Maranatha News

JANUARY 2023

From Pastor Lloyd...

O You who hear prayer, To You all men come…. (Psalm 65:2)

If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear;
But certainly God has heard; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His lovingkindness from me. (Psalm 66:18-20)

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. (Psalm 145:18)

Dear Folks at Maranatha,

I shared with you back in October, that one of the take-aways from my two-month sabbatical break was a "fresh recognition of the priority of prayer." It continues to be the desire in my heart, that I would grow in this area.

However, so easily other things seem more pressing at the moment. Lately snow removal, has seemed to dominate my priorities. But before that it was something else. And if winter eases up and gives us a break from moving the white stuff then something else will press in.

In looking back on some notes from the "SING Conference" in Nashville, last September, I was encouraged by some thoughts on Prayer, from Pastor Paul David Tripp.

1. **God Hears** – He hears all of us, all of the time! He hears us even when we all pray at once and in various different languages!
2. **God Remembers** – He remembers His covenant promises to His people. He has never forgotten them, nor regretted making them, nor gotten tired of fulfilling them. (Another speaker at SING reminded us that it is appropriate to plead the promises of God's Word in prayer, since He has bound Himself to His promises. He suggested that doing so is like showing God His handwriting.)
3. **God Sees** – He sees His children individually and collectively. He never looks away. He never looses track of us. If we look on our kids and grandkids, with such love and care, how much more does God love and care for each of us?
4. **God Knows** – He knows everything about us. He knows our hearts, our temptations, trials, opportunities, and decisions. "Human security is not in knowing, but in being known! The peace we long for is not found in our understanding of all of the things we face each day, but in knowing God and being known by God."

As we move into another year, may we be encouraged to regularly communicate with the Lord in Prayer. The above Scriptures remind us that we can be confident that He hears us when we come to Him honestly. (Since He sees all and knows everything about us, there is no hiding things from Him.) He invites us to bring all of our concerns to Him and to trust that all His promises are true, and that He loves to fulfill them, as we look to Him.

Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck

Gunner Nelson	January 19
Dianne Wolla	January 19
Kelly Tweten	January 19
Greg Zillmer	January 20
Jackeline Gonzalez	January 20
Karen Urlacher	January 21
Jonah Larson	January 22
Caleb Dahl	January 23
Tanner Dufault	January 23
Raul Gonzalez	January 23
Fran Jenson	January 25
Steve Sorenson	January 25
CieGie Hilde	January 27
Liz Tonneson	January 27
Joshua Koehler	January 28
Emily Dalen	January 28
Robert Huewe	January 28
Olivia Eggebraaten	January 29
Kristen Ebner	January 29
Bridget John	January 29
Adelynn Hurner	January 29
Kaitlin McCollum	January 30
Necole Dobbs	January 31

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

Winter Cancellations ~ Glyndon Cancellation of church services or Wednesday evening activities will be posted on KVLY, WDAY, our Facebook and E-mail. We will follow DGF School storm cancellation policy, if school is cancelled on a Wednesday, our evening activities will also be cancelled.

Thankful for those who serve our country!

Kally Anderson, granddaughter of Vonnie Anderson
Levi Dahl, grandson of Harvey & Dianne Dahl
Trevor Dufault, son of Todd & Sara Dravland
Brody Erickson, grand nephew of Glennys Sivertson
Andy Heisinger, husband of Tracy
Kyle Johnson, son-in-law of Gary & Debi Langerud

Layne Johnson, grandson of Ardis Johnson
Wyatt Ladwig, son of Scott & Heidi Ladwig
Hunter Macziewski, son of Doug &Tiffany Macziewski
Jessica Myers, granddaughter of Gerrie Payne
Andrew Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean
Josiah Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean
Jakob Rolf, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf
Luke Stensgard, grandson of Jane Williams
Jonathan Taylor, grandson of Fran Jenson

NEW MEMBER CLASS @ Glyndon

New Member classes will be offered in mid-January or early February. We invite you to consider taking the step of becoming a member at Maranatha. 'Membership Exploration Class' is an 8-week series that goes through the fundamentals of the Christian faith, and a taste of Free Lutheran history and current ministries. Classes will be held during Sunday School hour on Sunday mornings. Talk to Pastors Lloyd or Ryan if interested.

Maranatha-Glyndon Congregational Meeting:

Glyndon will have their Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, January 29, 2023.** A Pot blessing dinner will be served at 11:30am followed by the meeting at 12:30pm.

If you have been the **CHAIRMAN OF YOUR BOARD**, you will need to get a written report of the 2022 year into the office by **January 13th**. All reports will be combined into a booklet and available on Sunday, January 22nd so you can read them ahead of time.

Maranatha– Ulen Congregational Meeting:

Ulen Annual Meeting. The Annual meeting of Maranatha Ulen will be **Sunday, January 29, 2023**, at 10:15am. *(There will be no Sunday School this Sunday)* ALL Boards and Committees, please give your yearly reports to Jessie by January 10th. Thank you!

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church
Council Meetings

No reports for Glyndon or Ulen for December

WMF NOTES

(Women's Missionary Federation)

Glyndon Morning & Glyndon Evening & Ulen

Christmas Parties were held in December.

