

Maranatha News

Glyndon & Ulen, MN

Maranatha Free Lutheran Churches

Members of The Association of Free Lutheran Congregations

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From our Pastor:

Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (Mark 14-15)

Dear Friends at Maranatha,

What comes to your mind when you think about a "kingdom?" Castles, crowns, knights & battles go with the medieval picture many have of a kingdom. **In our Lenten Series this year our theme will be on "the Kingdom of God."** It will include stories about hidden treasure, a pearl of great value, a master and his slaves, and a wedding banquet, as well as about mustard seed, wheat & tares, four different soils, fishing, and several other interesting stories.

The "Kingdom of God" or "Kingdom of Heaven" is an intriguing theme that runs throughout the Old and New Testaments. One of the first glimpses of this "kingdom" terminology is in Exodus 19 when God is speaking to Moses on Mt. Sinai shortly before He gave him the Ten Commandments. God tells Moses to remind the Israelites about what He did to the Egyptians (the most powerful earthly kingdom of that time). He then tells Moses that He is establishing a covenant with His people, and they shall be a **kingdom of priests** and a holy nation.

God's plan for this kingdom gradually unfolds as we read on in the Old Testament. Along with the prophecies of the Messiah we get little glimpses of this coming kingdom and its king. The Prophet Isaiah points to a child that will be born and how "the government will rest on His shoulders," and whose **kingdom will have no end** (Isaiah 9:6-7). Daniel says that; "the God of heaven will set up a **kingdom which will never be destroyed,**" which will endure forever. Zechariah (9:9) predicts a humble king mounted on a donkey and endowed with salvation.

Then in the beginning of the Gospels we have the accounts of John the Baptist preaching and saying; "repent for **the kingdom of heaven is at hand**" (Matthew 3:2), and Jesus himself saying that same wording (Matthew 4:17), and the above passage where John the Baptist says; "**the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand**; repent and believe the gospel." Clearly the Gospel writers believed that with the coming of Jesus came a new era in which what was predicted was now here! As we read the Gospel of Matthew this becomes abundantly clear. There Jesus refers to "the Kingdom of Heaven" 32 times and "the Kingdom of God" many times as well. In the other Gospels also Jesus teaches much on "the Kingdom."

Jesus makes clear that this kingdom is not like any other kingdom, with parables in which He often begins by saying; "the kingdom of heaven is like....." So, how is "the Kingdom of Heaven" connected to buried treasure, pearls, seeds and soils? Come and find out, as we meet for Worship on Sunday mornings and for a short time together on Wednesday nights during Lent. Starting on February 22nd at Glyndon, we will again be having the Youth (SaltTeens) serve us supper, followed by WINGS & Confirmation. At 7:00 all ages are invited to come together in the Sanctuary for a half hour time of worship together around these Lenten themes. We will again be hoping for active participation of all ages with music, skits, testimonies and helping with ushering and service leading. After that 30 minutes together the WINGS and SaltTeens will again scatter to their separate areas and the adults will stay in the sanctuary for interaction and prayer.

I am looking forward to good times of fellowship and learning together about "the Kingdom of God," which is now at hand!

Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck

Maranatha Church Council Meeting

January 11, 2012

Present: Larry Swenson, Glen Urlacher, Scott Ladwig, Terrie Enlow, Pastor Quanbeck, Dave Olek, Chad Johnson, Chanyce Dahl, Bev Mondt

- I. President Chad Johnson brought the meeting to order and Terrie Enlow opened in prayer.
- II. Chanyce Dahl read the secretaries report. Scott made a motion to except the minutes and Terrie seconded, motion carried.
- III. Treasurer's Report: Bev Mondt
 - a. The Christmas offering was \$2,226.40. ½ of the Christmas offering was given to the Good Samaritans fund, ½ was given to Dana Coyle; missionary to Ukraine.
 - b. A \$5,000 donation was given for the Ulen Outreach Fund.
 - c. Boards are asked to review their budgets and submit them to the office for printing for annual meeting.
 - d. December offerings were high and we Praise the Lord for a good year end.
 - e. Glenn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Dave seconded, motion carried.
- IV. Board of Finance: Scott Ladwig
 - a. Ashley Hurner is seeking support for parish work in Mesa, Arizona.
 - b. The board along with the help of Bev Mondt have done some research on current tax laws. After reviewing the "Church & Clergy Tax Guides" they have come to the understanding that in order to protect our non-profit status it is necessary for us to make some changes. A motion was made by Larry to accept recommended IRS tax guide lines for Maranatha to begin following the January congregational meeting. Seconded by Dave, motion carried.
- V. Board of Ed: Terrie Enlow
 - a. They are looking for a coordinator for the puppet ministry. There are several interested in working with the puppets but need a coordinator.
 - b. There is a need for a nursery coordinator. If you are interested please contact someone on the board. There is a sign-up sheet outside of the nursery to work in the nursery on a given Sunday. If you are willing to serve in that way, please check the sign-up sheet.
 - c. Shirley Swenson will lead an adult Sunday School class using curriculum from Answers in Genesis. Classes will begin on January 15th.
 - d. The board has applied for a VBS team from AFLBS
 - e. The Sunday school programs went well. Thank you to the coordinators for the pro grams. The board filled 200 goodie bags in Glyndon and 100 bags in Ulen.

