

Maranatha News

SEPTEMBER 2026

FROM NIKKI EHRICHS

In 1966, Simon and Garfunkel released their famous song “I am a Rock”. The lyrics are from the point of view of someone who puts up walls and defenses to avoid getting hurt. Isolation and self-reliance offer protection from the pain that accompanies relationships and human connection. Letting anyone close is not worth the risk of heartache and disappointment. They would rather be lonely. After all, “a rock feels no pain, and an island never cries.”

It is understandable why people don’t want to let others in, to keep connections more superficial, and to be self-sufficient, not wanting to ask anyone for help. Real, meaningful relationships are hard. It is impossible to have meaningful relationships with other people and not experience pain and disappointment. It is impossible to live in a fallen world with people and avoid getting hurt. It would be easier to run, to hide, or keep everyone at arm’s length.

But God did not make us to be rocks or islands. We are relational beings by God’s design. “Biblical faith is fundamentally relational. It is shaped and driven by two primary communities. First and foremost is the community with God that is the whole reason for our existence. Life is found in community with the Creator. Then there is God’s call not only to live in self-sacrificing love of your neighbor, but also to be a tool of God’s work in your neighbor’s heart and life. You and I don’t have the choice of opting out. We are relational beings who have been called to lifelong community with God and others.” (Paul David Tripp – New Morning Mercies)

We need each other, whether we like it or not. The Christian life is not designed to be a life of isolation. God puts people in our lives for our good. God puts us in other people’s lives for their good. We need real, authentic relationships with people so that we might encourage one another, pray for each other, serve one another, build one another up, comfort one another, and at times correct one another. God does not give us relationships with others to be our source of joy and fulfillment, rather they are to be used by Him for His glory. How? Colossians 3:12-14 says “*Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*”

We are called to be representatives of Jesus to the people around us and in all our relationships. It is mind boggling really when you think about it. God, being so rich in mercy and grace, not only can but wants to use us as instruments of his grace among believers as well as those who are lost. We cannot do that living as a rock or an island.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon, MN Council Meeting

July 8, 2026, 7:00pm

Present: Brittany Pender, Glenn Urlacher, Jeff Ehrichs, Chad Johnson, Carol Johnson, Chanyce Dahl and Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck.

Chad opened the meeting reading from Ecclesiastes 3 and prayer.

Secretary's report was read by Chanyce. Jeff made a motion to accept the report, Carol 2nd/C.

Treasurer's update was given by Pastor Lloyd in Kristine's absence. July contributions were \$31,005, expenses were \$31,172. The year-to-date shortage is \$13,510. There was nothing out of the ordinary in the monthly finances.

Board of Worship – Carol

- Ministry fair will be Sept. 13th; they will have sign-up sheets for upcoming opportunities.
- October is Pastor appreciation month. A date will be determined for a pot-blessing in October.
- Oct. 21st-Nov. 22nd will be the food pantry drive partnering again this year with UC Hope. A list of food suggestions will be posted.
- Hoping to do a movie night in November.

Board of Education – Brittany

- Loco Daze parade in Dilworth was a great success. Also participated in the Glyndon parade.
- Mass mailing for VBS went to Glyndon & Ulen and next year will add Dilworth.
- VBS week went very well. 65 students attended. 44 blankets were made for Project Ignite Light. Darrin & Pebbles, from PIL, were at the Aug. 9th service where they gave a ministry presentation and were presented with the blankets. The VBS offering went to the Alaska VBS ministry.
- Rally Sunday is Sept. 13th. The first Wednesday night supper will be Sept. 23rd.
- SaltTeens participated in the bake sale at the community center during Glyndon Daze and it was very successful.

Board of Trustees – Jeff

- They met with Excel Mechanical to get the AC fixed in the front of the church.
- The front doors will be repaired.
- Before Sunday school starts, they hope to have sound insulating boards installed in the fellowship hall, a speaker installed in the cry room and the men's bathroom door done.

- They talked to Cash Concrete about getting the parking lot light fixed.

