

MARANATHA NEWS

Maranatha Free Lutheran Churches

September 2011

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FROM THE PASTOR

Lord Teach us to Pray.....(Luke 11:1a)

Dear Friends at Maranatha,

How's your prayer life? I have a confession to make. I struggle in this area. Too easily I think that I am too busy to spend quiet time in conversation with my Lord right now, maybe later.....

I believe in prayer and often pray with people as a part of my pastoral ministry. As I encounter tough situations in people's lives that are beyond me to help, it is natural to say; "Could I pray with you about that?" And it is sweet in those times to go together to the Lord with our burdens and challenges. But though all that is true, still I struggle in my private life to give prayer the priority it ought to have. Do any of you find this to be true in your lives? I want to grow in this area.

Last winter I went with some pastors to a Prayer Retreat at Medora. I met other pastors who struggled also with the busyness of ministry life and the crowding out of the prayer priority.

It was impressed on my heart then that this is a desperate need among many Christians and in many churches of America, including at Maranatha.

The Lord has put on my heart the need to learn personally regarding prayer and also to teach on prayer in this next year. This fall at Maranatha on Sunday mornings we will look into the Scriptures and see that prayer is a vital part of the lives of all who know a personal relationship with God. We will learn from both the Old & New Testaments, learn from Jesus and the disciples, learn from the New Testament Church in Acts, and learn from the letters of the Apostle Paul. Prayer is all over the Bible. We will also learn from dear saints of the past generations who made prayer a priority. I am excited

about what God will do among us as we grow together in this area.

Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck

Below are a few quotes from others who have learned about prayer and learned a priority of prayer in their lives:

The greatest thing anyone can do for man and God is pray. It is no the only thing, but it is the chief thing. The great people on earth today are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer, nor yet those who can explain about prayer, but I mean those who take time to pray.

(SD Gordon)

Prayer is the breath of the soul, the organ by which we receive Christ into our parched and withered hearts..... It is not our prayer which draws Jesus into our hearts. Nor is it our prayer which moves Jesus to come in to us.....To pray is nothing more involved than to let Jesus into our needs. To pray is to give Jesus permission to employ His power in the alleviation of our distress.

(Ole Hallesby, Prayer)

"Do not have your concert first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him."

— James Hudson Taylor

The missionary church is a praying church. The history of missions is a history of prayer. Everything vital to the success of the world's evangelization hinges on prayer. Are thousands of missionaries and tens of thousands of native workers needed? 'Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest.' —

John R. Mott

"The reason why many fail in battle is because they wait until the hour of battle. The reason why others succeed is because they have gained their victory on their knees long before the battle came... Anticipate your battles; fight them on your knees before temptation comes, and you will always have victory."

— R. A. Torrey

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church
Church Council Minutes ~August 10, 2011

Present: Glenn Urlacher, Howard Scheuring, Dave Olek, Larry Swenson, Scott Ladwig, Charity Erickson, Bev Mondt, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck.

Glenn Urlacher opened the meeting in prayer and chaired the meeting in Chad Johnson's absence. Bev was asked to take minutes in Lana Davis' absence.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Howard, second by Scott to approve the July minutes as read by Bev Mondt; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bev reported that the majority of work on the Glyndon sound system is complete and expenses paid, as well as a computer update related to the Ulen sound system.

Ending special fund balances totaled \$181,051.98 and general fund balance of \$40,306.41, for a checking account balance of \$221,358.39. Motion by Larry, second by Dave to approve the Treasurer's report; motion carried.

Boards were given 2012 budget materials so that they can prepare a preliminary budget by the October council meeting, and then to the congregation at the November congregational meeting.

Board of Trustees – Dave Olek

- Trustees will meet again with the sign company to review the west side signage bid, as the former bid is many months old and a bit vague.

- The City of Glyndon has contacted us to seek permission for placing a city sign at the edge of our property; Dave will go to the council meeting to learn more and discuss an agreement with the city attorney.

