Maranatha News

MAY 2023

FROM PASTOR PETER...

The Church of the Risen Christ

Acts 20:28

While the sun was rising over the garden of Christ's tomb, the new dawn was soon to shine hope into humanity (1 Peter 1:3). Soon, in the sense that man's ears and eyes were but minutes away from the unprecedented news that Christ "has risen". Soon, the Christ who had died for the sins of all on the Cross of Calvary would be heralded as the risen Victor over sin and death. We celebrated that again on Easter morning in our hearts and in our churches.

It is good to have a church to call your own, to have a sense of welcome and belonging. A church to which you your-self offer the welcoming hand of Christ. A church with whom you joyfully and corporately worship your risen Savior. A church who misses you if you miss showing up one Sunday. A church to enjoy common fellowship because of the Savior. A church to whom you can extend your heart and hand of fellowship. A church to have your faith nurtured. A church for you to nurture others. A church who loves you in the risen Christ. A church upon whom you can pour out your love. Here on the leeward side of Easter, it's good for us to remember when Christ rose that Easter morn so too was the dawn of the church.

We often refer to what the church is, but more appropriately we should speak of who the church is. So who is it? It is the purchase of God. At the Cross, God paid the purchase for the community of forgiven sinners, His church...

...the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Acts 20:28

What an overwhelming wave of grace floods the soul when trying to comprehend this truth. We did not come cheap. We may not fully comprehend it but we should bask in the reality of this truth - the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood. This truth should erase any lingering doubt of who it was that was nailed on the Cross in the Person of Jesus Christ. God! His own blood is His gracious means by which man can measure His love for sinners. The church was born of His blood and nothing else. When the blood of Christ flowed down Calvary's Cross, His church was purchased.

Recognizing it was God's own blood, we should also acknowledge:

His ownership of your church. By His purchase, rightful ownership of the church is His. The magnitude of its cost should discourage anyone making the claim of having ownership of a church. It is cost prohibitive. Church ownership demands the life of the owner. While we may have purchased the property, the Lord bought the church.

His authority over your church. His blood shed by His own choice makes the resurrected Jesus the authority over your church. He holds that authority over His church through His Word. Human endeavors to establish human authoritative structures over the church is the very tyranny which Luther and other reformers opposed. Elected positions of leadership in the church have no authority except what is given under His Word. Offices of leadership are positions of servanthood for the sake of His church.

His expectation of your church. Jesus said He came not to be served but to serve. Although some liken the church to be a hospital for souls, it is a place of service for all. Rather than beds there are pews where His gospel word is heard, and His means of grace administered for needy souls. By these means He restores troubled, broken hearts into service. As rehab draws a patient from the hospital bed, the Lord restores souls with grace to serve.

While no congregation is perfect, it is still the bride of Christ. She is to be respected and spoken well of, in spite of her shortcomings and imperfections in the eyes of man. But in the eyes of God, she is holy and beyond reproach. May we be thankful to the Lord for bringing us into His church.

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church - Glyndon **Council Meeting**

April 12^{th,} 2023, 8:00pm

Present: Chad Johnson, Joy Dale, Todd Rasmussen, Jeff Ehrichs, Glenn Urlacher, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Bruce Smith, Sheila Smith, Kristine Quanbeck, and Alyssa Johnson

Glenn opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's report of March meeting was read by Alyssa. Corrections to March minutes to include the following: add Jeff Ehrichs in attendance, and reflect Rhonda Rasmussen's position as Office Administrator. Chad made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Todd; motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Kristine. Reported March 2023 income as \$27,286 and expenses of \$27,295. Lent offering to be given to New Life Center and Women's Care Clinic. A motion was made by Jeff to approve the financial report, seconded by Sheila; motion carried.

Board Reports:

Finance - Todd

Kristine reviewing finance tools

Trustees – Jeff

Painting continues in education wing

Air-conditioning system checked, will be switching over when temperatures improve

Sign-up for lawn mowing to be posted

Two 85" TVs to be placed in Sanctuary, electrician to run wires

Education - Joy

VBS team secured – July 24-28, sharing with Ulen. Looking for host families and VBS director

5/21 last day of Sunday school – pot blessing lunch

Worship & Music - Sheila

4/23 New member Sunday – pot blessing lunch

Confirmation flowers ordered

Senior recognition Sunday 5/21

Deacons - Chad

Finished "I Am" series

4/8 Deacon's retreat - good discussion/fellowship and reviewed ministries

Pastor Report – Pastor Lloyd

Confirmation – preparing for Catechization

New members class continue- four couples, three individuals

Sunday attendance averaging 140s and 35-50 online viewers weekly

Funerals for Debbie Strong and John Rootham

Old Business:

None

New Business

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chad, seconded by Jeff; motion carried.