VI. Board of Trustees: Dave Olek

- a. Dave Brown was thanked for completing his 2nd term.
 - b. Jeremy Ebner has the church keys, see him if you are need of a key.
 - c. The salary for the cost of cleaning has increased. They are checking into the possibility of another cleaning service. They are considering raising the cleaning fees for weddings from \$50 to \$100
 - d. Snow removal this year will be done by Dustin Brenna
- VII. Board of Worship: Written report was given in Charity's absence
- a. The movie Courageous will be shown in Ulen on Jan. 21st in the High School and in Glyndon on Feb. 19th.
 - b. Maranatha will host a "Community Hymn Sing" on April 22nd.
 - c. There will be no Valentine banquet this year at Glyndon.
- VIII. Board of Deacons: Larry Swenson
- a. On April 15th pastor Barnhart will be speaking in Ulen.
 - b. Pastor Rolf is temporarily on leave (until his hip improves).
 - c. Matt Klemetson is the new chairman and Brian Dahl is the new Secretary on the board.
 - d. Matt & Brian will serve as liaisons to the youth and Mark Bekkerus will serve as a liaison to the mission committee.
 - e. There is interest in developing a ministry to pick-up parishioners who cannot drive.
- IX. Pastors Report: Pastor Quanbeck
- a. Life groups are underway and off to a good start. There is room for more to participate.
 - b. Lenten schedules for preaching are being worked out. Ash Wed. is on Feb. 22nd.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a. The Thrivent Choice Dollars that were received in 2011 were \$663. Those Thrivent Choice Dollars were designated to go the youth Fly Fund. A motion was made by Scott that any Thrivent Choice Dollars received in 2012 also be designated to the youth Fly Fund. Motion seconded by Larry, carried.
- b. Possible dates were given for the 25th Anniversary celebration. Those on the planning committee are: Roger Wright, Carol Johnson, Jeannie Rasmussen, Martha Shaner & Sig Sivertson.
- c. Motion was made to adjourn by Glenn, seconded by Bev, carried. Pastor Quanbeck closed in prayer.

In His Service,
Chanyce Dahl

WMF NOTES (Women's Missionary Federation)

Afternoon WMF:

Nine Maranatha Afternoon WMF ladies met on January 10, 2012. Joan opened with prayer and lead as we began our new study with the "What is a Princess?" lesson.

Pat P opened our business meeting with prayer, followed by the treasurer's report which was read and approved. There was no secretary's report available.

Old Business: the First Choice Clinic was very appreciative of the gifts that were given by our ladies at the Christmas gathering.

New Business: Pat P shared plans from Melody on an outreach event being planned on healing that will tentatively be the end of February-first part of March. Speakers would include Jean Mahlum of Glyndon and any who have been healed and are willing to share. If anyone would be willing to be a part of or to help with the event, contact Melody.

Motion made, seconded and passed to send \$50 to HQ for Christian Education.

We closed with prayer for many hurting family and friends followed by the table prayer.

Ardis served a wonderful lunch and we spent time in fellowship.

Notes taken by Anne in absence of our secretary.

ULEN WMF

The Maranatha-Ulen WMF met on January 16, 2012, at the church, with 9 women present. Mary Ann opened with prayer and led the Bible study on "What is a Princess?"

President Ellen called the meeting to order and passed out our 2012 calendars.

There was no secretary report.

Treasurer Emelyn gave her report which was approved. She reported that our Christmas offering for the Miriam Home well exceeded our goal.

