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April 2024 Newsletter



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

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APRIL 2024 @ ULEN



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 No Bone Builders	2	3	4 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	5	6
7 9:00am - Worship Service w/Communion 10:15am - Sunday School -Council Meeting following SS	8 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders 7:00pm - WMF	9	10 9:00–11:00am - MOPS	11 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	12	13
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FLBC Campus Days (12-14)						
<p>14</p> <p>9:30am - Worship Service 10:45am - Sunday School</p> <p>6:30pm - Movie Night</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>10:00am-3:00pm Quilting at the church</p> <p>7:00pm Evening WMF</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30pm Kids Club 6:45pm Friendship Club 6:45pm Men's 33 Study 7:00pm SaltTeens</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00pm Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home</p>	19	<p>20</p> <p>7:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast</p>
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**Maranatha Free Lutheran Church
Glyndon, MN**

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon			
as of 02-29-24			
General Fund			
		Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions		\$24,963.00	\$47,705
Expenditures		-\$28,185.00	-\$54,069
Surplus / (Shortfall)			\$ (6,364)

2/29/2024

GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$24,963
Deacons	-\$17,548
Education	\$0
Finance	-\$4,228
Trustees	-\$5,457
Worship & Music	-\$952
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	-\$28,185
Other Income (Rent, Interest, special fund transfers etc)	\$459
General Fund Balance Change	-\$2,763

GENERAL FUND BALANCE			\$49,974 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			\$ 3,696
Christmas Eve			\$ -
Cookbook Sales for Missions			\$ 245
Designated Donations		(420)	\$ -
Good Samaritan Fund			\$ 2,176
Holiday Baskets			\$ 1,442
Lent Offering	680		\$ 680
Memorial Fund	335		\$ 9,543
Men's Fellowship/Breakfast			\$ 1,752
Men's Fraternity			\$ -
Outreach Ministries			\$ 166
Sunday Fellowship Fund			\$ 469
Sunday School Missions	6		\$ 370
Thanksgiving Offering			\$ -
Trail Life	540		\$ 540
Vacation Bible School			\$ -
VBS Blanket Project			\$ 515
Wedding Fund	500		\$ 500
Wednesday Suppers	263	-1302	\$ 2,531
World Missions Fund	5		\$ 16,847
Youth Activities Fund	865		\$ 1,846
Youth FLY Fund	1,199		\$ 6,357
Special Funds Balance			\$ 68,770
General Fund Balance			\$ 49,974
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			\$ 118,724
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*

April ~ Happy Birthday!

Emma Dahl	April 02
Keziah Quanbeck	April 02
Savannah Brown	April 03
Duncan Sivertson	April 03
Mackenzie Brown	April 05
Heather Olek	April 05
Trent Jensen	April 05
Mable Singer	April 07
Rachel Trick	April 07
Talya Dufault	April 07
Wyatt Ladwig	April 09
Kevin Urlacher	April 09
Arden Pearson	April 10
Jim Rolf	April 10
Jeff Ehrichs	April 10
Tate Dobbs	April 10
Ordean Bentley	April 11
Mason Dobbs	April 11
Tim Pender	April 12
Jennifer Rickford	April 12
Mason Bushy	April 12
Hunter Macziewski	April 14
Harley Dale	April 14
Paul Baumgartner	April 15
Chris Erickson	April 16
Declan Tonneson	April 16
Mavra Gonzalez	April 16
David Schneidermann	April 17
Mary Rolf	April 17
Nikki Ehrichs	April 17
Justin Okeson	April 17
Sarah Okeson	April 17
John Enlow	April 18
McKinley (Jacobsen) Oien	April 18
Quinn Erickson	April 19
Petra Young	April 20
Annalise Murack	April 21
Ashley Larson	April 21
Miah Dunham	April 21
Ava Sorenson	April 21
Payton Dittmann	April 22
Walker Dale	April 22
Derek Bachmeier	April 23
Devon Karau	April 24
Tracy Dunham	April 24
Zach Nelson	April 25
Dave Brown	April 25
Zayn Hilde	April 26
Roxane Myhra	April 26
Kiana Stong	April 27
Sharon Wright	April 28
Karen Fevig	April 28
Pastor Nick Geray	April 28
Ava Johnson	April 29
Brian Olek	April 29
Kurtis Trautmann	April 30
Eric John	April 30
Kim Gwin	April 30



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

April ~ Happy Anniversary!