- Trustees will work on pew cardholders.

Board of Worship & Music – Charity Erickson

- No meeting this month

- Training for sound technicians will be set when volunteer schedules are coordinated

Board of Finance – Scott Ladwig

- Summer cash flow shortage was discussed; thankfully there is a balance in the general fund to cover the summer shortfall.

- Bev has purchased a 2011 church tax guide and is researching the IRS' position on designated donations.

Board of Education – Howard Scheuring

- Most of the Sunday School teacher openings have been filled at both churches; still looking for a 3rd grade teacher in Glyndon.

- Adult Sunday School teachers and materials are still being sought

- SS teachers meeting on July 31 at 7:30 pm, with instruction by Shirley Swenson

- They are working on the events calendar for the coming Sunday School year

Board of Deacons - Larry Swenson

- Wilderness Weekend was reviewed; looking for strategies to get more participation by the two churches; Wilderness Bible Camp chapel is in need of cleaning and ventilation; they are seeking ways Maranatha can assist with the needed updates

- They have been completing a policy review in various areas of their church responsibility.
- Deacons and pastors will have a retreat on September 9&10
- The youth board had requested that the deacons consider LifeLight, the Sioux Falls outdoor concert over Labor Day weekend, as a church youth event; deacons have voted to pay for the transportation and camping expenses for the youth to attend.

Pastor Lloyd's Report –

- Has been mapping out a series on Prayer for the first three months this fall
- Wednesday night summer series has been on sharing our faith
- September 7 – Confirmation overview with parents and students by Pastor Lloyd and Pastor Seth
- September 14 – Confirmation classes begin
- September 11 – Rally Sunday and a Ministry Fair; boards are asked to sit at tables and share areas of service available for people to use their gifts
- New Member classes will take place beginning in October; likely a Sunday and weekday evening class to accommodate various schedules
- October 6-9 Impact Red River Valley (IRRV) main event at Scheels arena, with lyceum programs at the various schools in Fargo, Moorhead and D-G-F schools leading up to the big event. Limited opportunity for sharing Christ at school but those meetings will point them to the Scheel's event, which will provide clear invitations to accept Christ. Pastor Seth is gearing up to lead small groups in the schools before and after school, if there is interest following the event. There will be opportunities for church volunteers in hospitality, lodging, small group leaders, etc.
- September 11 – Another local link training for counseling youth who come forward at IRRV.

Old Business

- Bev reported that Staci Klemetson's benefit will take place Sunday. The silent auction has become so large that the committee is seeking permission to place items on tables in the narthex area in case of bad weather or windy conditions.
- Motion by Charity, second by Scott to have the silent auction items displayed in the narthex area, with monies collected by the greeters outside after the auction; motion carried.
- Dave Olek asked the council's opinion on completion of the Westside signage yet this fall; costs are not clarified and funding is not all present. Council opinion was to wait until more information is available on the city's sign placement and until true sign cost is clarified.

New Business

- The congregational meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Scott, second by Charity; motion carried. Larry closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Mondt for Lana Davis

WMF (Women's Missionary Federation)

Afternoon WMF :

The Afternoon WMF of Maranatha met at the church on August 9 at 1:00pm with 8 ladies present. Joan Pake was our hostess.

Pat Johnson led the Bible study based on Genesis 41:53-44:34. This tells us about the famine in Egypt that Joseph had predicted and how his leadership role in that country helped save his family from starvation.

President Pat Palloch opened our business meeting with prayer. Jeanie Rasmussen gave the secretary's report and Anne Manderud gave the treasurer's report. Both were approved.

Old Business:

- 1) Anne had ordered 6 stainless steel serving trays @ \$17.45 each.
- 2) The trustees have ok'd buying a 100 cup coffee pot.
- 3) Emy DeBoer will be moving to Eau Claire, WI to be close to her daughter.
- 4) Anne and Joan bought 16 correll plates and got 8 free ones. (Special-buy 2, get 1 free)

New Business:

- 1) Lila Ebner made a motion to send \$50 to World Missions. Pat Johnson seconded it. Motion passed.