Mary Ann, our parish nurse, reported that our prayer chain needs to be updated. New members will be encouraged to join with an announcement in the church bulletin. She also reviewed the prayer requests made to the prayer chain in 2011 and the results of those prayers, stating that many of these persons needed our continuing prayers. We discussed how we could be informed about the answers to our prayers in a more timely manner, and it was decided that Mary Ann would give a report at each WMF meeting, and we would be reminded to thank God for His answers.

A Christmas greeting was passed around from former members, Debbie Gill and family of Brazil.

Our WMF will again hold a Valentine Brunch for single and widowed women in the area on February 11 at 10am. We discussed the plans for the event and materials still needed for making the hand-made cor-sages. A work day was set for Tuesday, Jan 24, at 10 am. Decorating will be done in the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 10.

Ellen thanked Mary Ann for the new table runners she had made for our dining area.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business meeting.

Prayer requests were made for Marlyn Langerud, Debbie's mother-in-law, who was injured in a fall, and for Isabelle Toms, who is having dental surgery on Feb 14.

Ellen closed the meeting by leading us in prayer, after which she served us lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadene Bentley, Secretary

Evening WMF "GIGGLES"

The Evening WMF met at the church January 24th with 5 ladies and 5 girls attending. The girls did a short Bible story and made a clipboard craft. The ladies did the first lesson of the Bible Study "Pearls for a Princess" with Michele Scheuring leading and hosting the Study. Prayer concerns were taken and prayed over.

The meeting was called to order by President Michele. The Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Old Business: We received three thank you cards from several of the people who the Giggles Christmas caroled in December. This was a very rewarding event and will be done again this year.

New Business:

-The Signing Choir is currently practicing a song for a February performance and another will be done at Easter.

-Sign-up for hostessing and leading the Bible Study each month was passed around.

-Melody Okke will check on a Giggles tour of the First Choice Clinic.

-The Giggles girls was be doing a Bible Study on "The Christian Girls Guide to Being Your Best." The cost is \$10. Melody made a motion that the WMF will reimburse the half of the cost of the books after the girls attend 4 meetings. Second by Kristine Quanbeck. Melody will look for a study leader.

-\$75 donation made to Christian Education. Motion by Michele, second by Cheryl Sivertson.

-March 3rd will be a presentation by Jean Mahlum on her testimonial. The WMF groups will serve treats.

-April 20th will be a sleepover at the church for the Giggles girls.

-Kristine will check on a basket donation for the Sonja Fuchs Benefit being held on February 19th at Glyndon Lutheran. Motion made by Melody and second by Cheryl to spend \$40 if a Christian Family themed basket is a possibility.

Next meeting will be February 28th with Kristine serving.

Submitted by Kristine Quanbeck

UFO "UnFinished Objects" will meet on Friday, February 3, beginning at 4:00pm at Maranatha-Glyndon.

EGG "Enjoying God's Gifts" will meet on Friday, February 17th at the Ulen church from 10am - 9pm.

We will get together to scrapbook, quilt or other project you have to work on. Come and join in the fun!!



Pizza Night with the Jail Chaplains!



DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27th

TIME: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

PLACE: PIZZA RANCH OF FARGO

(4480 23rd Ave S, Fargo - off 45th St S)



"Tell 'em Jail Chaplains when you check in" or order lunch/dinner to go and have it count toward the totals too!

Pizza Ranch of Fargo is donating 25% of the receipts of our dinner so bring your family, friends and neighbors for some great pizza!

Questions? Contact Debbie at 701-364-0067 or email us at jailchaplains@ideaone.net

NEW AT THE LIBRARY...

Picture books:

"My Father's Angels" by Gloria Gaither, reminds small hearts that God's heavenly protectors are always at hand.

"Patchwork Family" by Jeanne Zornes is the story of one boy's struggle to find his place in a blended family.

Adult Fiction:

By Cathy Marie Hake, "Fancy Pants". When "Fancy Pants" Hathwell's deception is exposed, will she be forced to abandon her hopes for family...and true love?

Adult Non-Fiction:

"Dangerous Wonders" by Michael Yaconelli is an adventure of childlike faith. You are invited to recapture the joy of begin a child and apply it to your relationship with God.

A New Maranatha Cookbook is in the Works

Do you like to cook and love to work with recipes? Perhaps you would consider sharing your time and talent on a committee to help publish a new cookbook featuring recipes from the Maranatha church family and friends. There will be lots of tasks including: recipe sorters, proof readers, entering recipes into a web-based software (can be done from home) and more.