Kyle & Sally Johnson	April 07
Brian & Lori Olek	April 09
Jared & Sierra Northridge	April 10
Harvey & Dianne Dahl	April 20
Bruce & Sheila Smith	April 20
Scott & Heidi Ladwig	April 28

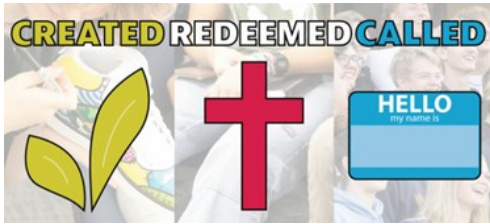


Military Personnel

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 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

SALT + TEENS



High School Students & Parents: The Free Lutheran Bible College is hosting their spring Campus Days from April 12-14!

"**YOU HAVE BEEN SUMMONED BY NAME**—and not just to Campus Days at FLBC! God calls His people to get to know Him through the study of His Word. That idea is at the heart of FLBC. He knows your unique gifts and struggles, and He promises to be with you. **CAMPUS DAYS** is a time for high schoolers and recent grads to experience FLBC in person. Tour our beautiful campus, learn from our experienced Bible professors, and take part in special weekend activities. Come to this event and hear guest speaker, Pr. Eric Westlake, share in the evening sessions on the theme, Created, Redeemed, Called from Isaiah 43." **PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 4 AT:**

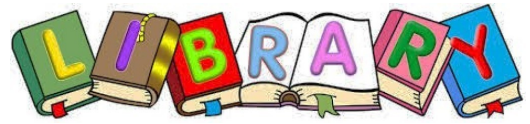
<https://flbc.edu/campus-days-registration-church-payment/>

SaltTeens! I know it is only April, but spring has got me looking ahead to this summer! Here are two amazing opportunities for you to participate in:

- **FLY Beyond** - July 14-18 @ the ARC, near Osceola, WI - FLY Beyond is the AFLC's national youth equipping conference. What it lacks in purple mountain majesties, it more than makes up for in its depth of fellowship, equipping, and training. Join hundreds of other like-minded students who desire to deepen their faith! You pay the deposit, the church covers the rest! Register at aflc.org/youth/fly-beyond
- **Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness** - July 30-Aug 3, near ELY, MN -- Join us as we explore the beauty and majesty of God's creation! We have two permits secured for Entry Point 16, north and west of Ely. We'll spend 4-days / 3-nights camping, canoeing, fishing, swimming, soaking in waterfalls, and unplugging from endless scrolling. Due to BWCA restriction, registration is limited - but we still have space available! You pay \$100, the youth activities account will cover the rest! Register at the QR code here.



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.



GLYNDON LIBRARY—
BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR APRIL

ADULT NON-FICTION: Lee Strobel’s “*God’s Outrageous Claims*” - discover what they mean for you.

ADULT FICTION: “*Loving Luther*” by Allison Pittman. It’s 1505 in Germany, young Katharina von Bora lives in a convent. At Brehna she learned, at Marienthron she became a leader, at Wittenberg she learned to become a woman. This is the story of Katharina who became the wife of Martin Luther.

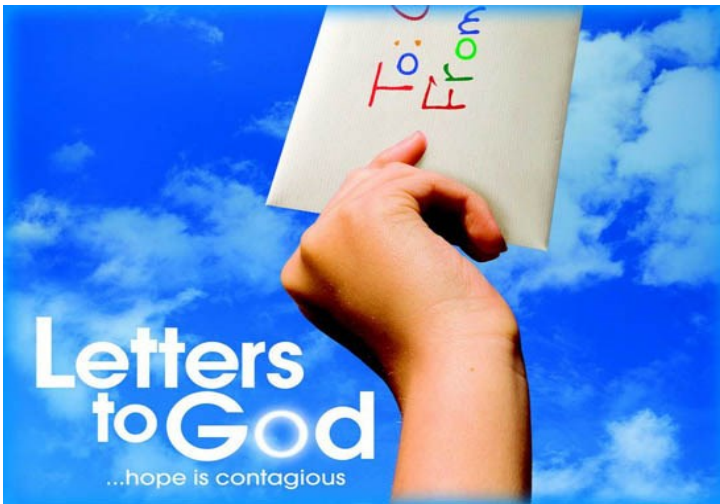
KIDS: “*The True Story of Noah’s Ark*” by Tom Dodey is a beautifully illustrated book based on Genesis 6-9.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES IN GLYNDON

Glyndon Cops & Kids Outreach is looking for volunteers to help in various ways this year. We as a church can make an impact with volunteering or donating monetarily in several activities listed below:

- * Community Safety Day
- * National Night Out
- * Summer Lunch & Literacy
- * Thursday After School Program w/UC Hope Kids
- * Paint a Pumpkin
- * Bike to School Safety
- * Trunk or Treat
- * Shop with a Cop

The goal of the Glyndon Police Department is to raise \$6,000 for the 2024 year to fund all these activities. Please contact the church office if you want more information.