Board of Deacons – Glenn

- They continue with visitations each month. Josh has been helping a lot with visitations.
- Working on teachers for confirmation.
- Families are invited to Wilderness Bible Camp on Sunday Aug. 23 for morning service and a pot-blessing meal.
- An adult Sunday school class called "Reconstructing Christianity" will be offered this fall.
- As the cost for the FLY convention continues to rise, they will encourage more support and awareness for the cost throughout the year.

Pastors Report – Pastor Quanbeck

- Josh recently officiated the funeral for Amanda Palya. He is doing a very good job interacting with people.
- We currently have 3 church members on hospice.
- Gerry Payne's funeral will be at Maranatha on Aug. 31st.
- Vickie Haverkamp is home, praise the Lord! Please continue to pray for her.
- Luke Quanbeck will be getting married on Labor Day weekend.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

Jeff made a motion to adjourn, Carol 2nd/C

We shared prayer requests and the pastor closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Chanyce Dahl, Secretary

SERMON SERIES IN GLYNDON

On September 13, Rally Sunday, we will be starting a 3-month preaching series in Galatians.

Are you interested in a Wednesday night Bible Study on Galatians to go along with the preaching series? If so, please let either Pastor Lloyd or Pastor Josh know.

Reading through the book of Galatians ahead of time can help you prepare and learn more during the services.



WMF NOTES

(Women's Missionary Federation)

Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF met August 11th, with 10 ladies in attendance. Terrie Enlow opened with prayer and Ardis Johnson led our Bible study on "I Believe God is My Provider (part 2): His Provision is Surpassing".

Vice President Terrie Enlow opened the business meeting with prayer. Secretary's report and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Terrie Enlow presented info on Journey Missions.
- Lila made a motion, 2nd by Jeanie to give \$100 to WMF General Fund.

Meeting concluded with prayer requests and prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Urlacher, Secretary

Glyndon Evening

Evening WMF met on August 25th at Joyce Johnson's home. 7 lovely ladies were in attendance. Joyce provided a delicious light supper. Pat Pollach led our Bible study "I Believe God is My Provider (part 2): His Provision is Surpassing".

President Melody Okke opened our meeting with prayer and led our meeting.

Secretary and treasurer reports were given and approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- \$50.00 towards WMF General fund
- District Rally information was shared. October 10th in Sunburg MN.
- Planning of Operation Christmas Child boxes
- \$120.00 towards "wow" toy for OCC boxes.
- Sending out 2 "Thinking of You" cards

Prayer requests were given and prayed over.

Next meeting will be Tuesday September 15th at Katie Johnson's home.

Respectfully submitted by Coco Geray -Secretary

Ulen

Our Ulen WMF met Thursday, August 13th at 1:00pm with 6 ladies present. MaryAnn W. led us in our Bible Study.

We opened our business meeting with Ellen reading the Secretary's Report. MaryAnn S made a motion to accept as read and Kathy second the motion. MaryAnn S read the Treasurer's Report and Debi motioned to accept as read and MaryAnn W second the motion.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Our August Project of the month is for WMF General Fund.
- Looking ahead to the Fall Rally which will be October 10th at Sunberg Church.
- Our September meeting and Bible Study will be September 9th at Viking Manor where we will also celebrate the September birthdays there.

We closed with several prayer requests before Debi served us a delicious variety of goodies.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Zillmer, Secretary

Ulen Fall Schedule

Sunday, September 13 - Rally Sunday

- Balloon Launch and council following the service
- Picnic Lunch

Wednesday, September 23

- "Choices" Girl's Study begins - 3:30-4:30pm

Glyndon Fall Schedule

Sunday, September 13 - Rally Sunday

- Start of Sunday School and Pot-Luck Meal
- Ministry Fair - look for sign-up sheets for ways to serve.

Wednesday, September 16

- Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting - 5:45pm
- SaltTeens Parent & Student Meeting - 6:15pm
- SaltTeens - 6:45pm

Sunday, September 20

- Adult/Senior High Sunday School class begins.