We had a time of prayer. Pat Johnson led us in singing, "The Table Prayer". We enjoyed a delicious lunch served by Joan.

In His service,

Jeanie Rasmussen

WMF in Ulen:

WMF met on August 15th with 12 ladies present. Our Bible Study was given by Sharon Wright. Ellen Zillmer, our President, opened our meeting with prayer. Secretaries report was read and approved. Treasures report was read by Emelyn Fevig.

\$50 was given last month to WMF Parish Education. Balance in treasury is \$857.98. Treasures report was approved. No Old Business.

New Business:

Cradle Roll now has 2 graduates. They will be recognized on 1st day of Sunday School, the 11th of September. A small gift will be given and Jill Toms will find and buy the gifts.

Motion was made to adjourn by Emelyn Fevig and seconded by Jill Toms. The Lords Prayer was prayed and table prayer was sung. Karen Fevig served our refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted

Sharon Wright, Sec.

WMF/Giggles Minutes for August:

The Giggles/Evening WMF met August 23rd and discussed the book "Soul Surfer."

The Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Old Business: The Women's Retreat will be held September 16-17th at Inspiration Point. The Fall Rally will be held at the church October 15th from 9am-3pm.

New Business: A motion was made by Chanyce Dahl and seconded by Janet Boe to sponsor \$25 for Amy Johnson in the First Choice Clinic charity walk. Michele Scheuring made a motion and seconded by Chanyce to donate \$50 for the World

Mission. A special movie night will be held September 1st at the church, with the showing of the movie "Soul Surfer", sponsored by the Giggles group.

The next Giggles meeting will be September 27th at 6:30pm. Hostess will be Chanyce.

Submitted by Kristine Quanbeck

Thursday, September 1, 7:00pm ~~ Mother-Daughter



Movie Night and Pizza at Maranatha-Glyndon. Movie will be "Soul Surfer". Please RSVP to Melody Okke if you plan to attend. (483-3582).

SOUL SURFER is the inspiring true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again, through her sheer determination and unwavering faith. The film features an all-star cast, including Anna Sophia Robb and Helen Hunt, with Carrie Underwood in her film debut, and Dennis Quaid. In the wake of this life-changing event that took her arm and nearly her life, Bethany's feisty determination and steadfast beliefs spur her toward an adventurous comeback that gives her the grit to turn her loss into a gift for others.

EGG

Enjoying God's Gifts will get together on Friday, Sept. 23rd at the Ulen Church from 10:00am - 9:00pm. Please come and join us as you work on your different projects.

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ARE YOU READY for the Life Walk Event?

What: FirstChoice Clinic Fall Life Walk Event,
"Equally Unique"

When: Saturday, September 24, 2011
8:30 a.m. Registration,
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Walk

Where: Lindenwood Park Rotary Shelter

Questions: Call Susan at 237-5902 or email:
susan@firstchoiceclinic.com

To register as a walker go to www.teamfirstchoiceclinic.com This is our 2nd year for walkers to set up their own webpage, where they can set their own goals and send messages to people who sponsor them! Try it – it is easy and fun!

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Ulen Parish Nursz. Check with Mary Ann Schneidermann as she will be taking blood pressures on the 4th Sunday of each month. Anyone wishing to have this done should see her in Pastor Curt's office.

2011 FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT ~ The Fall

Maranatha Women's Retreat will be held Friday and Saturday, September 16 & 17th at Inspiration Point Christian Camp & Retreat Center at Clitherall, MN.

