

# Maranatha News

OCTOBER 2025

FROM NIKKI...

This past summer I had the privilege of taking a week of vacation and going on a trip. While this might seem routine for many over the summer months, it is not for me. I'm more of a homebody. My vacation time is more typically time off from work but not necessarily traveling. But time away was great, I thoroughly enjoyed it and had a wonderful trip. Yet as the week came to a close, I was ready to come home.

As I watched the miles go by on the drive home, I spent some time reflecting on the week. I got to experience things that were "once in a lifetime" and see things we certainly don't see in the upper Midwest on a regular basis. I got to spend a great deal of time outdoors enjoying creation. Yet with every passing town I was a little more anxious to be home. Vacations are great, but my favorite part of vacation is arriving home again. There's just no place like home. When the vehicle finally pulled into the driveway, I breathed a sigh of relief. Yes, home sweet home.

The following week while I was finishing up the unpacking and settling back into my normal routine I started thinking about the concept of home. I was so eager to get back home, but it's not like all the problems in the world or in my life disappeared just because my location changed. In fact, all the little things that got put on hold while I was gone were still there waiting for attention the minute I walked through the door. I may love being home, but it's far from perfect. And it never will be, at least not this side of eternity. Wherever home is here on this earth, regardless of whether it's a wonderful place or not, it is not permanent. Am I anticipating my eternal home as much as I was anticipating getting home from vacation? Philippians 3:20 says "*But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,*" and Revelation 21:4 "*He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.*"

For believers, our earthly home pales in comparison to our eternal home in glory. I don't know about you, but with each passing tragedy knowing that this earthly life is so short compared to eternity is extremely comforting. I am by no means saying that knowing life is short makes life here in this fallen world easy! No, life can be very difficult if not brutal at times. Yet we have hope! We know this is not how it will always be! One day everything will be new, sin will be no more, and we will be home with Jesus forever. But what about those around us? The people at our workplace? Our neighbors? Our friends? Maybe even some of our families? As we wait for His return, let us make the most of the short time we have to share the hope that we have.

~ Nikki Ehrichs, Youth Ministry Director

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon, MN Council Meeting

September 10, 2025, 7:00pm

Present: Cliff Langerud, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Glenn Urlacher, Amanda Larson, Brittney Pender, Lori Pender, Kristine Quanbeck, Jeff Ehrichs and Alyssa Johnson .

Cliff opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

Secretary's report of August meeting minutes was read by Alyssa. No corrections nor additions to the Secretary's report. Stand approved as read .

Treasurer's report was given by Kristine. August 2025 contributions as \$22,607 and expenditures of \$26,159. General Fund balance \$65,290.

### Board Reports:

#### ~ Finance –Amanda

- \* General Fund goal increased to \$75k, communicate in newsletter

#### ~ Trustees – Jeff

- \* Furnace arrived, will start working on installation
- \* Adding gravel for overflow west parking lot
- \* Reviewing solutions for echoing in fellowship hall
- \* Changed out toilet in women's bathroom

#### ~ Worship & Music – Lori

- \* Ministry fair next two Sundays
- \* Need more usher and sound booth helpers
- \* Pastor appreciation 10/12

#### ~ Education – Brittany

- \* All Sunday school teachers identified, 2nd and 3rd grade are combined this year – starts 9/14 with a pot-luck
- \* Linda Oelke will head Halloween activity night at Glyndon Community Center 10/31
- \* Christmas Program 12/14

#### ~ Deacons – Glenn

- \* Adult Sunday school class – Not Beyond Reach starts 9/21
- \* Working on obtaining housing for interim Pastor
- \* Forming security team
- \* Evaluating after service prayer time

#### ~ Pastor Report - Pastor Lloyd

- \* Planning for Confirmation – Jean Quanbeck will teach first year class. Pastor Lloyd will have second year class and Brian Dahl will have third year class. Starts 9/17
- \* Survey for young adults
- \* Sunday Series – starting Exodus, go until Advent
- \* Two weddings this fall - Katie Koehler and Isaiah Rice 9/20, Laura Finstrom and Andy Olson 11/15
- \* One Baptism: Elizabeth, Kenneth & Lance Frost 8/31

### - Council Meeting Minutes Continued -

Old Business: Board budgets will be passed out soon

New Business: Two FLBCS tuition scholarship applications reviewed. Motion to approve made by Glenn, seconded by Jeff; motion carried.

Pastor Lloyd closed the meeting in prayer

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff; seconded by Amanda

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson



## Secret Sisters

## Reveal Get Together

**Tuesday, October 7th at 6:30pm**

Pat Lewis' home located at  
**902 Woodbridge Circle, Dilworth, MN**

Pat will provide the main course and beverages.  
Please feel free to sign up on bulletin board to  
bring a dish to share.