Pastor Lloyd closed meeting in prayer

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson, Secretary

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church—Ulen **Council Meeting**

Didn't meet last month—no minutes.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



PEACE SELF-CONTROL FAITHFULNESS GENTLENESS **GOODNESS** JOY KINDNESS

LOVE

WMF NOTES

(Women's Missionary Federation)

Glyndon Morning WMF

WMF met on April 11, 2023 with 9 ladies present.
Lori Pender led us in prayer and Bible Study *Tamar, She*is More Righteous Than I, a lesson in righteousness.
Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Old business-none

New Business-

Motion made and approved to give \$100 for District dues.

Motion made and approved to give \$100 to Christian Education.

We closed with prayer.

Submitted by: Lila Ebner, Secretary

Glyndon Evening WMF

Evening WMF 4/18/23

7 ladies present at home of Liz Walker

Liz led the bible study. "Women of Redemption", chapter 4— Tamar.

Janet opened the meeting with prayer.

The treasurer's report was given. Joyce/Linda approved.

Old Business:

- 1. More soldiers for the prayer box have been ordered.
- 2. Because goals have been met for Isiah's mission trip, our planned donation was not given.
- 3. Discussion was held about a possible women's retreat.

New Business:

- 1. Joyce moved/Pat P seconded to give \$50 to World Missions.
- 2. Discussion was held about praise bags for Fly attendees.
- May 16 Evening WMF will be at Pat Palloch's with Joyce leading the study.

Motion to adjourn. Joyce/Pat. Prayer requests were received.

Respectfully submitted by Luci Carlson.

Ulen WMF

Ulen WMF met Monday, April 10th at 7pm with 5 ladies present. Dianne opened with prayer and led our Bible study on Tamar. Ellen led the business meeting in MaryAnn W. absence. The Secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer's report was also read & approved.

Old Business: Prayer chains were updated with a few more additions. Thank you to all who helped serve and brought food for the serving of Irene Zillmer's funeral. Lenten suppers were discussed and many commented on that they enjoy the fellowship time. We will discuss again when we near Lent next year.

New Business: Our WMF project offering for this month goes to Christian Education.

Confirmation Sunday to be determined. Senior Recognition Sunday is May 21st and we have one Senior to be recognized. The quilters have been working on the quilt plus others and plan to meet again on the 26th of April for quilt tying.

May will bring the Valley's Largest Baby Shower for the Women's Care Center. This was postponed from January. We will have a collection basket in the back of the church if you would like to donate.

Looking ahead, our June WMF meeting will be at Viking Manor and we will buy gifts & celebrate the June birthdays of residents. We will check with Viking Manor and meet either the 12th (Monday) or the 14th (Wednesday) at 1:00 and also see who has birthdays in June.

Motion made to adjourn, second. We closed with prayer concerns & the Lord's Prayer.

Ellen served dessert following.

Respectfully submitted by: Ellen Zillmer, Secretary

SERVING GROUP I ~ Glyndon

Attention: Ladies of Serving Group I. We will be responsible for **serving the months of April, May, and June**. 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 serving 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 Karen Urlacher or Carol Johnson. Thank you.

News & Events

Meet our new Office Administrator ...

Starting mid-June, I am excited to become the new Office Administrator at Maranatha Free Lutheran Church. Let me tell you a little about myself. My name is Rhonda Rasmussen and I've been a member of Maranatha for over 30 years. I grew up and continue to live in Hawley with my husband, Todd, our kids and a dog, Oso. A fun fact about me is we live in the same house I was born and raised in. Todd & I will be married 31 years in May and have raised 4 kids, my

biggest and proudest achievements! Rachel lives in Denver, CO, Olivia & her husband, Luke, live in Gilbert, AZ, Clay is in Fargo and attending MSUM and Kristopher is graduating this May from Hawley and plans to attend MSUM in the fall.