Our speaker this year will be Kim Larson. She will explore the difficulties encountered by a variety of fairytale princesses / characters and then relate them to the problems women face today. Cost is:



\$70.00 – *SOMA* (sleeps 4 / private bath)

\$60.00 - *LAKEVIEW LODGE* (bath & showers both levels)

There is a sign-up sheet at both churches on the posters. More information is also on the posters.

The final date to sign up is Sunday, Sept 4th, please contact Rhonda Rasmussen at 483-4898.

Thrivent for Lutherans Grant Recipient...In 2011, Maranatha Free Lutheran received a \$1500.00 grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (TFL). We are one of 9 congregations in the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations to share in the grant given through the Foundation's Church Extension program. This Thrivent grant program provides these funds each year to develop new congregations and assist established congregations as they undertake special evangelism programs. Our grant will be used to promote the movie "Courageous" in a outreach to local Police Officers.



FALL SCHEDULE

Confirmation Meeting ~ Wednesday, September 7

Glyndon Confirmation students and parents will meet at 5:45pm at the Glyndon church with Pastor Quanbeck and Pastor Forness. Pastor Curt will be meeting with *Ulen Confirmation students and parents at individual times. He will let you know when.*

Students and Parents please plan to attend!

Following the Confirmation meeting at Glyndon at 6:15pm Pastor Seth will meet with the **Youth, 7-12th grade**, and their **Parents** to discuss the year ahead for the SaltTeens!

Rally Sunday, September 11.

Glyndon Worship Services: 8:15am and 10:45am

A pot-blessing dinner immediately following the 2nd service. Serving Group II will attend to set-up and clean-up.

Sunday School at 9:45-10:40am

Ulen

Worship Service: 9:00am

Sunday School at 10:45am

Sunday School is for all children 3 years old* - Adult.
*(Must be 3 by September 1)

Cradle Roll Graduations ~Sunday, September 11th:

Glyndon at the 8:15am Service:

Braden Lee, son of Shannon & Nichole Shell

Gavin Carl, son of Michael & Michal Schmidt

Brody James, son of Joe & Cassie Louwagie

Cooper Nicholas, son of Danny & Connie Kvien

Savannah Grace, daughter of Chad & Alyssa Johnson

Clay Delano, son of Jarred & Amy Johnson

Titus Keith, son of Jarred & Amy Johnson

If someone has been missed or will not be attending Sunday School here, please let Pat Lewis know.

At Ulen there at the 9:00am Service:

Miah Dunham, daughter of Brad & Tracy Dunham

Isabel Toms, daughter of Charlie & Jill Toms

Wednesday Schedule will begin on September 14:

5:00 -6:30pm Surprise Supper for everyone (Glyndon)

5:45 - 6:45pm Confirmation (Both locations)

6:30 -8:00pm WINGS (Glyndon)**

7:00pm SaltTeens and Adult Bible Study (Both locations)

****WINGS will be running from 6:30-8:00pm on Wednesday evenings this year. WINGS is an exciting mid-week program where children creatively learn Scripture, grow in their faith and relate to others in a caring atmosphere. A careful balance of scripture memorization, Bible stories, songs, games, and special events encourage growth in the ...*grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (II Peter 3:18)***

Please prayerfully consider playing a role! We are in need of listeners, game leaders and storytellers for the year. You can commit to 20-40 or 60 minutes and even to helping once a month.

If you can help please contact Melody Okke (483-3582) or Rhonda Rasmussen(483-4898). Together we will gather for the glory of God!!

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS - will be offered at Maranatha-Glyndon. The class will be offered at 2 different times:

> during the Sunday School hour or

> one weekday evening

and it will go for 8 weeks. Plans are to have it begin in October. If you are interested in this class please talk to one of the Pastor's or contact the church office.

Women's Bible Studies on Thursday mornings & Friday evenings will begin in October. Watch for more details....

Thank you to the Men and women, family and friends who are serving our Country, here at home or in other countries, and those who are serving through Peace Corps:

We would like the addresses of these individuals so that we may send cards or letters of encouragement. Please let Bev Hurner or the office know. Please let us know of changes or errors we may have listed or not listed.



