Maranatha News

January 2021

From Pastor Lloyd…

Hear my prayer, Lord, Listen to my pleadings! Answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness!.....
I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your accomplishments; I reflect on the work of Your hands……
I spread out my hands to You; My soul longs for You, like a weary land…….
Teach me the way in which I should walk; For to You I lift up my soul……
Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground….. (Psalm 143)

Dear Folks at Maranatha,

Typically, the beginning of a new year is time to reflect back and also to look ahead. I have been doing that a lot lately, as I struggle to understand the times in which I live. I have also been meditating on Psalm 143, where it seems to me that David is doing the same. I invite you to read through the whole Psalm and let it minister to your heart in these challenging days as well.

My looking back has included reading United States history, and seeking to understand afresh the events that led to the founding of this great country. Several colonies and states were founded by those who came from Europe to a new land seeking religious freedom. It is fascinating to me to read of how these colonies organized and developed, and to read of some of the key players in forming our three branched system of self-government.

One of those key players was John Jay, who drafted the constitution for the state of New York, and who served as President of the Continental Congress in 1778-1779. Jay later served as the first Chief Justice of Supreme Court of the newly formed United States (1789-1795). He was also a man of deep Christian faith, and served as the president of the American Bible Society from 1821-27. Jay described the significance of the Christian faith in maintaining our US system of government with these words:

"No human society has ever been able to maintain both order and freedom, both cohesiveness and liberty apart from the moral precepts of the Christian Religion. Should our Republic ever forget this fundamental precept of governance, we will then, be surely doomed."

It seems to me that our republic has largely forgotten its roots, and this is leading to the unraveling of our cultural structure before our very eyes. This unraveling certainly has not happened overnight, but the COVID 19 pandemic has served to expose it, and also to advance the causes of those who do not share our Christian values or treasure many of the freedoms we have long enjoyed.

My looking back includes looking back at my own life, and seeing so many changes to our culture even in my own lifetime. And while I, like many of you (and like David in Psalm 143), may lament some of those changes and long for things to be as they were, I must also recognize and accept the times in which we live. Another clergyman called to my mind recently the dialogue between Frodo and Gandalf in the movie, Lord of the Rings:

Frodo: *"I wish the ring had never come to me. I wish none of this had happened."*
Gandalf: *"So do all who live to see such times, but that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us."*

I read recently an article by Jeff Minick titled - Chin Up! 4 Steps to Sanity in Crazy Times. In the article he suggests first of all, the need to recognize the situation in which we currently live. Second, to also see the limitations we have, to accept them as such, and to seek wisdom from God in how to respond. Third, to take action in ways we can seek to make a difference. And fourth, to seek allies in living out our convictions. He closed his article by quoting Winston Churchill, who stated on New Year's Eve, 1941:

"Do not let us speak of darker days; let us speak rather of sterner days. These are not dark days: these are great days-- the greatest days our country has ever lived; and we must all thank God that we have been allowed, each of us according to our stations, to play a part in making these days memorable in the history of our race."

With these things in mind, I look ahead to 2021 and beyond, I pray as David did in Psalm 143:8-11

Let me hear Your faithfulness in the morning, For I trust in You;
Teach me the way in which I should walk; For to You I lift up my soul.
Save me, Lord, from my enemies; I take refuge in You.
Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God;
Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
For the sake of Your name, Lord, revive me.

Maranatha Church – Glyndon
Council Meeting
December 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Present: Chanyce Dahl, Todd Dravland, Jeff Ehrichs, Cliff Langerud, Mary Langerud, Amanda Larson, Pat Lewis, Dave Olek, Tim Pender, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck and Art Welle.

Meeting was called to order by President Todd Dravland. Todd led in devotion and prayer.

Secretary's report of November 11, 2020 was read. Tim made a motion to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Jeff; motion passed.

Amanda presented the Treasurer's report. November income was $31,309.80 and expenses were $25,002.34 with year to date at -$17,743.46. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jeff and seconded by Dave; motion passed.

Board Reports:

Christian Education – Chanyce Dahl
- Sunday School Christmas Concert will be held this Sunday at 11 AM.
- Finishing up the Adult Sunday School class study on December 20th.
- Board will appoint someone to fill the vacancy on the Board with Andrew Quanbeck leaving.