MOVIE NIGHT

The worship and music board is hosting a movie night on **Sunday, April 14th at 6:30pm**
Come enjoy popcorn, pop and a show!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

VBS WILL BE
JULY 22-26, 2024

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS
IN THE COMING MONTHS!

EASTER CRYPTOGRAM - MARK 16:6 (NIV)

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BIBLE DINGBAT PUZZLES

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NEWS


 Bible Word Search 

Apostles / Disciples

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Word list:

PETER	THOMAS
ANDREW	MATTHEW
JAMES	JAMES
JOHN	THADDAEUS
PHILIP	SIMON
BARTHOLOMEW	JUDAS



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DINGBAT Answers:
 Daily Bread; A Drop in a Bucket; Forgive and Forget; Coat of Many Colors; Forever and Ever; Passover Lamb; To Every-thing There is a Season; Good News

Answer for Cryptogram:
 Don't be alarmed, he said. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. (NIV)



WMF NOTES
(Women's Missionary Federation)

Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF met March 12, 2024, with 9 ladies present.

Lila Ebner opened with prayer and led our Bible study, "Warriors Wanted!"

Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Old Business:

~ Women's Care Center - A verbal thank you was given to Terrie for coordinating and handling donations. The Center was very thankful for the donations..

~ Alaska Mission - A motion for a \$200 donation was made and approved. Anne M. will hold the donation until the mission's wish list is posted, then she will order for them.

~ WMF Day at Annual Conference - Wednesday, June 12 is Women's Day. Annual conference to be at the FLBC campus. Discussion tabled until April meeting regarding the possibility of a carload of women attending.

New Business:

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

~ District 2024 Dues - Motion made and approved to send \$100.

~ Class on Bread/Freezer Meals - Question was brought up if cost is to be split with evening WMF? Motion made and approved to reimburse \$19.23 from general fund to Evening WMF.

Meeting adjourned with prayer requests.

Respectfully submitted by Delores Welle, Secretary

Glyndon Evening

Evening WMF met on March 19, 2024, at Liz Walker's home. 9 lovely ladies were present. Liz led our Bible study on Philippians.

Janet Boe opened our meeting in prayer. Secretary and Treasurer reports were given and approved.

Old Business:

~ We exchanged our Easter baskets this evening.

New Business:

~ \$50.00 was given to World Missions.

~ \$50.00 was given to a family in need.

Prayer requests were given and prayed over.

Respectfully submitted by Coco Geray, Secretary

Ulen

Our Ulen WMF met Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 1:00pm with 6 ladies present. Ellen led our Bible study. Following our study MaryAnn W opened our business meeting with the reading of our Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report. Both were approved as read.

Old Business:

~ We discussed our Valentine Brunch and we received some thank you notes and they were pinned on the bulletin board for those to see.

~ Our prayer chain was updated and the new paperwork was handed out to those here.

~ March is Food Pantry Month and we are reminded that there is a bin in the back of the church if you would like to donate food items. Also, our Lenten Offerings will go to the food pantry.

New Business:

~ Our project offering of \$75 this month will be going to World Missions.

~ March is when we usually pay our district dues. Ellen made a motion to give \$75 for our dues and Naomi second. Motion carried.

~ Looking ahead to September, our church will host the District Pastor's meeting on the 10th .

Our next meeting in April we will go to our summer schedule where we will meet on Monday, April 8th at 7:00pm.

Our meeting was adjourned and we closed with several prayer requests and the Lord's prayer.

MaryAnn W served us dessert following.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Zillmer, Secretary

SERVING GROUP 2~ Glyndon

Ladies of Serving Group 2 - We will be responsible for **servicing the months of April, May & June**. Please take time to check the date or dates that you would be willing to serve goodies after church on Sunday mornings and sign up on the sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

We will also be responsible for servicing 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. If you have any questions, contact Lori Pender. Thank you.

Con't - All Boards Meeting

- Reaching the lost
 - ◊ Available as a safe place for DGF emergencies
 - ◊ Church leadership to reach out to local schools to offer support as needed

Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck update: Kristine Quanbeck requests when receipts are turned in, communicate which line item from Board budget the receipt should be taken from.

Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck closed in prayer

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson

ROD & REEL FISHING BANQUET



Featuring Legendary Fisherman, Speaker and Author,

AL LINDNER

Saturday, April 13th at 5:30pm

Delta Hotel (1635 42th St S - Fargo)

As part of the Authentic Manhood 33 The Series, sponsored by Valley Christian Leadership Association, come and listen to this veteran fisherman of over 60 years. Hear of the lessons he's learned over his many hours on the water and his love to the great outdoors and the God who created it all! There will be a full meal provided. This is not a fundraiser, just an opportunity to hear about God's creation. If interested, contact Glenn Urlacher for tickets (\$35) and table sponsor (\$350) info.

Recent Special Offerings Received:

Gideons International - \$1,204

FLBC (Choir Concert) - \$2,135

Church Chuckles

As the Sunday school teacher described how Lot's wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt, little Jimmy interrupted, "My mommy looked back once while she was driving, and she turned into a telephone pole!"

Our Church Today announcements:

- Barbara Green remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for another transfusion. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.
- The lecture on the religious history of circumcision has been cut from tonight's program.
- Reverend Jerome will discuss the health risks of obesity, then the choir will sing, "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy".
- Many of you have mentioned that it is difficult to hear in church. We will be remodeling this summer; hopefully the agnostics will improve.
- For Easter services, we will ask Mrs. Brown to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody, but he never met my sister. - Arnold, age 7

Dear Pastor, I would like to go to heaven one day because I know my brother won't be there. - Angela, age 8

It's income tax time so remember what the Bible says: Beware of false profits.

Finding one of her students making faces at others on the playground, Ms. Smith stopped to gently reprove the child. Smiling sweetly, she said, "Bobby, when I was a child, I was told that if I made ugly faces, it would freeze and I would stay like that." Bobby looked up and replied, "Well, Ms. Smith, you can't say you weren't warned."



My heartfelt thank you to my family and church family for the acts of kindness and care for me after my knee surgery, for your prayers, cards, texts, calls, visits and food. Thank you so much. My heart is touched by your concern and it is so appreciated.

From Daily Bread: When He prompts us to sacrificially invest in the needs of others we serve Him. When we love others, we love God.

Very Grateful, Carol Johnson

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon Council Meeting

March 13th, 2024 8:00pm

Present: Cliff Langerud, Mary Langerud, Glenn Urlacher, Todd Rasmussen, Bruce Smith, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Kristine Quanbeck, Jake Pender and Alyssa Johnson

Cliff opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

Secretary's report of February meeting minutes was read by Alyssa. Corrections – "Nominations at June Congregational meeting for Auditing committee, two-year commitment – one position open." Remove "Jeff willing to serve next year". Glenn made a motion to approve corrected February meeting minutes, seconded by Mary; motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Kristine. Reported February 2024 income as \$24,963 and expenses of \$28,185. General fund balance \$49,974 (target \$60K). No corrections nor additions to the Treasurer's report. Stand approved as read.

Board Reports:

Finance -Todd

- Lenten offerings will go to Home Missions – AFLC church plant in Ankeny, Iowa; served by Pastor Matt Pillman
- Review printer/copier contract

Trustees – Jake

- Two furnaces need new compressors and parts are obsolete, repairmen recommend replacement – obtaining quotes
- New outdoor spotlight replaced – will add shield as it is bright
- Lights in Sanctuary will be replaced on Saturday
- Carpets to be cleaned 3/14
- Plan to replace lights in outdoor signs as weather permits

Worship & Music –Mary

- Movie night 4/14 at 6:30 – floats/popcorn, Movie TBD
- Planning Guess Who's Coming for Dinner activity
- Difficult to hear blessing during Communion when near piano; plan to play piped in hymns during communion
- Discussing having a leader for songs during Sunday service for songs the congregation isn't familiar with

Education – Brittany (via Pastor Lloyd)

- VBS team applied for and will be split with Ulen again this summer, dates TBD
- Kids to sing on Palm Sunday
- Lori and Brittany to meet with UC Hope to look at partnering for an activity

Deacons – Glenn

- Deacon retreat 3/2
- All Boards meeting 3/3
- Starting Deacon Bible study monthly

Pastor Report – Pastor Lloyd

- Lenten series going well
- Bible School Concert Choir 3/8 was well attended
- Postponing spring new members' class, potentially having this fall
- No Confirmation Sunday this year due to restructuring,

will have Catechization 5/1

- Two funerals – Henry Singer 2/16 and Kenny Sivertson 2/24

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Received a letter from Glyndon Police Department for their Kids Outreach Program outlining ways the community can assist - will add to Newsletter and Worship/Education Boards to review

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

Pastor Lloyd closed meeting in prayer

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon All Boards Meeting

March 3rd, 2024 7:00pm

Cliff Langerud opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck reviewed Essentials of Board Life in Church Work and purposes of Board meetings and Council meetings.

