Maranatha News

JANUARY 2022

From Pastor Ryan...

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to you and yours!

As part of our Worship Service each Sunday, we – individually and yet united as a congregation – confess what we believe. Typically, this is done using the words of the Apostles' Creed. This Creed, this statement of belief, has it roots as far back as the 100s AD, where it was used as a confession before baptism. It has been faithfully passed down through the ages and generations upon generations of Christians have found within its words a simple, succinct way to confess what they hold to. As we recite the Apostles' Creed, we are joining together with our Christian brothers and sisters across time and space who had faithfully held to the same beliefs.

The Apostles' Creed was named such, not because the Apostles themselves wrote it, but because it was a faithful summary of what they taught. It spells out briefly, from Scripture, the doctrines that set Christianity apart from all other religions and sects: for example; the deity of Jesus Christ, the Trinity, and our salvation by grace alone through faith alone. The Creed, as Luther put it, "teaches us to know God fully" (*Large Catechism*).

But yet – if you're like me – during the familiar recitation of the Creed, your mind wanders and drifts. You begin to think of the lunch you need to prepare, or the football game that will be played later that afternoon, or the to-do list you still have to check items off of before the end of the weekend.

However, knowing (and reciting!) the Creed is vital for believers. It grounds us, firmly grounds us, in the basics of the faith and makes us more ready to answer others when they ask us about our faith. Peter told us that we are to "always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).

Likewise, Jesus, before He ascended into heaven, gave this charge to His disciples: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The disciples saw this charge fulfilled in their lifetime! Many of them traveled to the ends of the earth proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. Today, we have missionaries who are going – faithfully – to the "ends of the earth" so that every nation, language, tribe, and people can hear about Jesus.

Yet, there is also a different phenomenon occurring: the nations are coming to us! For example, as a result of the botched United States pull-out from war-torn Afghanistan last fall, nearly 90,000 Afghan refugees have come to the Unites States, fleeing the Taliban oppression. One can see this influx of refugees as a drain on our nation's resources – or as a wonderful opportunity to open our hearts and to share the Gospel with our new neighbors.

We might not have Afghan refugees moving in next door anytime soon, but we *do* already have a growing diversity of religions and faith traditions right in our neighborhoods. As believers, we need to be equipped to share our faith – the hope of the Gospel – with them.

As we kick off 2022, we'll start a new Adult Sunday Series: ***Cults & Isms***. This study will take us through May and will be comprised of six mini-series, each one studying a various -ism or cult: Islam, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Scientology. For each cult or -ism we study, we'll seek to answer three basic questions: 1) What is their history? 2) What do they believe? and 3) How do I share my faith with them? I'd encourage you to come to one – or to all – of the mini-series this spring. In this newsletter, on page 3 is a tentative schedule for when each of the mini-series will begin. I hope that you will make plans to be a part of Adult Sunday School this year!

Maranatha Church – Glyndon
Council Meeting
December 8, 2021 at 8:00 PM

Present: Caleb Dahl, Joy Dale, Jeff Ehrichs, Craig Hurner, Amanda Larson, Pat Lewis, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Todd Rasmussen and Bruce Smith.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Bruce Smith. Bruce led in prayer.

Secretary's report of November 10, 2021 was read. Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Joy; motion passed.

Amanda reported November income was $20,801.00 and expenses of $26,479.67 with a year to date of **negative $20,162.84**. A motion was made by Jeff to approve the financial report and seconded by Todd; motion passed.

Board Reports

Christian Education – Joy
- Christmas Sunday School program scheduled for December 19th at 11 AM directed by Suzy Olek.
- Board looking for a VBS Coordinator. FLBC team will not be hired to assist with VBS.

Deacons – Craig
- Seventeen students attended the District Youth Retreat in November.
- Christmas Eve service will be held at 5 PM.
- Walking thru the New Testament is tentatively scheduled for March 19th.
- Continue to work thru Policy Manual reviewing and updating a policy or two at each meeting.

Finance – Todd R
- A financial snapshot will be provided in this Sunday's bulletin handouts along with Bruce making an announcement for awareness of our financial condition.

