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November 2023 Newsletter



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

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NOVEMBER 2023 @ ULEN



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Puzzles & Games

THANKSGIVING Cryptograms

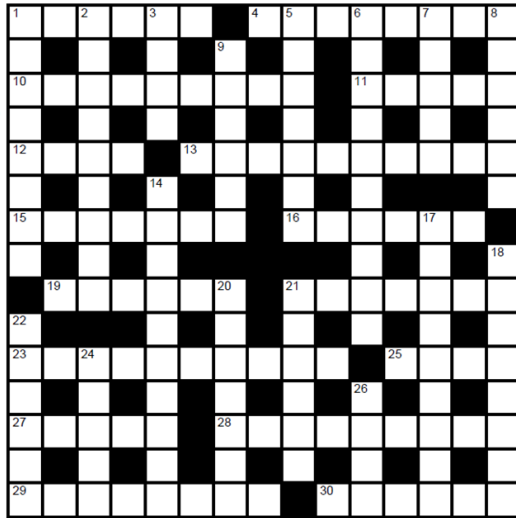


DIRECTIONS: Can you solve these Thanksgiving ciphers? Each of the three different cryptograms has a different solution key.

BIBLE CROSSWORD I

Across

- 1 An ancient weight (6)
- 4 Seemed (8)
- 10 New Testament book (9)
- 11 Unit of length (5)
- 12 '...it is a ___ thing the king requireth' (Dan 2:11) (4)
- 13 Contemplation (10)
- 15 Abigail supplied David with one hundred clusters of these (7)
- 16 A son of King David (6)
- 19 Concurred (6)
- 21 Light sources (7)
- 23 Propitiations (10)
- 25 A false god (4)



by Philologus © BiblePuzzles.org.uk

- 27 Gather (5)
- 28 Abimelech was hit by this (9)
- 29 Instructors (8)
- 30 Hastily (6)
- 6 The words of Jeremiah said not to listen to these (10)
- 7 Jewish leader (5)
- 8 'He is proud, knowing nothing, but ___ about questions and strifes of words...' (1 Tim 6:4) (6)
- 9 Bread makers (6)
- 14 In this year of King Nebuchadrezzar's reign, Nebuzaradan arrived in Jerusalem (10)
- 17 Ancient city of Og, King of Bashan (9)
- 18 Stringed instrument (8)
- 20 Joseph, perhaps? (7)
- 21 Tiny amount (6)
- 22 Jesus did this with authority (6)
- 24 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 26 Province of the Roman Empire (4)

Down

- 1 Skilled animal workers (8)
- 2 Inspiring (9)
- 3 Compass point (4)
- 5 Intense emotion (7)

Thanksgiving Jokes

What's blue and covered in feathers?
A turkey holding its breath

What does a turkey do on the computer?
Google, Google!

What do turkeys say on Thanksgiving?
Moo.

Why did the turkey refuse to eat dinner?
It was stuffed.

Why didn't the chef season the turkey?
There wasn't enough thyme.

November

WORD SEARCH DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



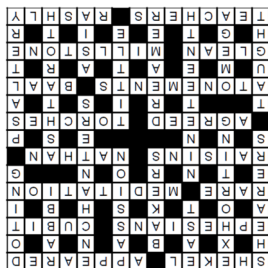
ACORN, APPLE CIDER, AUTUMN, BLACK FRIDAY, BONFIRE, CHILLY, CORNUCOPIA, CRANBERRY, FAMILY, FEAST, FOOTBALL, GOBBLE, GRATITUDE, GRAVY, HARVEST, HAYRIDE, LEAVES, MIGRATORY BIRDS, NATIVE AMERICAN, NOVEMBER, PECAN, PILGRIM, PUMPKIN, REMEMBRANCE, SCARF, STUFFING, SWEATER, THANKSGIVING, TURKEY, VETERANS



1. TO GIVE THANKS IN SOLITUDE IS ENOUGH, THANKSGIVING HAS WINGS AND GOES WHERE IT MUST GO. YOUR PRAYER KNOWS MUCH MORE ABOUT IT THAN YOU DO.
- VICTOR HUGO

2. THANKSGIVING DINNERS TAKE EIGHTEEN HOURS TO PREPARE. THEY ARE CONSUMED IN TWELVE MINUTES. HALF-TIMES TAKE TWELVE MINUTES. THIS IS NOT COINCIDENCE.
- ERMA BOMBICK