- Listed below is service men & women who are active:
Andy Heisinger, husband of Tracy (Klevgaard) Heisinger
Jason Strom, Rick & Anne Manderud's cousins son
Shannon Zentz, Grandson-in-law of Pat Johnson
Marcus Young, John & Terrie Enlow's niece's husband
Jonathan Taylor, grandson of Fran Jenson
Cody Jenson, son of Bob & Lisa Jenson
Joseph Flores & Christopher Buchfink sons of Jay & Trudy Buchfink
Brady Oberg, son of Russ & Char Oberg
Lindsey Tweten, daughter of Wayne Tweten + Melinda Schnase



SaltTeens: 7:00pm in Glyndon & Ulen

EVENTS

September 2-5: *Lifelight Christian Music Festival near Sioux Falls, SD*

September 16 - October 6: Impact Red River Valley Movement in the Fargo/Moorhead and surrounding area.

Impact Red River Valley: *Assemblies will be held at Glyndon on Sept 27; Dilworth on Sept 29 and Moorhead High School on Sept. 30. On October 6-9th there will be performances by Island Breeze, Team Extreme, and others at the Scheel's Arena in Fargo. Keep these dates in your prayers.*

'See You At the Pole' - Sept 28th
 (Check your school for time)

Looking ahead:

AFLBS Campus Days - Oct 21-23
 District Fall Youth Retreat at Faith Haven - Oct 28-30

Young Adults Fellowship

Young Adult Bible Studies meet Sunday nights at 6:30pm alternating each week between Pastor Seth's home and Jessie Zillmer's home . If interested or for more information, please contact Pastor Seth at (701)580-0544.

New At the Library.....

Kids: **"Boz Takes you to the Zoo"** by Michael Anthony Steele is a colorful board book that is full of zoo animals that God created.

For Adults: 3 new books by Ken Ham: **The New Answers Books 1, 2, and 3.** These books answer your questions about creation, evolution and the Bible. Learn about topics like global warming; cloning and stem cells; UFO's; millions of years; etc....

Family DVD: **Soul Surfer** is the incredible true story of Bethany Hamilton, a teen surfer who lost her arm in a shark attack.



Kath, Sadie, Emily and Sanders Ellingson would like to extend a sincere **thank you** to Pastor Lloyd and the member of Maranatha for letting them use their facilities.



Thank you to all you wonderful people who attended the open house at Maranatha for our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Also thanks for all those who gave cards, gifts and hugs to us. It was a wonderful day and were happy we could share it with our church family. We are so blessed to be a part of Maranatha where we can worship our Living Lord and fellowship with such loving people.

Love in Christ,
 Stan & Jeanie Rasmussen



We would like to express our **sincere thankfulness** to our Maranatha Church family for all you have done for us during Staci's cancer battle. We are so blessed to belong to this church, that words can't express how grateful we are. First we wanted to thank all the ladies from our Ulen area that brought us meals for three weeks while Staci underwent her radiation treatments, it was a true blessing to not have that burden each day. Thank you also to all those who worked so very hard to make the benefit in Glyndon such a wonderful and amazing day. The weather was perfect, and the day was filled with so much love, fun, and excitement that it was just a true blessing to be part of. Mostly though, we want to thank everyone for all your prayers during this time, and we just ask that you would continue to lift Staci up in prayer as she continues to fight her disease. God's Blessings!

