb

22. "...row was a sardius, a topaz, and a \_\_\_" (Exodus 39:10)

23. Move like a crab

24. Mimicked

25. Piglet

26. Gift of the Magi

28. Part of a novel

31. Culture base

35. "I \_\_\_ be excused"

37. Patriotic

38. Acquired

40. It's out on a limb

41. Albanian monetary unit

42. Ginger \_\_\_ (soda choice)

43. Tool for punching holes

44. Chinese revolutionary leader

45. Hither's partner

46. Pig's place

47. \_\_\_-Mex cooking

## DOWN

1. *Saint Joan* writer's initials

2. Big Band or Christian

3. Where X marks the spot

4. Band of seven

5. Blender sound

## ACROSS

1. 15 and 43-Across

5. "if I be wicked, \_\_\_ unto me" (Job 10:15)

8. Exceedingly uncommon

12. Glasgow hillside

13. Hem and \_\_\_

14. Dashing style

15. "The first foundation was jasper; the second, \_\_\_" (Rev. 21:19)

17. Jars of Clay, e.g.

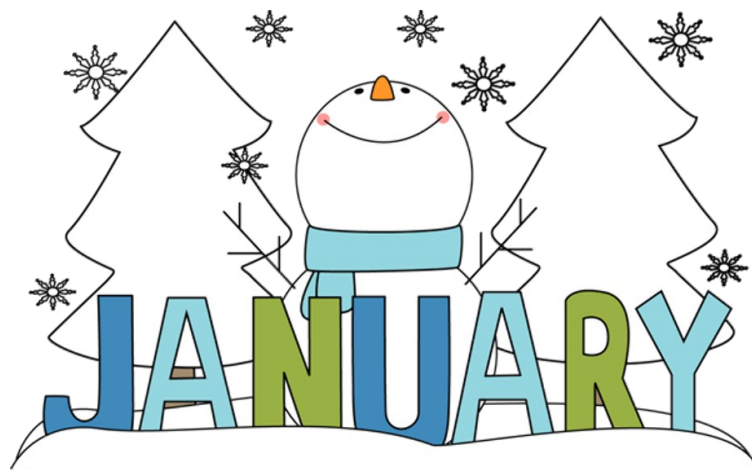
18. Stuff similar to Noah' pitch

19. Spider's creation



## January ~ Happy Birthday!

Lisa Austinson	January 01
Mark Fuglie	January 01
Chad Johnson	January 01
Pr Lloyd Quanbeck	January 03
Brodey Johnson	January 04
Pat Johnson	January 04
Howard Scheuring	January 04
Aubrey Lambert	January 05
Tammy Fuglie	January 07
Alex Fevig	January 08
Jesus Gonzalez	January 08
Jim Haarstad	January 08
Matt Klemetson	January 08
Lori Pender	January 08
Jericho Baer	January 09
Jean Quanbeck	January 09
Ellen Zillmer	January 09
Cory Johnson	January 10
Landon Johnson	January 10
Charles Laughlin	January 10
Vickie Swanson	January 11
Doug Macziewski	January 12
Bailey Murack	January 15
Dave Olek	January 15
Trista Oberg	January 16
Peter Trick	January 16
Ryan Trulson	January 16
Logan Johnson	January 18
Jeremy Ebner	January 19
Gunner Nelson	January 19
Dianne Wolla	January 19
Jackeline Gonzalez	January 20
Greg Zillmer	January 20
Karen Urlacher	January 21
Zach Boehrsen	January 22
Jonah Larson	January 22
Caleb Dahl	January 23
Tanner Dufault	January 23
Raul Gonzalez	January 23
Fran Jenson	January 25
Emerson Johnson	January 25
CieGie Hilde	January 27
Liz Tonneson	January 27
Robert Huewe	January 28
Joshua Koehler	January 28
Kristen Ebner	January 29
Olivia Eggebraaten	January 29
Bridget John	January 29
Amaris Baer	January 30



## BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

### January ~ Happy Anniversary!

Jerry & Liz Walker	January 02
Isaac & Petra Young	January 04
Bruce & Dianne Wolla	January 18
Caleb & Stephanie Dahl	January 28
Ron & Ruth Larson	January 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  
*Isaiah Rice*, husband of Katie (Koehler) Rice  
*Jakob Rolf*, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf

# Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon

30-Nov-25

General Fund			Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions			\$37,498.00	\$295,461
Expenditures			-\$27,899.00	-\$282,481
Surplus / (Shortfall)				\$ 12,381

11/30/2025

**GENERAL FUND INCOME** **\$37,498**

Deacons	-\$15,093
Education	-\$6
Finance	-\$5,681
Trustees	-\$6,612
Worship & Music	-\$507

**GENERAL FUND EXPENSES** **-\$27,899**

Other Income (Rent, Interest)	\$20
Transfers between Funds	-\$748

**General Fund Balance Change** **\$8,871**

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE** **\$68,846**

<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Building / Emergency Fund	747.92	\$	4,932
Designated Donations	637	(487) \$	150
Furnace Fund		\$	13,383
Good Samaritan Fund	100	-131.04 \$	1,915
Lent Offering		\$	-
Memorial Fund		\$	10,362
Men's Fellowship/Breakfast		\$	1,302
Outreach Ministries		\$	0
Sunday Fellowship Fund		\$	469
Sunday School Missions	33	\$	549
Thanksgiving Offering	575	\$	575
Trail Life		\$	-
Vacation Bible School		\$	-
VBS Blanket Project		\$	-
Wedding Fund	490	-490 \$	500
Wednesday Suppers	1182	-145 \$	5,679
World Missions Fund		\$	8,226
Youth Activities Fund	25	\$	719
Youth Community Outreach		-50 \$	1,443
Youth FLY Fund	1,250	\$	1,930
<b>Special Funds Balance</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>52,135</b>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>68,846</b>
<b>CHECKBOOK BALANCE</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>121,019</b>
<b>PETTY CASH BALANCE</b>		<b>\$</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)  
 218-498-2808



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## @ GLYNDON



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>28</b> 9:30am - Worship Service  No Sunday School	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
<b>4</b> 8:00am - YMT Meeting 9:30am - Worship Service w/Communion 10:45am - Sunday School	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:45pm - Kid's Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club 7:00pm - SaltTeens 7:00pm - Deacon Mtg	<b>8</b> 7:00pm - Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast  6:00pm - Dusty Way Chapel
<b>11</b> 9:30am - Worship Service 10:45am - Sunday School	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:30am - Morning WMF at church  6:00-7:30pm - Trail Life	<b>14</b> 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:45pm - Kid's Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club 7:00pm - SaltTeens 7:00pm - Council Mtg	<b>15</b> 7:00pm - Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
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<b>4</b> 9:00am - Worship Service w/communion 10:15am - Sunday School Church Council following	<b>5</b> 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  NO "Choices"	<b>8</b> 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:00am - Worship Service Congregational Meeting following (No Sunday School) Lunch after	<b>12</b> 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00-11:00am - MOPS  1:00pm - WMF  3:30-4:30pm - "Choices"	<b>15</b> 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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... "where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom." II Corinthians 3:17

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