3. FOR EACH NEW MORNING WITH ITS LIGHT, FOR REST AND SHELTER OF THE NIGHT, FOR HEALTH AND FOOD, FOR LOVE AND FRIENDS, FOR EVERYTHING THE GOODNESS SENDS.
- RALPH WALDO EMERSON



THANKSGIVING CRYPTOGRAMS - SOLUTION

**Maranatha Free Lutheran Church
Glyndon, MN**

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon				
as of 09-30-23				
General Fund			Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions			\$21,789.00	\$222,268
Expenditures			-\$28,124.00	-\$257,615
Surplus / (Shortfall)				\$ (35,347)

	9/30/2023
GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$21,789
Deacons	-\$18,185
Education	-\$34
Finance	-\$4,961
Trustees	-\$4,182
Worship & Music	-\$762
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	-\$28,124
Other Income (Rent, Interest, etc)	\$45
General Fund Balance Change	-\$6,290

GENERAL FUND BALANCE			\$38,050	Target is \$60,000
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<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Building Fund			\$ 19,094
Building Improvement Fund		-2836.51	\$ 7,788
Christmas Eve			\$ -
Cookbook Sales for Missions	10		\$ 220
Designated Donations			\$ 420
Good Samaritan Fund		-72.73	\$ 2,257
Holiday Baskets			\$ 1,442
Lent Offering			\$ -
Memorial Fund	20		\$ 9,103
Men's Fellowship	100	-471	\$ 1,552
Men's Fraternity			\$ -
Outreach Ministries			\$ 166
Sunday Fellowship Fund	2		\$ 469
Sunday School Missions	6		\$ 296
Trails End Ranch			\$ -
VBS Blanket Project			\$ 515
Wedding Fund			\$ -
Wednesday Suppers	526		\$ 2,977
World Missions Fund	5		\$ 7,797
Youth Activities Fund	1,100		\$ 6,034
Youth FLY Fund	40		\$ 3,969
Special Funds Balance			\$ 64,099
General Fund Balance			\$ 38,050
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			\$ 102,152
PETTY CASH BALANCE			\$ 20

Detailed expense reports are available in the Glyndon office.
 Questions can be directed to Kristine Quanbeck - Treasurer
treasurer@maranathafreelutheran.com
 218-498-2808

November ~ Happy Birthday!

Clay Johnson	November 01
Titus Johnson	November 01
Abby Dahl	November 03
Mary Ellen Ward	November 03
Joe Olek	November 05
Jeanie Rasmussen	November 05
Mary Langerud	November 07
Kristi Schneidermann	November 07
Terrie Enlow	November 08
Josiah Hurner	November 08
Jessica Green	November 09
Skylar Dunham	November 10
Julie Scheuring	November 10
Jayden Pender	November 11
Daniel Rugroden	November 11
Savannah Johnson	November 12
Katie Oberg	November 13
Allison Schneidermann	November 13
Kris Schlieper	November 14
Jerome Trautmann	November 14
Rochelle Olson	November 15
Art Welle	November 15
Isaac Young	November 15
Amanda Erickson	November 17
Taylor Macziewski	November 17
Leane Trautmann	November 17
Loren Wibbels	November 17
Dave Zach	November 18
Pr Dale Finstrom	November 19
Ashlyn Lockner	November 21
Darrell Menholt	November 21
Ryder Menholt	November 21
John Sanger	November 21
Allen Wibbels	November 21
Alyssa Johnson	November 22
Michael Gonzalez	November 23
Craig Hurner	November 25
Isabel Toms	November 25
Stephanie Tweten	November 25
Marlysa Ladwig	November 26
Bob Jacobsen	November 28
Cliff Langerud	November 28
Amy Johnson	November 30
Ken Sivertson	November 30



November ~ Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Voni Specht	November 02
David & Kristi Schneidermann	November 09
Ben & CieGie Hilde	November 19
Tim & Lori Pender	November 19
Reuben & Eileen Moseng	November 24
Kris & Angela Schlieper	November 24
Greg & Ellen Zillmer	November 24
Dwight & MaryBeth Fevig	November 27
Craig & Carla Hurner	November 30



Military Personnel

Thankful for those who serve our country!