SERVING GROUP III ~ Glyndon

Our opportunity to serve our Lord and our church family with goodies during fellowship time on Sunday's and any other events that come up, will be in the months of January, February and March.

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. Questions talk to Ruth Larson or Kim Jensen.

Blood Pressures will be taken by Nurse Vickie at Maranatha-Glyndon on Sunday, January 8th for anyone interested. They will be done following the morning worship service.

Maranatha is looking for someone to fill the **Office Administrator position** which will be opening the first of January 2023. This is a part-time position, Monday – Friday, with some flexibility to the hours, but averaging 24 hours per week. Job descriptions are available in the church office. If interested in applying, please send your resume to pldq@maranathafreelutheran.com by January 16th. If you have further questions please talk to Pr. Lloyd, Pr Ryan or one of the Deacons.

Glyndon Library

Adult Fiction: Courage to Dream is a 3 book series by Susan Anne Mason that begins in 1911 in Long Island NY.

1) "Irish Meadows"
2) "A Worthy Heart"
3) "Love's Faithful Promise"

Adult Non-Fiction: **"Life Interrupted"** by Priscilla Shirer is about navigating the unexpected. She uses *Jonah* as an example of a life interrupted.

SALTEENS

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

→ **Skiing on January 29th.** We will leave from the church at 1:00pm.

→**FLY 2023** registration is going on. Families pay the deposit of $300. Register online flyconvention.org.

→We look for commitments to donate to **Charles**, **Our Compassion Child** from Togo, Africa.

January ~ Happy Birthday!

Chad Johnson	January 01
Lisa Austinson	January 01
Irene Zillmer	January 02
Tim Enlow	January 02
Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck	January 03
Maya Bushy	January 03
Sophia Baumgartner	January 03
Howard Scheuring	January 04
Pat Johnson	January 04
Brodey Johnson	January 04
Sean Buchfink	January 05
Aubrey Lambert	January 05
Kris Leach	January 08
Lori Pender	January 08
Alex Fevig	January 08
Matt Klemetson	January 08
Jim Haarstad	January 08
Jesus Gonzalez	January 08
Jethro Johnson	January 08
Gene Leach	January 09
Jean Quanbeck	January 09
Ellen Zillmer	January 09
Cory Johnson	January 10
Landon Johnson	January 10
Sam Bates	January 11
Vickie Swanson	January 11
Doug Macziewski	January 12
Ridge Dittmann	January 13
Mavis Jacobsen	January 14
Dave Olek	January 15
Bailey Murack	January 15
Trista Oberg	January 16
Peter Trick	January 16
Ian Cross	January 17
Logan Johnson	January 18
Jeremy Ebner	January 19

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church
Glyndon, MN

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon

as of 11/30/22

General Fund			Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions			$22,580.00	**$301,674**
Expenditures			-$24,171.00	**-$304,158**
Surplus / (Shortfall)				**$ (2,484)**

	11/30/2022
GENERAL FUND INCOME	**$22,580**
Deacons	-$15,475
Education	$113
Finance	-$3,869
Trustees	-$4,927
Worship & Music	-$96
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	**-$24,254**
Other Income (Rent, Interest, etc)	$10
General Fund Balance Change	**-$1,664**

GENERAL FUND BALANCE			**$51,620**	Target is $60,000

Special Funds	*Income*	*Expenses*	Ending Balance
Building Fund			$ 19,094
Building Improvement Fund			$ 11,077
Cookbook Sales for Missions			$ 95
Designated Donations	*245*		$ 720
Good Samaritan Fund			$ 2,335
Holiday Baskets	*600*		$ 1,655
Memorial Fund	*560*		$ 7,992
Men's Fellowship			$ 1,005
Men's Fraternity			$ 318
Outreach Ministries			$ 166
Sunday Fellowship Fund			$ 467
Sunday School Missions	*43*		$ 226
Thanksgiving Offering	*606*		$ 606
Trails End Ranch			$ 1,716
VBS Blanket Project			$ 520
Wedding Fund			$ 1,233
Wednesday Suppers	*991*	*-1740*	$ 1,655
World Missions Fund			$ 10,897
Youth Activities Fund	*525*	*-1335*	$ 525
Youth FLY Fund	*126*		$ 11,009
Special Funds Balance			**$ 73,311**
General Fund Balance			**$ 51,625**
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			**$ 124,936**
PETTY CASH BALANCE			**$ 20**

Detailed expense reports are available in the Glyndon office.
Questions can be directed to Amanda Larson - Treasurer
treasurer@maranathafreelutheran.com
(701) 793-5177

2022 Monthly Financial Summary

71. The Power of Praise

Psalm 8:2 NIV

From the lips of children and infants, you have ordained praise
because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

2 Chronicles 20:18-22 NIV

Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD … with very loud voice.

Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. … Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me … Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful." … Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

"Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever."

As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

Psalm 67:5-6

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

Acts 16:25-26 KJV

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

Romans 4:20 AMP

No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day 9:30am Worship Service / Communion No Sunday School 5:30pm Young Adults at Tonneson home	**2**	**3**	**4** 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45—7:45pm Friendship 6:45-8:00pm Men's Study 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens 8:00pm Deacon meeting	**5** 7:00pm Bible Study at Pat Johnson home	**6**	**7** 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft 6:00pm Dusty Way Chapel
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January 2023

… "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." II Corinthians 3:17

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