Trustees – Jeff
- Speakers have been removed from the Fellowship Hall.
- Xcel Energy solar energy has been tabled for further discussion.
- Gradually switching lights over to LED as fluorescents are at end of life.

Worship & Music – Caleb
- Feed Thy Neighbor Sunday was well received with over 300 pounds in food donations and generous monetary donations going to the local food pantry.
- Christmas Caroling scheduled for Sunday, December 12th at 3 PM.
- New Year's Eve Party scheduled for December 31st at 7 PM with potluck and bring your own games.
- Movie night will be scheduled sometime in February / March.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Lloyd
- Deacons decision was that Christmas Eve service offering will be split between the AFLC Youth Ministry and New Life Center.
- Seeing a lot of outreach happening with Wednesday night Men and Women's Bible Studies, Friendship Club, Kids Club and supper.
- Seeing new people / families attending church.
- Preached three Sundays in November along with teaching Adult Sunday School.

Old Business: None

New Business:
- Congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 30th at 12:30 PM. A potluck blessing will be held after Sunday School at 11:30 AM and prior to the meeting.
- Request to make the women's bathroom door that connects with the office area conference room more soundproof. Trustees will check out request possibilities.
- Social media was mentioned as a way to provide more outreach and grow.

Next Meeting: January 12, 2022 at 8 PM.

Pastor Lloyd closed in prayer.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff and seconded by Caleb; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Lewis

Maranatha Church – Ulen
Council Meeting
December 8th, 2021 : 7PM

Members Present: Pastor Ward, Harvey Dahl, Dave Schneidermann, Gary Langerud, Matt Klemetson, Ben Schmitke, Alayna Klemetson

Matt called the meeting to order.

No devotions. Megan was volunteered to give devotions in January.

Matt opened in a word of prayer.

No secretary report, will be read and approved at January meeting.

Treasury Report: Ben handed out and read report. Motion to accept by Dave, second by Gary.

Deacons: Greg talked to the principal in Ulen, approved doing the scholarship, Megan will be going to school to talk about the scholarship and details regarding it.

Trustees: Met with Pastor Ward to discuss an increase in salary, will vote at annual meeting after discussion with congregation. Discussed putting a call out to Pastor Ward, will also be discussed at annual meeting.

Christian Ed/Music: No report

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ward mentioned starting a program for getting people of the congregation to read the Bible in a year if interested. He talked about his recent visitations, and also brought up that the Ambassador subscription is now free.

Old Business- No old business.

New Business: Christmas Eve service is Friday, December 24th at 4:30 PM. Ben made a motion to have the Annual Meeting January 23rd, Gary second. Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 23rd following the 10am service.

Next meeting will be January 12th,2022.

Ben made a motion to adjourn, Dave second. Meeting adjourned.

Pastor Ward closed in prayer.

Submitted by: Alayna Klemetson

NEW YEAR'S EVE GATHERING

Beginning at 7:00pm on Friday, December 31 we will gather at Maranatha Glyndon to bring in the New Year.

Bring your favorite games, and appetizers to share.

At 11:45pm we will gather in the sanctuary for a time of Prayer!

WMF NOTES

(Women's Missionary Federation)

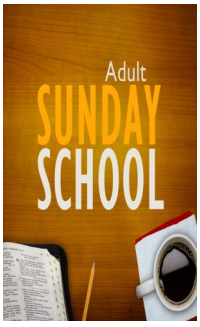
Glyndon Morning , Ulen,

and Glyndon Evening WMF

All Ladies WMF's held their Christmas Parties in December.

Regular times will begin in January.

Cults & -Isms Tentative Schedule



We hope you can join us in Adult Sunday School for our Cults & -Isms class! Feel free to come to the whole class or join a mini-series you are interested in learning more about.

- What We Believe (The Apostles' Creed) – January 9, 16
- Islam – January 23, 30, February 6
- Mormonism – February 13, 20, 27
- Jehovah's Witnesses – March 6, 13, 20
- Hinduism – March 27, April 3
- Buddhism – April 24, May 1, 8
- Scientology – May 15, 22

January~ Happy Birthday!