- Kally Anderson*, granddaughter of Vonnie Anderson
- Levi Dahl*, grandson of Harvey & Dianne Dahl
- Cody Dravland*, son of Todd & Sara Dravland
- Trevor Dufault*, son of Todd & Sara Dravland
- Makalia 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 Gary & 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
- Josiah Quanbeck*, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean
- Jakob Rolf*, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf
- Ethen Vind*, grandson of Art & Dolores Welle





Operation Christmas Child

National Collection Week is
Nov. 12–19, 2022

From Children to Seniors, people can pack a shoebox with gifts to bless children in need around the world. These shoeboxes will arrive in more than 100 countries, and the message of the Gospel is shared and children are blessed.

Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts and delivered them to boy and girls around the world for nearly 30 years. Each box is an opportunity to delight the heart of a child and share the Good News of Christ with them and their families. All over the world, these gift-filled boxes become tools for local churches to share God's love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

OCC wants to bring these gifts of hope to as many children as possible and introduce them to the Savior. Please join them in this critical mission.

You are invited to pack shoeboxes—as many as you can. Take empty boxes and fill them with fun toys, a “wow” item, school supplies and hygiene items. Please remember that your shoebox may be the only gift the child ever receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a photo and a note to the child to really make the gift special. The cost for shipping each box is \$10. If you wish to help with that please include in the envelope provided with the labels.

There are “how to pack your box gift” brochures available. They give helpful information to follow and gift suggestions. Take heed of the “what not to pack” list.

Boxes are due November 19th.

May you be richly blessed as you participate in this project!



Maranatha - Glyndon Feed Thy Neighbor Food Drive



The collection display is set up in the sanctuary for our **Third Annual Food Drive** for the UC Hope Organization serving the community of Glyndon and the surrounding areas of need.

Our goal is 400 lbs and \$400 to beat past years!

Please bring canned or dry goods such as:

- * cereal
- * soup/stews
- * pasta/pasta sauce
- * rice
- * canned meats/fish
- * canned tomatoes/sauce
- * canned vegetables
- * vegetable oil
- * cash or grocery gift cards
- * dried beans/barley/etc.
- * canned fruits
- * peanut butter/jellies
- * rolled oats
- * unpopcorned popcorn
- * powdered milk
- * baby food
- * hard cookies

We will also have an offering box available for financial contributions. Thank you so much for loving and serving our community so well. Let's make this a banner year of giving!

Maranatha Worship & Music Board

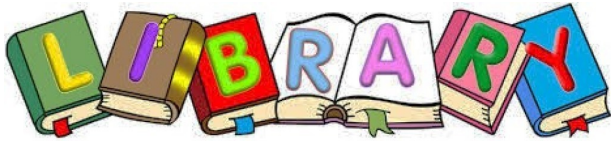


Maranatha Glyndon Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00pm

Maranatha Ulen Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00pm



GLYNDON LIBRARY—

BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR OCTOBER:

For Kids:

One day, on a beach in Israel, Jesus cooked breakfast for His friends. Now, 2000 years later, family and friends around the world start their day with food in their bellies and the love of Jesus in their hearts. “Breakfast with Jesus” is by Tina Cho.

For Adults:

->“The Midwife” by Jolina Petersheim, is about the past and the present with a quick-paced plot, complex characters into the plain life.

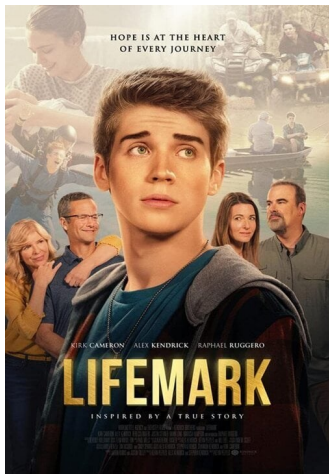
->Andrea Boeshaar’s *Faded Photographs Series* has three books:
1 - Broken Things
2 - Hidden Things
3 - Precious Things

Two women, two pasts, one future where past meets present.



Supper and Movie Night

The SaltTeens and Worship Board invites you to a Supper/Movie Night on **Sunday, November 12th.**



SaltTeens will serve a *free-will donation homemade pizza supper* from 5:30-6:00pm and the movie, LIFEMARK, will follow at 6:00pm. Money raised for SaltTeens will go towards the FLY convention. The Worship & Music Board will serve ice cream floats during intermission.