Matthew and Staci Klemetson Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Suzy Olek	September 01
Shannon Lundquist	September 01
Andrew Quanbeck	September 01
Alexa Oswald	September 01
Cadence Graff	September 01
Debbie Rand	September 02
Dylan Bushy	September 03
Ken Flaten	September 03
Reid Hurner	September 03
Jedidiah Toms	September 04
Brooklyn McCollum	September 05
Kara Davis	September 06
Shelby Buchfink	September 07
Katie McConnell	September 07
Del Palloch	September 07
Jason Koehler	September 08
Katie Ferden	September 08
Allyson Palloch	September 08
Ron Walker	September 10
Dave Evans	September 10
Kelsey Casler	September 10
Danny Kvien	September 10
Aimee (Rognlie)Pearson	September 11
JaLane Marjama	September 11
Mark Raven	September 12
Trudy Buchfink	September 13
Carol Tweten	September 13
Michele Scheuring	September 13
Victoria Mosloff	September 14
Brittany Johnson	September 15
Jordan Fevig	September 16
Gordon Fevig	September 17
Kaden Cochran	September 17
Ethan Johnson	September 18
Anne Manderud	September 18
Jim Hess	September 18
Luci Carlson	September 18
Sig Sivertson	September 19
Natalea Lundquist	September 19
Emelyn Fevig	September 20
Jon Rognlie	September 21
Roger Zetocha	September 21
Danielle Werth	September 21
Cody Erickson	September 22
Kim Johnson	September 23
LuElla Karevold	September 25
Nick Olek	September 25
Casey Oberg	September 26
Rachel Rasmussen	September 27
Joan Pake	September 27
Wyatt Halsa	September 28
Parker Larson	September 28
Brittany Pender	September 29
Wayne Halsa	September 29
Rhoda Jore	September 29
Miriam Chmiel	September 29
Melody Okke	September 30
Soonie Hong	September 30
Peg Tweten	September 30

Allen Marjama

September 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jon & Annie Rognlie	September 01
Brad & Heidi Bushy	September 02
Trey & Gretchen Garrett	September 02
Pastor John & Ruby Abel	September 03
Jeremy & Kristen Ebner	September 06
Darrell & Betty Menholt	September 07
Gene & Gerri Leach	September 07
John & Lisa Austinson	September 07
Ron & Arlene Walker	September 08
Ross & Bethany Menholt	September 08
John & Terrie Enlow	September 09
Dean & Linda Nelson	September 13
Clint & Christi Langerud	September 14
Mark & Linda Bekkerud	September 18
Sig & Glennys Sivertson	September 19
Glenn & Karen Urlacher	September 19
Jason & Sue Koehler	September 22
Chris & Soonie Hong	September 22
Rick & Anne Manderud	September 23
Dave & Tiffanie Finstrom	September 23
Dan & Shannon Olson	September 26
Shane & Charity Erickson	September 27
David & Doris Dahl	September 30
Matt & Staci Klemetson	September 30



Women of Faith

“Imagine” being held on

October 21-22 at St Paul, MN.

Escape from the everyday at a

Women of Faith weekend and be refreshed, encouraged and inspired! Because the God who loves you can do far more than you can ever *Imagine!*

If you would like tickets for this event you can call Wendy Kupser at 651-261-6466, rvpkupser@msn.com, or Chancy Dahl at 494-3340.

Pastor Preaching Schedule for September is:

Glyndon: Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck - 11; 18
Pastor Curt Frankhauser - 4; 25

Ulen: Pastor Curt Frankhauser - 11;18
Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck - 25
Pastor Seth Forness - 4

IMPACT RED RIVER VALLEY

This fall hundreds of local volunteers from businesses, churches and schools will combine their efforts to host 80-120 world-wide missionary athletes who'll be in our community for 24 days (September 15-October 9). Some are still raising funding to come so the number isn't complete.

These athletic missionaries are donating their time to serve the youth of Fargo-Moorhead with free community events (Island Breeze, Team Extreme) at the Scheel's Arena, October 6-9 and special school-time presentations in elementary, middle and high schools from West Fargo to Barnesville, including Glyndon.

Would you like to partner with us to help make a difference for Christ in the lives of our communities youth? If so:

~~~Do you live in Fargo or Moorhead? Would you have a **\*Bedroom** available to share providing a simple breakfast, (no cooking-set out cereal, fruit) they take care of themselves! You do not have to entertain them ~ they leave early, return late.