Wednesday, September 23

- Confirmation starts - 5:45-6:45pm
- Kid's Club starts - 6:45-7:45pm
- Friendship Club starts - 6:45-7:45pm
- SaltTeens - 6:45-8:00pm (**NEW TIME!**)

Look after your armour

Never stop learning from the Bible.
Never stop believing what the Bible says.
Never stop obeying, to the best of your ability, what Jesus tells you to do.

Read and Pray, and then Obey.



Ephesians 6:10-11

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.
-ESV-



Trail Life

Adventure › Character › Leadership

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

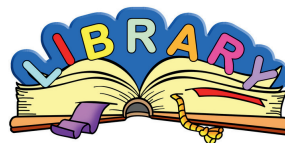
All boys grades K-12 are invited to attend!
If you have any questions, please contact Corey Trick.

This Month's Meetings are:
September 8th & September 22nd

Opening/Kick-Off Night

Tuesday, September 8th | 6-7:30pm

Bring a side for the potluck. Hamburgers and hotdogs provided. This is an intro night for new families, and will include activity brainstorming sessions and awards for current members.



GLYNDON LIBRARY
BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR
SEPTEMBER

ADULT FICTION: *The Gregory Sisters Series* by Lorna Seilstad is about three sisters who must survive in a time that females were not expected, and in many cases, not even allowed to work outside the home.

- 1) **When Love Calls**
- 2) **While Love Stirs**
- 3) **As Love Blooms**

ADULT FICTION: New author to our library; Nicole Deese, has a 2-book series: *A McKenzie Family Romance*. A social media influencer volunteers at a foster care program, unexpectedly finding genuine connections and personal growth amidst her pursuit of fame.

- #1 - **All That Really Matters**
- #2 - **All That It Takes**

ADULT NON-FICTION: *"Mission Possible"* by Marilyn Laszloo with Luci Tumas. The wonderful story of God and a Wycliffe Translator in the jungles of Papua, New Guinea.



Things that will make your day go better

1. Pray
2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
4. Say "No" to projects that won't fit into your time schedule, or that will compromise your mental health.
5. Delegate tasks to capable others.
6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many.)
8. Allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.
10. Take one day at a time.
11. Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about the situation, forget it.
12. Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.
13. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.
14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble and hurt.
15. Do something for the kid in you everyday.
16. Carry a Bible with you to read while waiting in line.
17. Get enough rest.
18. Eat right.
19. Get organized so everything has its place.
20. Listen to a tape (or book/podcast) while driving that can help improve your quality of life.
21. Write down thoughts and inspirations.
22. Every day, find time to be alone.
23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud.
24. Make friends with Godly people.
25. Keep a folder of favorite scriptures on hand.
26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good "Thank you, Jesus."
27. Laugh.
28. Laugh some more!
29. Take your work seriously, but not yourself at all.
30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).

SALT + TEENS

NEW TIME for SaltTeens

starting September 16th
6:45-8:00pm

Parent-Youth Meeting
Wednesday, September 16th
6:15-6:45pm
Please make plans to attend!

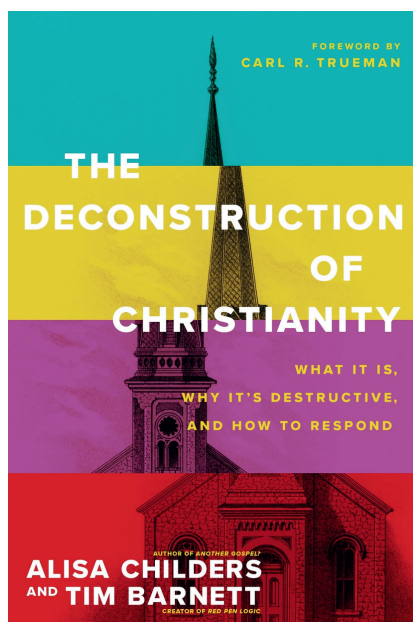
NO SaltTeens
September 2nd
and
September 9th

SaltTeens Market

Rally Sunday, September 13

Please bring baked goods, homegrown, or homemade goods for free will fundraiser. More information will be sent via Flocknotes.