I will be finishing up in June as the administrative assistant at Hawley High School, which I've been doing the past 5 years and subbed there prior to that for 8 years. I also work part time at the Hawley Golf Course. My hobbies and interests include playing trumpet (I play regularly in a community band and jazz band), golfing in the summer and spending time with friends, eating out and shopping. I also enjoy being part of the praise team here at church, learning how to play bass and singing. I look forward to working in the office and serving in this area.



Welcome, Rhonda!

GLYNDON LIBRARY—

BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR MAY:

Adult Fiction:

Beloved Castaway by Kathleen Y'Barbo is about a stormy romance that rages along the Florida Keys.

The *Restoration* Series by Can Walsh and Gary Smalley has 3 books:

- 1) The Dance
- 2) The Promise
- 3) The Desire



Christine Johnson's *Keys of Promise* series is new to our library. The three books are:

- 1) Love's Rescue
- 2) Honor Redeemed
- 3) Freedom's Price

They take place in Key West.

A Note of Thanks -

"The Rootham family would like to sincerely thank Pastors Lloyd and Ryan for their prayers, comfort, and support to the Rootham family during the recent trying days, which grew into months, concerning John's health care and then finally his funeral service. A sincere thank you as well to the serving committee for the outstanding dinner served at John's funeral and to our Maranatha church family for all of your prayers for John and Andrea, and our family."

~Most sincerely, Andrea Rootham

Mark Your Calendars! Vacation

Bible School (VBS)

will be July 24-28

Theme:

Twists & Turns—
Following Jesus
Changes the Game



RAMKOTA CONFERENCE CENTER & BEST WESTERN INN

2023 AFLC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DUNT 1417, 2023 / SIOUX FAUS, SD

Please visit https://www.aflc.org/conference to register today. Our conference schedule, conference theme, and other details are available on our conference webpage.

Conference registration and conference meals are available through our website www.aflc.org/registration/

If you plan to attend other events during Conference week, such as Rekindle the Fire (hosted by AFLC Evangelism & Discipleship) or WMF Day (hosted by our National WMF board), please remember to register through those groups for their events.

The AFLC Annual Conference will be held at the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Sioux Falls, SD. Standard rooms are available for \$119 per night when you mention that you are registering with the SD AFLC for the AFLC Annual Conference. Call (605) 336-0650 to connect with the hotel and reserve your room.



Please feel free to reach out to our AFLC President's office with questions (chanel.nelson@aflc.org). We look forward to seeing many of you in Sioux Falls this June!



Tuesday, June 13, 2023 @ 3 p.m.
Living Word Free Lutheran Church
Sioux Falls SD

To register: Visit www.aflc.org/evangelism/events/rekindle-fire

"Sharing Jesus in a Post-Christian America"

Featuring Presentations by:

- Rev. Dr. Jason Holt
- Pr. Brady Arneson
- Rev. Randy Nelson

This event is free and open to everyone; dinner and childcare will be provided.

Rescued and Redeemed Colossians 1:13-14 NIV

Wednesday, June 14, 2023
Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center
Sioux Falls, SD

To register: Visit www.aflc.org/women/wmf-day/

WMF Day **2023**

Our day will begin at 9 with registration from 8:15-8:50. Please be there early to check in and be in the room by 9 for the opening.

Devotions

Michele Mobley

Workshop speakers

Dr. Brent Olson Tami Demo Michelle Olson

Memorial Service

Jenn Thorson

MISSION FESTIVAL SERVICE

Leader: Pastor Andy Coyle Speaker: Pastor Nate Jore

Local Summer Camp Opportunities

BETHANY BIBLE CAMP

BEMIDJI, MN

2023 JUNIOR CAMP DETAILS

Speaker: Pastor Alan Arneson

For: Students who have completed 3rd through 6th grade

Dates: June 20-24, 2023 **Camp Dean:** Gary Stegman

Cost: \$140

Cost includes canteen allowance, Wednesday – Friday Canteen not included on June 20th & 24th, other merchandise will be available those days for parents to purchase. Family, Friends, and Churches are all invited to Camp Saturday, June 24, service at 11:00 am, followed by Dinner at 12:00 noon.