**Please RSVP regrets to Pat at 701-371-2058**

## Community Fundraising Opportunities in October:

### New Life Center - Dessert Social Fundraiser

*"Beyond the Surface - The Untold Story"*

Tuesday, October 7th, 6pm Social - 7pm Program  
Delta Hotels by Marriott - Fargo (1635 42nd St SW)

### Jail Chaplains - Dessert Social Fundraiser

*"Free in Christ"*

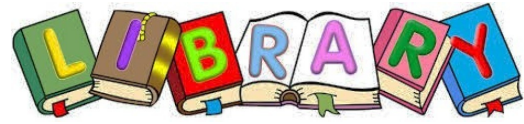
Thursday, October 16th, 6pm Social - 7pm Program  
Armory Event Center, Moorhead

### Heart of Clay - Dessert Social & Fundraiser

*"A Path out of Hopelessness"*

Tuesday, October 28th, 7pm  
Courtyard by Marriott, Moorhead

*For more information and to purchase tickets, see flyers on  
the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.*



**GLYNDON LIBRARY—**  
**BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR OCTOBER**

**ADULT FICTION:** New to our library: Author Kimberly Duffy's *Dreams of India* Series:

- #1 - "A Mosaic of Wings"
- #2 - "A Tapestry of Light"
- #3 - "Every Word Unsaid"

**ADULT FICTION:** "The Farmer's Daughter" is a historical romance collection homegrown in the American Heartland.

**KIDS:** "The Storm Stopped" by Alison Mitchell is a true story about who Jesus really is.



**Glyndon**

**Sunday, October 12th**

Potluck Meal at 11:30am

Desserts provided by Worship & Music Board

**Ulen**

**Sunday, October 26th**

Pot-blessing Meal following Sunday School



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 170 countries, and the message of the Gospel is shared and children are blessed.

Samaritans Purse has collected shoebox gifts and delivered them to boy and girls around the world for over 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.

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, which includes SOAP, CANDY, TOOTHPASTE, GUM, SCARY/WAR-RELATED ITEMS, CHOCOLATE OR FOOD, DRINK MIXES, LIQUIDS OR LOTIONS, GLASS CONTAINERS, AEROSOL CANS, ETC.

We will collect shoeboxes October 19th - November 16th. Watch the bulletin for more information. May you be richly blessed as you participate in this project!

National Collection Week is:  
**Nov. 17–24, 2025**





## WMF NOTES

(Women's Missionary Federation)

### Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF met on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 with 13 ladies in attendance.

Jeanie Rasmussen opened with prayer and led our Bible Study on "The Light that Directs".

Vice President Terrie Enlow opened the business meeting with prayer.

Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Old Business:

~ Fall Rally will be Saturday, October 11th in Wadena. We are asked to bring bars or cookies.

New Business:

~ Lila Ebner made a motion to give \$100 to Home Missions.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 14th at 10:30am.

Our meeting concluded with prayer requests and prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Urlacher, Secretary



### Ulen

Our Ulen WMF met Wednesday, September 10th at 1:00pm at Viking Manor Nursing Home with 6 ladies present plus 10 residents joining us. We were there to share the Bible study with them as well as celebrate the 4 September resident birthdays. What a joy it was to have them share this time with us.

Following our Bible study we had a fellowship time together with the nursing home providing us with delicious cookies and coffee.

We had a short business meeting opened with MaryAnn W. Ellen read the Secretary's Report and MaryAnn S. made a motion to approve and Debi seconded. Dianne read the Treasurer's Report and Ellen made a motion to accept and Naomi seconded it.

Old Business: None

New Business:

~ Our WMF account at the bank was updated with having 2 signers on the account and the necessary paperwork was done.

~ Our September project of the month goes to Home Missions.

~ The Fall Rally in Wadena will be October 11th and as a group we will bring a salad and we look forward to that.

We adjourned our meeting and we closed with several prayer requests and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Zillmer, Secretary

### Glyndon Evening

Evening WMF met on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at Pat Palloch's home. There were 6 lovely ladies present. Joyce served us a delicious light supper and her famous brownies.

Coco opened in prayer and led our Bible Study on "The Light that Directs."

Secretary report and treasurer reports were read and with corrections accepted.

Old Business:

~ Discussion on Fall Rally and Bible covers

~ Card ministry being formed

New Business:

~ \$50 to Home Missions

~ Also looking to do an event this winter for ladies.

Prayer requests were shared and prayed over. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting on Tuesday, October 21st at church with Melody Okke hosting and leading Bible Study.