LIFEMARK movie summary - *David’s comfortable world is turned upside down when his birthmother unexpectedly reaches out to him, longing to meet the 18-year-old son she’s only held once. With the encouragement of his adoptive parents, David embarks on a journey of discovery that leads to a staggering truth from his past. From executive producers Kirk Cameron and the Kendrick Brothers—creators of War Room and Fireproof—comes LIFEMARK, inspired by an incredible true story that celebrates the gift of life.*



SaltTeens! *Sunday, November 12* we are serving dinner for the Supper & Movie Night! Please come at 4p to help prep ingredients. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:00p and the movie will start at 6:00p. We'll aim to be done with clean-up by 6:30. The free-will offering will go towards the youth activities account.

The SaltTeens Bake Sale will be *Sunday, November 19*, following the Worship Service! We ask each family to bring 2 dozen baked goods, packaged to sell.

Pastor Nate and Rhoda Jore family



Maranatha has been praying for and financially supporting Pastor Nate and Rhoda Jore’s family (AFLC Missionaries to Uganda) for at least the last 15 years. During Seminary, Nate preached at Maranatha while Pastor Dale Finstrom had a Sabbatical break; and Pastor Lloyd got to oversee Nate’s Seminary Internship year. The Jores have raised their family while serving the Lord in Uganda. Their oldest boys have been attending Free Lutheran Bible College, in Mpls, and the whole family is taking a Sabbatical year in the USA.

Come next Sunday evening (November 5, 6:30 PM) and hear how God has been answering our prayers and using the Jores, and other missionary families, to grow the Christian Church in Uganda.

Pictured above is Nate and Rhoda Jore and their 6 children: Elijah, Judah, Hannah, Jeremiah, Julia and Evie Mae.



Women of the AFLC

WMF NOTES

(Women's Missionary Federation)

Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF met on October 10, 2023, with 13 ladies present.

Dianne Wolla opened in prayer and led the Bible Study "Hannah, a lesson in Humility".

Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Old Business:

~ Discussed having our all-ladies Christmas party in December with the evening WMF.

New Business:

~ Cris shared about the District Rally.

~ A motion made and approved to give \$100 to the World Missions.

We closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Lila Ebner, Secretary

Glyndon Evening WMF

Evening WMF met on October 17th at the church. There were 5 lovely ladies present. Melody Okke hosted and led our Bible study on Hannah.

Janet called our meeting to order with prayer. Secretary and Treasure report were read and accepted.

Old Business:

- Bible covers for confirmation kids will be ordered at a later date.
- Soldiers have been replenished again
- Basket with pillow and ceramic pumpkin was given to Heart of Clay auction
- Both WMF groups are planning a joint Christmas party, date to be determined.

New Business:

- \$50.00 was approved for World Missions.
- Sponsoring a food basket for the holidays was approved if the youth does it again..
- Postage was approved for 12 Operation Christmas Child boxes.

Next meeting will be November 21st at Pat Lewis' home.

Prayer requests were shared and prayed over.

Respectfully submitted by Coco Geray

Ulen WMF

Ulen WMF met Tuesday, October 10th at 1:00pm with 6 ladies present. Gloria led our bible study on "Hannah".

MaryAnn w. opened our business meeting with the Secretary & Treasurer's Reports. Both were approved as read.

Old Business:

- MaryAnn thanked everyone for the blessing of Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

New Business:

- Our WMF project offering of \$50 will go to World Missions this month.

- In the past years we have given \$200 in October to our local food pantry. A motion was made & seconded to donate funds to a couple of students at our Bible school in - Plymouth. Motion carried.

- We will be thinking ahead to our WMF Christmas Party in December. Should it be held on a Sunday or another day?

Our next meeting and bible study will be Tuesday, November 14th at 1:00pm at the church. We will do our Bible Study together and MaryAnn S. offered to be our hostess.

We closed with several prayer concerns. Ellen served dessert following.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Zillmer, Secretary

SERVING GROUP 3 ~ Glyndon

Attention: Ladies of Serving Group 3. We continue to be responsible for **servicing the months of November & December**. A sign-up sheet is posted in the kitchen—please 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 servicing other events that come up—lunches, special events, wedding receptions, and funerals. Thank you for your willingness to serve our Lord & our church family—it is much appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Ruth Larson or Kim Jensen. Thank you.

Are you 65 or older?

(or approaching that age?)

Do you have questions or need help with Medicare or Supplemental Insurance?

We have a licensed agent in our congregation that you can reach out to for answers!