2023 SENIOR CAMP DETAILS

Speaker: Pastor Jason Holt

For: Students who have completed 7th through 12th grade

Dates: June 24-29, 2023

Camp Dean: Pastor Joel Kangas and Luke Edlund

Cost: \$160

Canteen included Sunday – Wednesday, not included on the 24th and 29th.

Registration For both Jr. & Sr. Camp:

>> 2023 registration and brochure coming soon. <<

https://bethanybiblecamp.com/

(Please submit forms by June 6th, Registration will not be complete until payment is received. Places secured by Registration and payment being complete.

Mail to:: BBC PO Box 562, Bemidji, MN 56619)

*For information on financial assistance see the church office. We will cover 50% for Bethany Bible Camp.

INSPIRATION POINT

AT TWIN OAKS; VINING, MN

New age grouping system starting this year, with the purpose of getting more kids to camp and off the waiting lists and so campers can be more evenly spread out among the different weeks.

Age Groups:

Trailblazer Camps | 1st-2nd Grades July 5-7, 2023 - \$200 July 23-25, 2023 - \$215

Explorer Camps | 3rd-5th Grades June 18-22, 2023 - \$430 July 16-20, 2023 - \$430 August 13-17, 2023 - \$430

Navigator Camps | 6th-8th Grades June 11-16, 2023 - \$435 July 2-7, 2023 - \$435 July 9-14, 2023 - \$445 August 6-11, 2023 - \$440

Senior High Camps | 9th-12th Grades June 25-29, 2023 - \$440 July 30-August 3, 2023 - \$465

L4 (formerly C.I.T.) | 11th-1st year in college

June 11-16 & 18-22, 2023 - \$460 July 9-14 & 16-20, 2023 - \$460

Registration:

Register online at <u>ipoint.org</u>

Go to ipoint.org for info on various other family and adult retreat options.

*If interested in attending IPoint and in Maranatha covering a portion of the cost, let us know early on so we can get that figured out before you register.

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Birthdays &

Anniversaries

May ~ Happy Birthday!

Zachary Larson	May 01
Ben Schmitke	May 01
Kris Rasmussen	May 02
Nathan DeJong	May 03
Sharon Christensen	May 05
Martha Sanger	May 05
Sawyer Lambert	May 06
Ryan Menholt	May 06
Helmer Gaukler	May 07
Craig Larson	May 07
Morgan Okke	May 07
Caitlin Olek	May 07
William Tonneson	May 07
Logan Fischer	May 09
Jacob Skolness	May 09
Shirley Swenson	May 09
Noah Ebner	May 11
Luke Eggebraaten	May 11
Reuben Moseng	May 11
Gary Nelson	May 11
Jack Olek	May 11
Hilda Schneidermann	May 11
Calvin Oberg	May 12
Grace Toms	May 13
Isaac Schlauderaff	May 14
Canaan Baer	May 16
Rhyse Menholt	May 17
Delores Welle	May 18
Laura Scheuring	May 19
Kyle Johnson	May 20
Sara Larson	May 20
Gloria Hadden	May 21
Matt Larson	May 22
James Trick	May 22
Brad Dunham	May 23
Kale Okeson	May 23
Laci Chromey	May 25
Nolan Dale	May 25
Diane Rosenfeldt	May 26
Marissa John	May 26
Dawsen Johnson	May 26
Dylan Eckert	May 27
Gary Langerud	May 28
Ron Larson	May 28

Kim Jensen	May 31
Gary Miller	May 31
Eileen Moseng	May 31
Ruth Stong	May 31

May 14 - Happy Mother's day to all the moms out there! Thanks for all you do!



May ~ Happy Anniversary!

Raul & Maura Gonzalez	May 02
Jim & Ardis Johnson Haarstad	May 03
Tim & Stephanie Schlauderauff	May 07
Ordean & Bernadene Bentley	May 12
Todd & Rhonda Rasmussen	May 16
Kenton & Bonita Chromey	May 18
Pastor Peter & Mary Ann Ward	May 24
Matthew & Amanda Larson	May 27
Hunter & Kaylie Macziewski	May 27

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 Heisinger
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

2023 Confirmands

Nolan Dale Dawsen Johnson Blake Krueger Aubrey Lambert Riley Rickford Morgan Schlauderaff



2023 High School Graduates

Addie Ehrichs Ava Johnson Annika Lambert Kristopher Rasmussen Shelby Skolness

Ulen Graduate: Avery Austinson

Senior Recognition Sunday: May 21

(Both Ulen and Glyndon)

Open House information will be printed in our coming weekly bulletins

Confirmation Sunday: May 7





Spring is finally here! And with that, comes spring cleaning! If

you are in need of some help, the SaltTeens will be available on Wednesday, May 10th from **6:00-8:15pm**. Let the office or Pr Ryan know what you need done, and we'll put you on the list!