come to me MATTHEW 11:28
sept 23
SEE YOU AT THE POLE™
GLOBAL DAY OF STUDENT PRAYER



Alisa Childers



Tim Barnett

6-Week Sunday School Series for Adults and Senior High Students - Starting Sept. 20 -

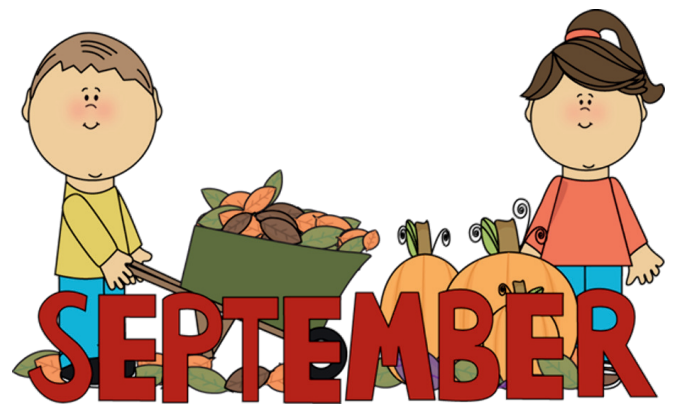
A movement called 'deconstruction' is sweeping through our churches and affecting our loved ones.

In this six week series, Alisa Childers, bestselling author of *Another Gospel?*, and Tim Barnett, host of *Red Pen Logic*, will help you understand what deconstruction is, the roots of the movement, why it is compelling to some, and how it disrupts the lives of so many. You will be able to think through the main issues around this trend and explore wise and loving ways to respond from a biblical worldview.

There will be 2 classes available each week - Pastor Lloyd and Pastor Josh will each be leading a class.

September ~ Happy Birthday!

Bill Dale	September 01
Andrew Quanbeck	September 01
Isaiah Ebner	September 02
Kryss Geray	September 02
Morgan Schlauderaff	September 02
Kota Hoselton	September 03
Reid Hurner	September 03
Vanessa Skolness	September 04
Jed Toms	September 04
Presley Hilde	September 06
Wyatt Huewe	September 06
Shelby Buchfink	September 07
Del Palloch	September 07
Katie Ferden	September 08
Jason Koehler	September 08
Dave Evans	September 10
Emmett Horn	September 11
Linda Oelke	September 11
Dave Jensen	September 12
James Rickford	September 12
Kasey Horn	September 13
Victoria Mosloff	September 14
Josie Horn	September 15
Devika Gwin	September 16
Amos Fevig	September 17
Gordon Fevig	September 17
Conner Herren	September 17
Cody Oberg	September 17
Adam Adrian	September 18
Luci Carlson	September 18
Ethan Johnson	September 18
Anne Manderud	September 18
Julie Boehrnsen	September 20
Joy Dale	September 20
Addie Ehrichs	September 20
Emelyn Fevig	September 20
Grace Wendt	September 20
Harvey Dahl	September 22
Waylon DuFrane	September 22
Cody Erickson	September 22
Steve Bjorgan	September 23
Elijah Dillon	September 25
Alan Christensen	September 26
Reed Johnson	September 26
Casey Oberg	September 26
Hannah Toms	September 26
Joan Pake	September 27
Rachel Rasmussen	September 27
Caleb Jensen	September 28
Parker Larson	September 28
Jan Haaland	September 29
Brittany Pender	September 29
Bennett Trautmann	September 29
Alice Young	September 29
Melody Okke	September 30
Jerry Walker	September 30



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September ~ Happy Anniversary!