Jennifer Rickford is with Health Markets and can be reached at: [701-446-6782](tel:701-446-6782)

or email: jrickford@HealthMarkets.com

A reminder open enrollment is from October 15 - December 7.

Ulen Council Meeting

October 15, 2023

Next meeting – 11/19/23 after Sunday school

Present: Greg, Gary N, Jessie, Bob, John, Pastor Ward, Elijah

Call to order – Greg

Devotions & Prayer – Gary Next meeting – Elijah

Minutes read from last meeting - Jessie

- Motion to accept by John 2nd by Bob Motion Carried

Treasure's Report – read by Greg

- Repair and maintenance was for carpet cleaning

- MOP's donation (new line item)

- Memorial fund – donation made

* Motion to accept by Elijah, 2nd by Bob, Motion Carried
Deacons report – Gary N

- Continue to go to article 4 in constitution to guide them

* Provide/promote reading list in church library

* Present a weekly definition of a Biblical Word in the bulletin

* Opportunity for group study/prayer

Trustees report – John

- Projection screen is needing to be replaced

* A new one will be purchased as it's not worth paying to repair

* Possibly getting 2 stationary for each side instead of one in the middle

Christian Ed – Ellen

- Sunday School is going well and flannel graph stories are a fun addition

- December 10th will be Christmas program – 17th will be backup date

Worship & Music – read by Gary N

- Discussed survey for congregation

Pastor Report – Pastor Ward

- Visits have been down recently because of illness going around, busy time of year

- 6 people attending Authentic Manhood banquet

- Christmas Eve service will only be Sunday Night at 4 pm no morning service

- Discussing adding article to Clay County Union with those in charge

Special Reports - None

Old Business – Greg

- Nativity cabinet will be built by Pastor Ward's son

New Business –

- Bob brought up getting sound mufflers cleaned in fellow-ship hall

- Memorial donation could be used to create a sign for front of church so people know who we are or signs on the out-skirts of town

Adjourn – Bob Motioned, John 2nd, Motion Carried

Greg closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jessie Zillmer



SWAP - N - SHOP

FREE shopping - Food - Fun for Kids

NOV. 18, 2023 • STARTS AT 10 AM
MARANATHA CHURCH (JUST N OF
ULEN POST OFFICE)

****You can drop off items Friday from 6-7 or Saturday from 9-10**

A swap-n-shop is an event where you bring clothes, shoes, accessories, household items, or even toys you no longer need or want and as long as you bring something you can take things you want - **AS MANY THINGS AS YOU WANT!!**

SWAP N SHOP - GET IT!

If you don't have anything to bring but you want to take part in the 'Shop' then you can donate \$5 at the door which will go to the local food bank.

Any leftover items will be taken to an area drop off center so you don't need to take it home again. You get to clean out your closet/house and bring some fun new (to you) things home.



Time to clean out your cupboards and closets!

Maranatha Church in Ulen is hosting a SWAP - N - SHOP on Saturday, November 18th from 10:00am - Noon. You have the opportunity to take part by bring items Friday night or Saturday morning to donate or come and shop. There will be food and fun for kids too. See flyer above for more details.

If you don't have anything to bring, you can donate \$5 at the door and take part of the "Shop" Money will be donated to the local food bank.



Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon

Council Meeting

October 11th, 2023 8:00pm

Present: Todd Rasmussen, Glenn Urlacher, Sheila Smith, Bruce Smith, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Kristine Quanbeck, and Alyssa Johnson

Glenn opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's report of September meeting minutes was read by Alyssa. Todd made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Sheila; motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Kristine. Reported September 2023 income as \$21,789 and expenses of \$28,124. General fund balance \$38,050 (target \$60K). Boards to review budgets, due 10/22. A motion was made by Sheila to approve the financial report, seconded by Bruce; motion carried.

Board Reports:

Finance – Todd

* Budget review

Trustees – Jeff , reported by Glenn

* Wiring for TVs completed, Electrician to connect wiring

* HVAC system changed over to heating

Education – No updates

Worship & Music – Sheila

* 11/12 Movie night – Lifemark. Youth will serve free-will offering supper

* Maranatha partnering with UC Hope for Trunk or Treat - will be at UC Hope

* Per previous decision, sound booth equipment and maintenance to Trustee budget

Deacons – No updates

Pastor Report – Pastor Lloyd

* 145-150 Sunday attendance, 30-40 online

* I Peter series Bible study - typical attendance 10

* Confirmation -12 students

* Pastors conference ARC

* District Pastor meetings every two months

* 11/5 at 6:30pm Nate and Rhoda Jore visit, nine month sabbatical in US

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sheila, seconded by Todd; motion carried.