Respectfully submitted by Coco Geray, Secretary



## West Central MN District WMF Fall Rally

**Saturday, October 11, 2025**

**Zion Free Lutheran Church  
Wadena, MN**

*Theme: "My Help Comes From the Lord" - Psalm 121*

### **9am Registration & Breakfast**

⇒ There will be a Hymn Time in both morning and afternoon sessions. Bring your requests - anyone is welcome to accompany!

⇒ Lunch will be a Salad Pot-Luck

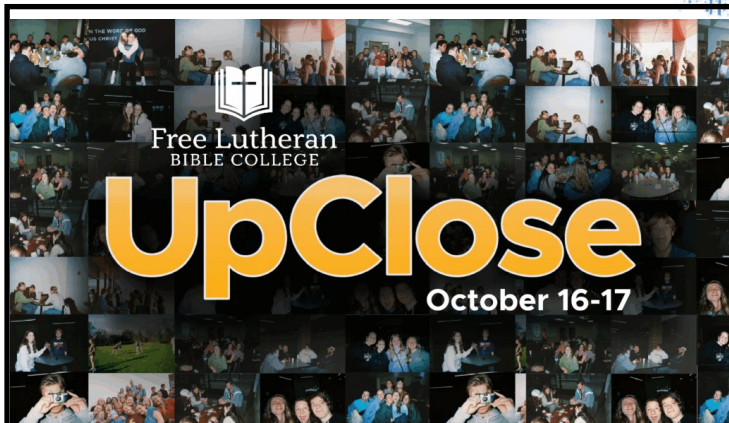
⇒ Each group is asked to bring a salad to share

⇒ Dessert will be provided.

RSVP: Tara Kihle, District Secretary at 218-469-0491



# SALT + TEENS



Free preview event for juniors, seniors, and recent grads.\*

Meet other students who want to know and follow Jesus more deeply! At UpClose you will experience real life at FLBC - Bible classes, lunch with professors, chapel worship, dorm life, and more. Find out for yourself what it means to belong in this community as you prepare for a life of Kingdom impact, wherever God calls.

Parents, Youth Leaders, and Pastors are also invited to register. Anyone interested or have questions, talk to Nikki. **Register by October 12th.**

Register here: <https://flbc.edu/upclose-registration/>

## Fall Clean-Up

SaltTeens - Mark your calendars for  
Wednesday, October 22!

All youth, including 7-8 grade confirmation, will be helping several of our Maranatha congregation in Fall Clean-Up.

Come early for supper at 5:00pm. We will split into groups and do some raking and yard cleanup for people in the congregation. Any parents willing and able to help with rides, etc. let me know. Dress appropriate for the weather, bring work gloves and rakes if you have them.

*Anyone who would like the youth to come and do yard work should contact Nikki to get on our schedule.*



## THANK YOU

*A heartfelt thank you to my dear friends at Maranatha for your prayers and visits while I was in the hospital. And thank you, Pastor Lloyd, for coming to visit and sharing the Word. Please pray that my kidney function would improve so I can get off dialysis and that my liver would put off less fluid. God bless you!*  
~ Pastor Dale Finstrom

### Maranatha Glyndon:

We are excited for our seminary intern, Josh Johnson, and his family, to join us next year!

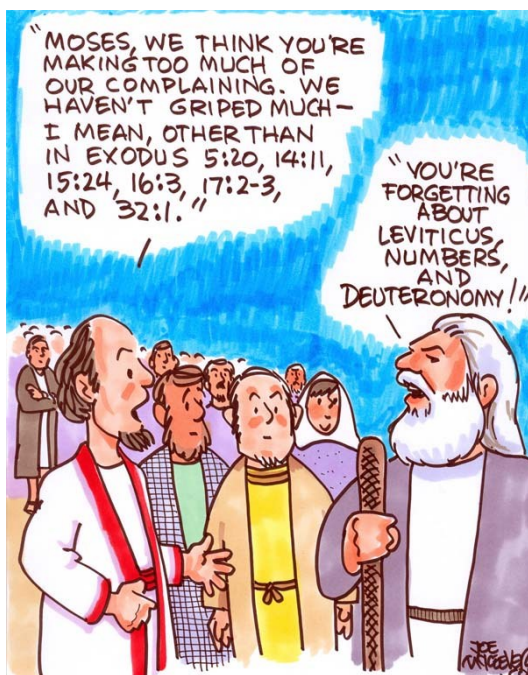
In preparation, we want to make the congregation aware that our expenses will increase and we will need approximately \$5,500 per month in additional contributions.

As a reminder, you can set up one-time or recurring contributions by going to the Donate page on our website, [www.maranathafreelutheran.com](http://www.maranathafreelutheran.com), or by sending a dollar amount by text to 833-648-6683.