Chad Johnson	January 01
Lisa Austinson	January 01
Irene Zillmer	January 02
Tim Enlow	January 02
Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck	January 03
Maya Bushy	January 03
Sophia Baumgartner	January 03
Howard Scheuring	January 04
Pat Johnson	January 04
Brodey Johnson	January 04
Sean Buchfink	January 05
Aubrey Lambert	January 05
Kris Leach	January 08
Lori Pender	January 08
Alex Fevig	January 08
Matt Klemetson	January 08
Jim Haarstad	January 08
Gene Leach	January 09
Jean Quanbeck	January 09
Ellen Zillmer	January 09
Cory Johnson	January 10
Sam Bates	January 11
Doug Macziewski	January 12
Ridge Dittmann	January 13
Mavis Jacobsen	January 14
Dave Olek	January 15
Bailey Murack	January 15
Trista Oberg	January 16
Peter Trick	January 16
Logan Johnson	January 18
Jeremy Ebner	January 19
Gunner Nelson	January 19
Dianne Wolla	January 19
Greg Zillmer	January 20
Karen Urlacher	January 21
Jonah Larson	January 22
Caleb Dahl	January 23
Tanner Dufault	January 23
Fran Jenson	January 25
Steve Sorenson	January 25
CieGie Hilde	January 27
Liz Tonneson	January 27
Joshua Koehler	January 28
Emily Dalen	January 28
Robert Huewe	January 28
Olivia (Rasmussen) Eggebraaten	January 29
Kristen Ebner	January 29
Bridget John	January 29
Adelynn Hurner	January 29
Kaitlin McCollum	January 30
Necole Dobbs	January 31

January ~ Happy Anniversary!

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

Glyndon Library

Adult Fiction: Connilyn Cossette's series, **Cities of Refuge**:

1) "A Light on the Hill"
2) "Shelter of the Most High"
3) "Until the Mountains Fall"
4) "Like Flames In the Night"

All are historically rich and based on the Bible.

Adult Fiction: A Romance Collection, **"The Farmer's Daughter",** is a mix of 5 Historical Fiction Stories by 5 different authors including Tracie Peterson and Susan May Warren.

Thankful for hose 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
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
Marcus Young, John & Terrie Enlow's niece's husband

SALT TEENS

Wednesday evenings: Bible Study & Gathering at 7:00-8:15pm at the church beginning January 5.

January 28th & 29th - Youth Lock-In at the church. Watch for times in bulletin.

We continue to look for commitments to donate to **Narcice**, **Our Compassion Child** from Togo, Africa.

~ Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ~ Lamentations 3:22-23

NEW MEMBER CLASS @ Glyndon

New Member classes will be offered in mid-January or early February. We invite you to consider taking the step of becoming a member at Maranatha. 'Membership Exploration Class' is an 8-week series that goes through the fundamentals of the Christian faith, and a taste of Free Lutheran history and current ministries. Classes will be held during Sunday School hour on Sunday mornings. Talk to Pastors Lloyd or Ryan if interested.

SERVING GROUP II ~ Glyndon

Our opportunity to serve our Lord and our church family with goodies during fellowship time on Sunday's and any other events that come up, will be in the months of January, February and March.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the kitchen for you to select a date or dates that works out best for you to serve. Your willingness for serving in this area is much appreciated.

Maranatha-Glyndon Congregational Meeting:

Glyndon will have their Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, January 23, 2022.** A Potluck dinner will be served at 11:30am followed by the meeting at 12:30pm.

If you have been the **CHAIRMAN OF YOUR BOARD**, you will need to get a written report of the 2021 year into the office by January 10th. All reports will be combined into a booklet and available on Sunday, January 16th so you can read them ahead of time.

Maranatha-Ulen Congregational Meeting:

Ulen Annual Meeting. The Annual meeting of Maranatha Ulen will be **Sunday, January 23, 2022**, at 11:00am. ALL Boards and Committees, please give your yearly reports to Annie at Maranatha-Glyndon by January 10th. Thank you!