Deacons – Cliff Langerud
- Continue to see good attendance at church on Sundays.
- Christmas Eve service will be held at 5 PM.
- Old Testament LIVE event may be held in March or April.
- Visitation Phone calls are being split among the Deacons.

Finance – Tim Pender
- Forgiveness application filled out for PP loan.

Trustees – Jeff Ehrichs
- Back up natural gas is being used in the classroom wing as we continue to wait for someone to check out the geo thermal heating.
- Replacing exterior lighting in the parking lot and exterior of the building; hopefully to be completed in next couple of weeks.

Worship & Music – Mary Langerud
- Caroling went well last week with 36 carolers going to nine homes and about half stayed for a meal afterwards at the church.
- Most of the Poinsettias in sanctuary were gifted by memorials.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Lloyd
- Worship attendance is going well.
- Planning to give a phone call to our senior citizens and others that are not attending church at this time.
- "Surviving the Holidays" scheduled for December 12th has 12 signed up to attend. Invites were sent out to 28 different households.
- Presided over funeral for Sig Sivertson.

Old Business: None

New Business:
- Visited with a person who is interested in using our church to start a ministry; he is at ground level in the process. Cliff made a motion to take this to the January Congregational meeting and seconded by Chanyce; motion passed. Jeff will talk to our insurance agent.
- All Boards meeting will be scheduled in late winter.
- Congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday January 24th at 12:30 with a pot blessing prior to the meeting.

Pastor Lloyd closed in prayer.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2021 at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Lewis

Maranatha Church – Ulen
Council Meeting

The Maranatha Church met December 9,2020 at 7PM with the following present: Harvey Dahl, Mary Ann Schneidermann, Greg Zillmer, Ellen Zillmer, Gary Langerud, Jeannine Hess, Matt Klemetson, Bob Herzog. Devotions and prayer were given by Matt.

Secretary's Report: Read and accepted with Bob second by Greg, carried

Treasurer's Report: Given by Jeannine, motion to accept by Greg, second by Bob, carried.

Deacon's Report: One person is still taking membership class which will soon be completed.

Trustee's Report: Back door has been replaced but the latch needs some new parts which have been ordered; some of the keys are not working at the present. New light has been installed by the back door and a new light will be installed on the back of the church. Fire extinguishers have been checked and replaced as necessary.

Christian Education: No report.

Music and Worship: Poinsettas will be placed on altar.

Old Business: Future pastoral considerations were discussed.

New Business: Motion made by Greg, second by Bob to put the possibility of forming a call committee on the agenda for the annual meeting which will be January 24 2021, with an alternative date of January 31,2021 if weather is not cooperating. All committee reports need to be to Glyndon office no later than January 5. A drive up meal for people in the community was discussed.

Motion to adjourn by Gary, second by Harvey. Greg will give devotions in January.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Schneidermann

Glyndon Library

Adult Non-Fiction: **"In the Middle of My Mess"** by Sheila Walsh gives strength for this beautiful, broken life.

Adult Fiction: Do you have many half-finished projects? If so, you may be able to relate to Lauraine Snelling's latest book, **"Half Finished".**

Adult Fiction: Before she becomes Lydia, seller of purple, she is simply a merchant's daughter who loves three things: her father, her ancestral home, and making dye. **"Bread of Angels"** by Tessa Afshar.

WMF NOTES

(Women's Missionary Federation)

GLYNDON MORNING WMF

Christmas Party - December 15 at the church

ULEN WMF

On Sunday, December 6th, our Ulen WMF met at 3pm for our annual Christmas Party with 8 ladies present.

Ellen opened with a short business meeting due to our cancelling our November meeting.

•A motion was made by MaryAnn and second by Debi regarding our Christmas offering to be given to Miriam Home in Brazil.

•It was decided to continue our January, February, March, October and November meetings to be at 1pm the second Wednesday. April through September at 7pm on the 2nd Monday.

•There was a motion by Dianne and second by Debi to give to 1st Choice for the needs of new babies.

•This months project offering of $50 is World Missions.

Officers for 2021 will remain the same.

•There was some discussion of the possibility of serving meals for residents of Ulen in need.

Debi made a motion to close and MaryAnn second.