If you have any questions about giving, or about our church expenses, please reach out to the Board of Finance.

Thank you!

Amanda Larson, Chair



## October ~ Happy Birthday!

Joy Adrian	October 02
Sue Koehler	October 02
Patrick Mosloff	October 03
Dilene Spielman	October 03
Lila Ebner	October 05
Kallie Quanbeck	October 05
Nora Schmitke	October 05
Mary Ann Schneidermann	October 05
Daisy Dahl	October 06
Jordan Ness	October 07
Elijah Trick	October 07
Luke Quanbeck	October 08
Baxter Rickford	October 08
Janet Boe	October 09
CoCo Geray	October 09
Ryan Buchfink	October 10
Kody Chromey	October 10
Payton Johnson	October 12
Dwight Fevig	October 13
William Schmitke	October 14
Tammy Erickson	October 15
Elias Gaukler	October 15
Glennys Sivertson	October 15
Stan Sivertson	October 15
Sylvie Boehrnsen	October 17
Casey Macziewski	October 17
Annabelle Trautmann	October 17
Jake Pender	October 19
Corey Trick	October 19
Preston Johnson	October 22
Bettie Buchfink	October 23
Cris Finstrom	October 23
Kathy Fuglie	October 25
Ardis Johnson Haarstad	October 26
Danette Trautmann	October 26
Carol Johnson	October 28
Sally Johnson	October 29
Betty Menholt	October 30
Matt Okke	October 31
Mike Engelke	October 31



## **BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

### October ~ Happy Anniversary!

Jason & Sue Krueger	October 02
Jerome & Leane Trautmann	October 16
Mike & Michal Schmidt	October 23
Elijah & Ciara Dillon	October 24



## **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 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 Quanbeck  
Josiah Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean Quanbeck  
Isaiah Rice, husband of Katie (Koehler) Rice  
Jakob Rolf, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf

# Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon

31-Aug-25

General Fund			Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions			\$22,607.00	\$211,717
Expenditures			-\$26,159.00	-\$202,935
Surplus / (Shortfall)				\$ 8,782

8/31/2025

**GENERAL FUND INCOME \$22,607**

Deacons	-\$13,737
Education	-\$431
Finance	-\$3,576
Trustees	-\$8,015
Worship & Music	-\$400

**GENERAL FUND EXPENSES -\$26,159**

Other Income (Rent, Interest)	\$26
Transfers between Funds	-\$934

**General Fund Balance Change -\$4,460**

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE \$65,290**

<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Building / Emergency Fund	934.24		\$ 3,246
Designated Donations		(682)	\$ (0)
Furnace Fund			\$ 40,040
Good Samaritan Fund			\$ 1,946
Lent Offering			\$ -
Memorial Fund			\$ 10,362
Men's Fellowship/Breakfast	50		\$ 1,469
Outreach Ministries			\$ 0
Sunday Fellowship Fund			\$ 469
Sunday School Missions			\$ 465
Trail Life			\$ -
Vacation Bible School			\$ -
VBS Blanket Project			\$ -
Wedding Fund			\$ 500
Wednesday Suppers			\$ 3,914
World Missions Fund			\$ 8,226
Youth Activities Fund	25	-201	\$ 645
Youth Community Outreach			\$ 1,493
Youth FLY Fund	45	-3168	\$ 103
<b>Special Funds Balance</b>			<b>\$ 72,878</b>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>			<b>\$ 65,290</b>
<b>CHECKBOOK BALANCE</b>			<b>\$ 138,147</b>
<b>PETTY CASH BALANCE</b>			<b>\$ 20</b>

Detailed expense reports are available in the Glyndon office.

Questions can be directed to Kristine Quanbeck - Treasurer

[treasurer@maranathafreelutheran.com](mailto:treasurer@maranathafreelutheran.com)

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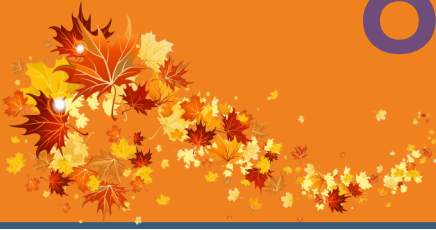


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<b>28</b>  9:30am - Worship Service 10:45am - Sunday School  2:00pm (leave @ 1pm) - District Fall Youth Retreat in Dalton, MN	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>  5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:00pm - YMT Meeting 6:45pm - Kid's Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club 7:00pm - SaltTeens 7:00pm - "Not Beyond Reach" Study 8:00pm - Deacon Mtg	<b>2</b>  7:00pm - Bible Study @ Pat Johnson's home	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
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... "where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom." II Corinthians 3:17

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