~~~Do you have an extra **\*Vehicle** they could use? They'd start out with a full tank of gas and will return it the same way. The insurance will be yours.

~~~They'll need 50 **\*Meals**: 25 lunches & 25 dinners. Would you be interested in helping provide a meal, either a gift in kind or a monetary donation and/or helping serve a meal at Calvary Methodist or Atonement? Maranatha is slated for dinners on September 20, 22, 26 & 30. (We requested to help before sugar beet harvest.) Other ways to engage:

### **\*Prayer**

**\*Provide Provisions** to be used across for multiple meals such as:

Garden produce, bottled water, energy drinks, meats, granola bars, etc. and /or attend one hospitality meeting Sept 6 or 13th at Calvary Methodist in Fargo at 7:00pm.

Hospitality questions? Contact Bev Hurner or Sheila Smith.

All gifts are tax deductible.

**FLY HIGHLIGHTS by Jay Buchfink.....**For the parents of the kids that attended FLY you should be proud of your children. They represented themselves very well. A common theme that the students shared was their concern on how to maintain the momentum after they are back to their lives and how they can keep from being pulled back into the old ways. The obvious answers are Christian fellowship, being in the Word, and evaluating who is in our circle of influence, those around us. We gave the kids the advice that those around them that don't know Christ or maybe aren't living right can be their mission field. It may also be that they are the thing they need to give up in their lives. This is easy advice to give but hard to follow even for the strongest of Christian.

As a reminder and encouragement to all FLY is designed for the youth but the teaching is appropriate for all.

The Bible talks about God's love and we are commanded to

love others. We guys don't like to talk about love, unless it is our immediate family, and even them some of us don't like to talk about love. It's not a guy thing, it's not tough or strong. Guys are action figures, we like action. This is something that I have struggled with myself. Try telling a guy that isn't immediate family that you love him. In our society that casts a whole other color on the statement even if you are both Christians and comfortable with each other. In leading Men's Fraternity and working with the Youth group it has become very apparent to me that we men get uncomfortable and kind of zone out when love is talked about in the Bible or in sermons. I have thought and prayed about how to help get guys past this fact. At FLY I received what I think is the answer to the question. The obvious answer that we all know but I would bet most of us guys don't think of in the right context is a "Father's Love". The love that is spoken of in the Bible is God's love, a Father's Love. We all want a Fathers Love. Regardless of how well our earthly fathers have done in our lives we all have a need for a Father's Love. How they have done or will do impacts how we have or will turn out. The great part of the Promise from God is that we all have available to us the best Father ever, God. We just have to accept the free gift offered to all. Regardless of how our children act they will always be our children just as no matter how we act we will always be God's children. Guys, you know you love your families and most of us guys would do anything for those families. But we get uncomfortable when we talk about love outside of that context. So guys to help us get past that remember that the love spoken of in the Bible is a "Father's Love."

Because of a Father's Love for his children and Christ taking our punishment for our sin, Once and for All, our eternal soul can avoid the Wrath of God.

**This is just part of the letter that Jay shared, to see full letter you can check on youth bulletin board in fellowship hall at Glyndon.**

**UPDATE ON Sam Olek's ...** Sam wrote to the church to let us know what his plans for the fall are. His full letter is on the youth board also.

During this next year I will be staying in the home of Poncho & Andrea, a married couple with a love for Jesus. I will be very busy with the following:

- Parish building with Josiah Nelson (My 2nd year roommate at AFLBS) at Minnesota Valley Free Church with Pastor Mark Olson. I have been involved with this church since the beginning of Bible School. I am very excited for this opportunity of congregational ministry. The congregation is located in Lakeville, MN
- Full time Generals at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, Mn
- Continuing work at Office Depot.

God is good. He is faithful, even when we are not. He will pick us no matter where we are when we call upon Him. God listens to us, and is quick to save. In His name we are saved, and in no other name we find Hope. He will be your every desire, when you call upon His Holy Name! Amen.