SaltTeens <u>summer schedule</u> starts on Wednesday, May **31st**. Join us from **6:00-8:38pm** as we enjoy food, activities, and time in God's Word. On that day, we'll also welcome students who just completed 6th Grade to SaltTeens!

CONGRATULATIONS! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

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Where's Waldo? Hey, no shame if you need your magnifying glass...

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Description:

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church Glyndon, MN

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon as of 03/31/23					
General Fund	Current Month	Ye	ar to Date		
Contributions	\$27,286.00		\$75,320		
Expenditures	-\$27,295.00		-\$86,761		
Surplus / (Shortfall)		\$	(11,441)		

	3/31/2023
GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$27,286
Deacons	-\$15,805
Education	-\$65
Finance	-\$5,685
Trustees	-\$5,232
Worship & Music	-\$508
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	-\$27,295
Other Income (Rent, Interest, etc)	\$32
General Fund Balance Change	\$23
	152.052
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$62,862 Target is \$60,000

Special Funds	Income	Expenses	Ending	Balance
Building Fund			\$	19,094
Building Improvement Fund	2,000		\$	14,353
Christmas Eve			\$	-
Cookbook Sales for Missions			\$	195
Designated Donations		(2,000)	\$	420
Good Samaritan Fund			\$	2,305
Holiday Baskets			\$	1,442
Memorial Fund	25		\$	8,105
Men's Fellowship	300	-30	\$	1,515
Men's Fratemity			\$	-
Outreach Ministries			\$	166
Sunday Fellowship Fund			\$	467
Sunday School Missions			\$	274
Trails End Ranch			\$	-
VBS Blanket Project			\$	520
Wedding Fund			\$	-
Wednesday Suppers		-130	\$	2,441
World Missions Fund	55	-2100	\$	8,867
Youth Activities Fund	511	-2	\$	2,484
Youth FLY Fund	3,401	-1309	\$	18,986
Special Funds Balance			\$	81,636
General Fund Balance			\$	62,862
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			\$	144,478
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

2023 Monthly Financial Summary

May 2023 @ Glyndon

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45—7:45pm Friendship 6:45—8:00pm Men's33 7:00pm Catechization 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens 8:00pm Deacon Meeting	7:00pm Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home	5	6 7:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
7 Confirmation Sunday 9:30am Worship Service w/ Communion 10:45am Sunday School 5:30pm Young Adults at Tonneson home	8	9 10:30am Morning WMF	10 5:00-6:30pm Supper 6:00-8:15pm SaltTeens *(spring clean-up event) 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45—7:45pm Friendship 6:45—8:00pm Men's33 8:00pm Church Council	7:00pm Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home	12	13 7:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
14 Mother's Day 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School 5:30pm Young Adults at Tonneson home	15	16 10:00am— 3:00pm Quilting at the church 6:30pm Evening WMF	17 6:45—8:00pm Men's33 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens	7:00pm Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home	19	20 7:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
21 Senior Recognition Sunday 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School (last day of SS) 11:30am Potluck 5:30pm Young Adults at Tonneson home	22	23	24 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens	7:00pm Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home	26	27 7:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
28 9:30am Worship Service 5:30pm Young Adults at Tonneson home	29	30	31 6:00–8:38pm SaltTeens Summer Kick-off			Page 10

May 2023 @ Ulen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:30-10:30am Bone Builders	2	3	9:30-10:30am Bone Builders	5	6
7 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	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
14 Mother's Day 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	15 9:30-10:30am Bone Builders	16	17	18 9:30-10:30am Bone Builders	19	20
21 9:00am Sunday School (last day of SS) 10:00am Worship Service w/ Sr. Recognition & Picnic Lunch with Cake follow- ing Service	9:30-10:30am Bone Builders	23	24	25 9:30-10:30am Bone Builders	26	27
28 9:00am Worship Service No Sunday School	29 No Bone Builders	30	31			
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