Bobby & Rochelle Olson	September 02
Luke & Olivia Eggebraaten	September 04
Jeremy & Kristen Ebner	September 06
John & Lisa Austinson	September 07
Darrell & Betty Menholt	September 07
John & Terrie Enlow	September 09
Kasey & Josie Horn	September 11
Gary & Naomi Nelson	September 12
Mike Engelke & Jan Haaland	September 16
Glenn & Karen Urlacher	September 19
Isaiah & Katie Rice	September 20
Ben & Megan Schmitke	September 20
Jason & Sue Koehler	September 22
Rick & Anne Manderud	September 23
John & Martha Sanger	September 26



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-Jul-26

General Fund			Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions			\$31,005.00	\$202,806
All Expenditures			-\$31,172.00	-\$216,316
Surplus / (Shortfall)				\$ (13,510)

7/31/2026

GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$31,005
Deacons	-\$18,315
Education	-\$3,259
Finance	-\$4,751
Trustees	-\$4,532
Worship & Music	-\$315
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	-\$31,172
Other Income (Rent, Interest)	\$25
Transfers between Funds/ Other Expenses	-\$634
General Fund Balance Change	-\$776

GENERAL FUND BALANCE			\$76,720
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<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Building / Emergency Fund			\$ 9,393
Christmas Eve			\$ -
Designated Donations			\$ (0)
Furnace Fund			\$ 13,407
Good Samaritan Fund	100		\$ 3,956
Lent Offering			\$ (0)
Memorial Fund		-25000	\$ 10,437
Men's Fellowship/Breakfast	50		\$ 955
Outreach Ministries			\$ 0
Sunday Fellowship Fund			\$ 469
Sunday School Missions			\$ 639
Thanksgiving Offering			\$ -
Trail Life			\$ -
Vacation Bible School			\$ -
VBS Blanket Project	400		\$ 400
Wedding Fund			\$ 500
Wednesday Suppers		-400	\$ 3,670
World Missions Fund			\$ 8,626
Youth Activities Fund			\$ 852
Youth Community Outreach			\$ 1,442
Youth FLY Fund	166		\$ 6,084
Special Funds Balance			\$ 60,830
General Fund Balance			\$ 76,720
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			\$ 137,533
SAVINGS BALANCE (CD/ Memorial Account)			\$ 25,000
PETTY CASH BALANCE			\$ 20

Detailed expense reports are available in the Glyndon office.
Questions can be directed to Kristine Quanbeck Treasurer

treasurer@maranathafraselutheran.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:30am • Worship Service 5:00pm • Young Adults Fellowship	31 10am • Gerrie Payne funeral 6:30pm • Baby shower	1	2 NO SaltTeens 7pm • Deacon Meeting	3	4	5 7am • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
6 9:30am • Worship Service w/ communion	7 	8 10:30am • Morning WMF at church 6-7:30pm • Trail Life Kickoff and family picnic	9 NO SaltTeens 6pm • YMT Meeting 7pm • Council Meeting	10 7:00pm • Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home	11	12 7am • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
13 Rally Sunday 9:30am • Worship Service 10:45am • Sunday School 11:30am • Potluck Meal	14	15 10am-3pm • Quilting at church 7pm • Evening WMF at church	16 5:45-6:15pm • Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting 6:15-6:45pm • Youth Parent & Student Meeting 6:45-8pm • SaltTeens Kickoff	17 7:00pm • Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home	18	19 7am • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
20 9:30am • Worship Service 10:45am • Sunday School (Adult/HS Class starts)	21	22 6-7:30pm • Trail Life	23 5-6:30pm • Supper 5:45-6:45pm • Confirmation 6:45-7:45pm • Kid's Club • Friendship Club 6:45-8pm • SaltTeens	24 7:00pm • Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home	25	26 7am • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9am • Worship Service	31	1	2	3 NO Bone Builders	4	5
6 9am • Worship Service w/communion	7 	8	9 9-11am • MOPS 1pm • WMF at Viking Manor	10 9:30-10:30am • Bone Builders	11	12
13 Rally Sunday 9am • Worship Service Council meets Picnic Lunch following	14 9:30-10:30am • Bone Builders	15	16	17 9:30-10:30am • Bone Builders	18	19
20 9am • Worship Service 10:15am • Sunday School	21 9:30-10:30am • Bone Builders	22	23 3:30-4:30pm • "Choices" begins	24 9:30-10:30am • Bone Builders	25	26
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... “where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.” II Corinthians 3:17

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