Board Goals 2024

Worship & Music – Mary Langerud

- Song leaders
- Improve video, font
- Difficult to hear blessing during Communion, look at ways to improve
- Look for ways to get to know members better
- Community outreach
- Glyndon Days opportunities

Education – Brittany Pender

- UC Hope has daily after school programs, work with UC Hope to coordinate activities together
- Glyndon Days participation
- Trunk or Treat

Trustees – Jake Pender

- Replacement parts difficult to find for furnaces, obtaining quotes
- Many projects, goal to stay within budget

Finance – Todd Rasmussen

- Keep accurate, confidential record of offerings
- Monitor and communicate general fund balance to Congregation
- Assist Boards with budgets

Deacons – Glenn Urlacher

- Caring for the flock
 - ◊ Follow-up visits new attendees
 - ◊ Provide Deacons to be available to pray after service
 - ◊ Emergency action plan
- Discipling the flock
 - ◊ Need for youth mentors
 - ◊ Highlight different ministries
 - ◊ Connecting AFLBS grads to our church
 - ◊ Prepare leaders
 - ◊ Deacon board Bible study

Maranatha News

APRIL 2024

FROM PASTOR LLOYD...

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself (say no to themselves – CEB), and take up his cross and follow Me.. (Matthew 16:24 - NASB)

Dear Folks at Maranatha,

For the last couple of months at Maranatha in Glyndon we have been digging into Scripture under the theme – "12 Men and Their Master." It has been a joy to enlist and work with several of the men in our congregation, as they have prepared and shared messages about different ones of the 12 disciples, whom Jesus chose to follow Him, and to spread His message across the globe. We have found these 12 in many respects to be very common ordinary guys, who were called to an extraordinary task. However, these 12 are not the only ones in Scripture referred to as "disciples" and called to this task.

So, here is a question for any of you who consider yourselves Christians. Would you call yourself a "disciple" of Jesus Christ? Why or why not? Michael Wilkins, in a survey of Christian groups, found that many people will readily identify themselves as "Christians," but be quite reluctant to call themselves "disciples." Greg Ogden, in Discipleship Essentials, suggests that the reason for this is that - In our minds the only thing required in order to be a Christian, is to "acknowledge my need of a savior and to receive a gift that I cannot earn nor deserve. But if I identify myself as a disciple, then I am making a statement about the quality of my followership."

It is good to, in humility, admit that each of us lack dedication in living out the Christian life. However, it is also important that we recognize that biblically there is no distinction between the terms Christian and Disciple. (They were used interchangeably in Acts 11:26.) We may tend to think of being a Christian as a statement of what we believe, and being a disciple as a statement of how I live, but according to Scripture, they must go together. What I believe must shape how I live, or else I don't really believe it.

Being a disciple of Jesus Christ involves understanding and agreeing with some core biblical truths. It also involves practicing spiritual disciplines, which then shape our character and lifestyles, and intentionally then engaging in relationships in the church and the world. The early followers of Jesus left some things (fishing and tax collecting for instance) in order to follow Him. Though most of us may not walk away from occupations that supply our livelihoods in order to follow Jesus, the above verse still applies to us. Following Jesus will involve at times denying ourselves (saying no to ourselves and our earthly pleasures and desires) in order to live for the higher purpose to which Jesus calls us.

With Easter just around the corner, it hits me that many people around us in society are living their lives as if this world is all that there is, and yet in the back of their minds hoping that perhaps there is something after their life is over. This world is full of trials and disappointments. There are people around us who are lonely and who may be struggling under the load of their own personal failures, as well as the growing realization of their own mortality. We who know Jesus Christ, have found in Him, forgiveness for our failures, a companion for our journey through life, and the promise of eternal life in heaven, when this life is over. This is too good to keep to ourselves. Like those first 12 disciples, may we be willing to deny ourselves and boldly proclaim His message of hope for this life, and for the life to come!

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