Pastor Lloyd closed meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson

Annual November Congregational meeting



at Maranatha-Glyndon will be held on **Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00pm.**

This meeting will look at proposed budgets for 2024 and have election of officers. If you have items that you would like added to the agenda at this meeting please contact our president, Glenn Urlacher.



TRAIL LIFE USA®

Adventure › Character › Leadership

Hey, guys! Ready for adventure?! A Trail Life Troop is starting up at Maranatha and we'd love to have you hit the trail and join the adventure with us! Trail Life is a Christ-centered, church-owned & operated, outdoor-focused ministry for boys that places special attention on adventure, leadership, and character development from a Christian worldview. Their motto, Walk Worthy, is taken from Colossians 1:10. All boys are invited to join either the Woodlands Trail (K-5), the Navigators, (6-8) or the Adventurers (9-12).

For those of you with boys (or have grandsons in the area), we would love for you to consider being a part of our Troop! We aim to begin meeting in January!

On **Friday, November 10, from 5:30-8:30p**, a representative from Trail Life USA will be at Maranatha to conduct Peak 1 Training. Peak 1 is for all adults interested in helping the troop or who are interested in having their boys attend. Friday evening's session will provide a general overview of Trail Life and the basic operations of local Troop ministries. It covers the "essences" of Trail Life - the aligned mission, vision, Core Values — and what members of Trail Life can expect to experience in this youth adventure ministry. It is designed to help Troops and families develop a fundamental understanding of how Trail Life works.

Then, on **Saturday, November 11**, we'll conduct Peak 2 Training. This is an all-day event, and dives deeper into some of the leadership aspects of the Troop.

If you have questions or are interested in attending either of the training sessions, talk to Pastor Ryan.

FROM PASTOR PETER...

You may have noticed it in some people even though casual observation would seem they have lived untroubled lives without adversity. Nothing could be further from the truth. You may even be one of them. Their wounds of hard adversity are betrayed by the peaceful, stable manner on display as they live through the daily commerce of life. They weren't born with this apparent contentment; it was developed within them. I am speaking of the identifiable characteristic in individuals and families who have waded through the depths of affliction. There abides in the person of faith a unique quiet when life's challenging experiences are seen through the lens of a saving faith. Jacob's son Joseph had it...the fruit of affliction.

Having been sold into slavery, Joseph missed a lot of family events and sharing life with his Hebrew friends during his lifetime of confinement in Egypt. He learned early on in life how to bear this fruit with dignity and grace to the glory of his Lord. Like all his Jewish people however, he rejected the notion that the events of his life came about by bad timing, bad luck, or bad brothers. His Lord was Lord over all matters. Whatever happened in his life, was of God's divine oversight.

The impact of the Lord's involvement in the hardships of his early life are reflected in the names he chose for his two sons. The name of each son was a celebration of the Lord's blessings.

Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphara priest of On, bore them to him. Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house." The name of the second he called Ephraim, "For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction." Genesis 41:50-52 ESV

How blessed is the person who has faced life's hardships with the assurance of the God who is all knowing, all present and all powerful being in control. Even at the family reunion with his brothers who had destroyed his childhood, Joseph displayed a quiet and peace that revealed his perspective of his life of the same nature.

As for you, you meant it for evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. Genesis 50:20 NASB

Keeping a balanced perspective, and his own part being played out in the big picture of life beyond his struggles, this man of God was able to see His God at work. Many years later, another man was going through even greater struggles. The God-man, Christ Jesus. In the final moments before giving up His spirit, He asked, "My God, My God; Why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46) We should all know the answer. For our sakes, that many people be preserved alive.

Many in our two congregations have recently been or are currently in their own land of affliction: life-threatening medical issues, financial collapse, perhaps a failed relationship, the death of a loved one, a career or business that is failing. Yet in the midst of this, there can be peace knowing God is in control. Peace comes from Christ's abiding companionship. In His affliction He brought forth the fruit for our salvation...the forgiveness of sin. In our afflictions the Lord seeks to produce the fruit of trust, hope and peace. May we rest in His work.

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philip-
pians 4:7 ESV*

In Christ,
Pastor Peter