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church
Glyndon, MN

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon

as of 11/30/2021

General Fund	Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions	$20,801.00	**$265,801**
Expenditures	-$26,480.56	**-$285,966**
Surplus / (Shortfall)		**$ (20,165)**

	11/30/2021
GENERAL FUND INCOME	**$20,801**
Deacons	-$17,797
Education	-$122
Finance	-$3,756
Trustees	-$4,305
Worship & Music	-$500
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	**-$26,480**
Other Income (Rent, Interest, etc)	$1
General Fund Balance Change	**-$5,678**

GENERAL FUND BALANCE	**$34,822**	Target is $60,000

Special Funds	Ending Balance
Building Fund	$ 19,094
Compassion Child - Narcise	$ -
Cookbook Sales for Missions	$ 115
Designated Donations	$ 393
Good Samaritan Fund	$ 3,356
Holiday Baskets	$ 1,454
Lent Offering	$ -
Memorial Fund	$ 7,247
Men's Fellowship	$ 787
Men's Fraternity	$ 318
Outreach Ministries	$ 166
Parking Lot	$ -
Sunday Fellowship Fund	$ 467
Sunday School Missions	$ 205
Thanksgiving Offering	$ 624
Trails End Ranch	$ 1,716
VBS Blanket Project	$ -
Wedding Fund	$ 1,260
Wednesday Suppers	$ 3,665
World Missions Fund	$ 10,897
Youth Activities Fund	$ 130
Youth FLY Fund	$ 7,259
Special Funds Balance	**$ 59,154**
General Fund Balance	**$ 34,822**
CHECKBOOK BALANCE	**$ 93,976**
PETTY CASH BALANCE	**$ 20**

Detailed expense reports are available in the Glyndon office.
Questions can be directed to Amanda Larson - Treasurer
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2021 Monthly Financial Summary

JANUARY @ GLYNDON 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					December 31 7:00pm New Years Eve Gathering at the church	**1** Happy New Year!
2 9:30am Worship Service / Communion No Sunday School	**3** 7:00pm Young Adults	**4**	**5** 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45-6:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45-8pm Friendship Club 6:45-8:00pm Men's Study 7:00-8pm Ladies Study 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens 8:00pm Deacon Meeting	**6** 7:00pm "Where Do We Go from Here" Bible Study at church	**7**	**8** 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft 6:00pm Dusty Way Chapel
9 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School	**10** 7:00pm Young Adults	**11** 10:30am Morning WMF	**12** 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45-6:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45-8pm Friendship Club 6:45-8:00pm Men's Study 7:00-8pm Ladies Study 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens 8:00pm Council Meeting	**13** 7:00pm "Where Do We Go from Here" Bible Study at church	**14**	**15** 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
16 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School	**17** 7:00pm Young Adults	**18** 10:00—3:00pm Quilting at the church 7:00pm Evening WMF	**19** 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45-6:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45-8pm Friendship Club 6:45-8:00pm Men's Study 7:00-8pm Ladies Study 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens	**20** 7:00pm "Where Do We Go from Here" Bible Study at church	**21**	**22** 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft 6:00pm Dusty Way Chapel
23 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School 11:30am Potblessing Lunch 12:30pm Annual Congregational Meeting	**24** 7:00pm Young Adults	**25**	**26** 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45-6:45pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Kids Club 6:45-8pm Friendship Club 6:45-8:00pm Men's Study 7:00-8pm Ladies Study 7:00-8:15pm SaltTeens	**27** 7:00pm "Where Do We Go from Here" Bible Study at church	**28** SaltTeens Lock-In at the church	**29** 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
30 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School	**31** 7:00pm Young Adults					

JANUARY @ ULEN 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	**10** 9:30am –10:30am Bone Builders	**11**	**12** MOPS 9:00am-11:00am 7:00pm Church Council Meets	**13** 9:30am –10:30am Bone Builders	**14**	**15**
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… "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." II Corinthians 3:17

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