For our Christmas party Ellen opened with a reading. Ellen and Megan shared a new rendition of "We 3 Kings!"

Sang some Christmas carols together. Irene won the jar of candy kisses.
Prayed the table prayer and enjoyed fellowship with our pot blessing meal.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Dahl, Secretary

GLYNDON EVENING WMF

Christmas Party - December 15 at the church

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

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
Gene Leach	January 09
Jean Quanbeck	January 09
Ellen Zillmer	January 09
Cory Johnson	January 10
Sam Bates	January 11
Doug Macziewski	January 12
Mavis Jacobsen	January 14
Dave Olek	January 15
Bailey Murack	January 15
Trista Oberg	January 16
Logan Johnson	January 18
Jeremy Ebner	January 19
Gunner Nelson	January 19
Dianne Wolla	January 19
Greg Zillmer	January 20
Karen Urlacher	January 21
Jonah Larson	January 22
Caleb Dahl	January 23
Tanner Dufault	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 (Rasmussen) Eggebraaten	January 29
Kristen Ebner	January 29
Bridget John	January 29
Adelynn Hurner	January 29
Kaitlin McCollum	January 30
Necole Dobbs	January 31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Jerry & Liz Walker	January 02
Isaac & Petra (Koehler) Young	January 04
Jeff & Peg Tweten	January 12
Bruce & Dianne Wolla	January 18
Roy & Marie Tweten	January 19
Caleb & Stephanie Dahl	January 28
Ron & Ruth Larson	January 30

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
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
Luke Stensgard, grandson of Jane Williams
Jonathan Taylor, grandson of Fran Jenson
Marcus Young, John & Terrie Enlow's niece's husband

SALT TEENS

SaltTeens Schedule:

Wednesdays: 7:00p - 8:15p - SaltTeens

Restored 2021 FLY CONVENTION

FLY Convention will be July 5-10, 2021 at Estes Park, CO. First registration deadline is February 12, 2021. As shown below cost for the convention will go up $100 after each registration deadline.

Register at flyconvention.org by

	Feb. 12	Apr. 16	May 29	Walk-ups
Student	$499	$599	$699	$799
Adult	$699	$799	$899	$999
Child (4-11)	$199	$199	$199	$199
Pastor	$599	$699	$799	$899
Staff	$399	$499	$599	N/A
Dorm Rm. Leader	$399	$499	$599	N/A

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER
JANUARY BABY SHOWER

Women's Care Center

Maranatha-Ulen will be collecting donations through January 24th for **Women's Care Center** (formerly First-Choice Clinic)

If you wish to donate, these are the items they could use:

Gift Cards (they will use to purchase larger items)
Children Books
Baby socks
Onesies—any color or size

Thank you for your support to this worthy cause.

SERVING GROUP I ~ Glyndon

Coffee & Conversation

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.

Maranatha-Glyndon Congregational Meeting:

Glyndon will have their Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, January 24, 2021.** A Potluck 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 2020 year into the office by **January 10th**. All reports will be combined into a booklet and available on Sunday, January 17th 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 24th, 2020. ALL Boards and Committees, please give your yearly reports to Annie Rognlie at Maranatha-Glyndon by January 5th. Thank you!

Free Printable Bible Word Search Game

Books of the New Testament

Here's a great puzzle for anyone who's trying to learn the books of the New Testament. Find the capitalized words from the word list in the Bible word search grid. Words may appear in any direction. Here's a twist: Can you also find the name of the man who wrote much of the New Testament?

Q	S	P	R	B	H	S	U	G	P	U	E	Z	N
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D	H	U	A	T	V	L	R	E	T	E	P	O	O
P	A	E	I	I	A	E	S	A	D	C	S	M	J
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PHILIPPIANS
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(I and II) THESSALONIANS
(I and II) TIMOTHY
TITUS
PHILEMON
HEBREWS
JAMES
(I AND II) PETER
(I, II AND III) LETTER OF JOHN
JUDE
REVELATION

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MARANATHA-GLYNDON

	11/30/2020
November GENERAL FUND INCOME	**$31,309.80**
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	
Deacons	$14,580.76
Education	$41.33
Finance	$6,495.74
Trustees	$3,647.93
Worship & Music	$290.72
November GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	**$25,056.48**
Other Income (Rent, Interest, etc)	$1.28
General Fund Balance Change	**$6,254.60**
November GENERAL FUND BALANCE	**$93,990.50**