In Christ Alone,  
Sam Olek

## Klemetson Benefit..... a Labor of Love

There was a beehive of activity; canopies were lifted, tables & chairs set-up, sweet corn husked, water heated, sound system tested, lemonade made, serving line laid out, table coverings placed and grills warmed up. Over 50 willing workers were hustling about the lot to the east of the church and in the parking lot. All of these preparations took place immediately following the morning service at Maranatha-Glyndon on August 14<sup>th</sup> as our church family came together to host a benefit for Staci & Matt Klemetson. Throughout the afternoon & early evening about 450 guests enjoyed the traditional picnic menu; grilled burger or brat, sweet corn, homemade potato salad and awesome fellowship. It was exciting to see many familiar faces from both our Glyndon and Ulen congregations in addition to friends from the community. There were also a good number of not so familiar faces. Praise the Lord for drawing the guests and for giving them a generous spirit as they made their donations.

The Lord provided a beautiful sunny day with a gentle breeze. A great weather day for the young people washing cars and the dozens gathered near the dunk tank. Getting wet for an awesome cause seemed to be a pleasant experience for those who participated, either as the one being 'dunked' or one of those skilled enough to hit the target to trigger the 'dunk'. What a blessing to hear the laughter!

The silent auction took on a life of its own....over 300 items had been donated! Dedicated volunteers worked for hours to set up the 20 tables it took to display the items with their bid sheets. The generosity of individuals, businesses and organizations who donated items for the auction was overwhelming! The auction contained a wide range of items; bike, candles, gun, lefse dinner, quilt, generator, fishing trip and decorating items. Something for everyone!

About 85 total volunteers were involved in the planning, preparation, serving and cleaning up for the benefit. These willing workers invested an estimated 592 hours. It was awesome to see so many of our church family share their time and talent serving together. There was a job for everyone and multiple generations enjoyed working alongside one another. What a great testimony of how believers are the  
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At this writing, donations are still coming in for Staci's benefit. An unexpected blessing has been that many of the expenses for the meal and supplies have been donated or paid for by area businesses and individuals. After the remaining silent auction checks are received and expenses are paid, we believe the net check to the Klemetson family will exceed \$17,000! (This includes a \$1,000 contribution from Thrivent).

In John 10:10 our Lord says, "...I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." An important part of life in Jesus is the desire the Holy Spirit places in our hearts to serve others and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The benefit provided opportunity for both of these. The smiles, laughter, hugs and hardy handshakes shared that afternoon were a great evidence of life at its best.

Our God heard our prayers and exceedingly blessed this event! We trust each one that participated found the experience to be rewarding. The work of the Holy Spirit in each volunteer or guest far exceeds the monetary amount raised. Praise the Lord!

Thank you to everyone who shared your time, talent and treasure to make the benefit an awesome event we'll treasure for years to come!



The producers of the movie "Fireproof" are releasing a new movie called "Courageous". Courageous is coming to West Acres Cinema on Sept. 30-Oct 2. Courageous is a movie about four fathers who are all in law-

enforcement - four men, one calling; to serve and protect. A terrible tragedy causes the men to take a look at their role as fathers.

With the recent killing of four officers in MN, SD and ND, we believe the congregations of Maranatha would want to provide free movie tickets to the officers and their families from Clay County Sheriff Department, Dilworth, Glyndon and Hawley Police departments.

Your pastors have visited with the heads of these agencies and tickets are being made available to each department. We believe the movie "Courageous" will be a blessing and help to strengthen and challenge the families of law-enforcement. The message of God's love and His care are presented in a very positive way through the message of this movie.

If you know an officer in law-enforcement encourage him to attend "Courageous". Pray for all law-enforcement through this area as tickets are being provided to all the officers by various churches.