Special Funds	10/31/2020 Previous Balance	Income	Expenses	11/30/2020 Ending Balance
Building Fund	$ 19,093.72			$ 19,093.72
Compassion Child - Narcise	$ -			$ -
Cookbook Sales for Missions	$ 10.00	$10.00		$ 20.00
Designated Donations	$ 150.01			$ 150.01
Gear Head Fund	$ 1,184.59		$1,184.59	$ -
Good Samaritan Fund	$ 2,771.21		$25.04	$ 2,746.17
Holiday Baskets	$ 383.84	$475.00	$379.48	$ 479.36
Lent Offering	$ -			$ -
Memorial Fund	$ 6,906.77	$100.00		$ 7,006.77
Men's Fellowship	$ 873.15			$ 873.15
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	$ 57.30	$34.26		$ 91.56
Thanksgiving Offering	$ -	$1,230.00		$ 1,230.00
Trails End Ranch	$ 1,716.00			$ 1,716.00
VBS Blanket Project	$ -			$ -
Wedding Fund	$ 1,259.99			$ 1,259.99
Wednesday Suppers	$ 3,257.86	$350.00		$ 3,607.86
World Missions Fund	$ 10,837.42			$ 10,837.42
Youth Activities Fund	$ 956.00	$35.00		$ 991.00
Youth FLY Fund	$ 7,110.24	$761.00	$48.97	$ 7,822.27
Special Funds Balance	**$ 59,191.12**	**$ 2,995.26**	**$ 1,638.08**	**$ 60,548.30**
General Fund Balance	**$ 46,135.90**			**$ 52,390.50**
CARES/PPP Loan Proceeds	**$ 41,600.00**			**$ 41,600.00**
CHECKBOOK BALANCE	**$ 146,927.02**			**$ 154,538.80**
PETTY CASH BALANCE	**20.00**			**$ 20.00**

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon

General Fund	Current Month	Year to Date	Total Budget	Monthly Contributions Needed to Meet Budget	Percent of Budget Received / Expended YTD
Contributions	$31,309.80	**$268,556.65**		$ 30,836.25	72.58%
Expenditures	$25,055.20	**$286,354.25**	$370,035.00		77.39%
		-$17,797.60			

Questions may be directed to Amanda Larson - Treasurer *treasurer_maranatha@outlook.com* *(701) 793-5177*

Detailed financial reports are available in the Glyndon office.

Maranatha
FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY @ GLYNDON 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
3 9:30am Worship Service No Sunday School	4 7:00pm Under/30 meet	5	6 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45-8:00pm Friendship Club 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens	7	8	9 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
10 8:00am Youth leadership meet 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School	11 7:00pm Under/30 meet	12 10:30am Morning WMF at church	13 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45-8:00pm Friendship Club 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens 7:00pm Prayer Time 7:15pm Council Meeting	14 7:00pm Audio/Visual Training	15	16 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
17 9:30am Worship Service Blood pressures taken 10:45am Sunday School	18 7:00pm Under/30 meet	19 7:00pm Evening WMF	20 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45-8:00pm Friendship Club 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens 7:00pm Prayer Time	21	22	23 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
24 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School 11:30 Pot blessing 12:30 Annual Congregational meeting	25 7:00pm Under/30 meet	26	27 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45-8:00pm Friendship Club 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens 7:00pm Prayer Time	28	29	30 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
31 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School						

JANUARY @ ULEN 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	**2** 7:00am Men's Bkft & Bible Study
3 9:00am Worship Service / Communion A. Macy	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9** 7:00am Men's Bkft & Bible Study
10 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service/ P. Ward	**11**	**12**	**13** 1:00pm WMF 7:00pm Church Council Meets	**14**	**15**	**16** 7:00am Men's Bkft & Bible Study
17 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service/ A. Macy	**18**	**19**	**20** 10:00—2:00pm Quilting at the church	**21**	**22**	**23** 7:00am Men's Bkft & Bible Study
24 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service/ J. Sollie Annual Congregational meeting	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30** 7:00am Men's Bkft & Bible Study
31 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service/ J. Olek						

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

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