We would love everyone's favorite recipes! Start thinking about what dish your family often requests or what recipe you go to when asked to bring something to a potluck.

There are frequent comments about how much people enjoy the cookbook Maranatha published in 2004 so consideration is being given to including several 'favorites' from the 1st cookbook into the new edition with the remainder being new recipes so there is a reason to own both. The committee will make that decision.

As with the first cookbook the profits from the sale of the cookbook will go to support missions. The Missions Committee is considering one international project and one local outreach project where the funds will be invested to spread the good news of Jesus.

The cookbook committee will be formed in the next few weeks. Estimated timeline:

- February- committee formed & recipe collection starts
- March - recipes are sorted into cookbook sections & compared to previous cookbook to identify duplicate recipes
- April - recipes all entered into the web-based software & proofed for accuracy
- May 15- cookbook contents are finalized and submitted to publisher
- mid-July- cookbooks are delivered

We know there are lots of talented individuals with great ideas amongst our church family. Please consider investing some time and talent on this project. Anyone is welcome to be part of publishing this 2nd addition cookbook. Visit with Bev Mondt or Gerri Leach to express your interest in being on the committee or assisting.

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church -Ulen

“Couple’s Night Out”

February 11, 2012

7:00pm

*30-minute Marriage video by
Comedian & Pastor Mark Gunger
“How To Stay Married”*

*Dessert Social
Piece of
Strawberry Laced White cake
or Chocolate Fudge Cheesecake*

*Pre-registration is required by February 6th
498-2808 or maranatha@multiband.us*

\$10 per couple, payable at the door

Door Prizes | Main Drawing will be for one night in the Honeymoon Suite at Ramada in Fargo

MOVIE NIGHT

The movie “Courageous” will be shown on Sunday, February 19th at Maranatha-Glyndon at 6:30pm.

4 men, one calling: To serve and protect. When tragedy strikes home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, fears, faith and fathering.



Did you know.....

America’s Sixteenth President, Abraham Lincoln, who died on a Good Friday, was a devoted Bible reader but never joined a church. In a youth of near poverty, the Bible was one of the few books Lincoln owned. When he became president, its words and phrases found their way into many of his speeches.

“I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior (Jesus) of the world is communicated to us through this Book.

I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can, and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man.”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| Isabella Johnson | February 01 |
| Gavin Schmidt | February 01 |
| Cheryl Sivertson | February 01 |
| Sabrina Halsa | February 02 |
| Pastor Rolf Heng | February 03 |
| Megan Zillmer | February 03 |
| Curt Leach | February 04 |
| Dawn Leach | February 05 |
| Jim Enlow | February 05 |
| Johnny Enlow | February 05 |
| Karen Halsa | February 06 |
| Sidney Koehler | February 08 |
| Matthew Hamernik | February 09 |
| Don Hurner | February 09 |
| Zachary Chromey | February 09 |
| Michal Schmidt | February 10 |
| Evangeline Heng | February 10 |
| Bernadene Bentley | February 10 |
| Aurora Fevig | February 10 |
| Katie Oelke | February 11 |
| Josh Johnson | February 12 |
| Riley Rickford | February 13 |
| Jon Rosenfeldt | February 14 |
| Clay Rasmussen | February 14 |
| Grant Andersen | February 14 |
| Blaine Sivertson | February 14 |
| Dean Nelson | February 15 |
| Jay Buchfink | February 15 |
| Ruth Casler | February 16 |
| Mike Rand | February 16 |
| Kris Hamernik | February 16 |
| Matt Finstrom | February 17 |
| Liam Stone | February 17 |
| Celia Trick | February 17 |
| Chanz Marjama | February 18 |
| Russell Oberg | February 18 |
| April Abel | February 19 |
| Drew Davis | February 20 |
| Barry Nelson | February 21 |
| Debi Langerud | February 21 |
| Mike Johnson | February 22 |
| Jim Kooyer | February 23 |
| Andrew Austinson | February 24 |
| Angela Schlieper | February 25 |
| Jeff Bates | February 25 |
| Evan Bates | February 26 |
| Sydney Jacobsen | February 26 |
| Perry Severson | February 26 |
| Shannon Olson | February 26 |
| Jake Murack | February 28 |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| Sherman & Gerrie Payne | February 01 |
| Bob & Jocie Herzog | February 04 |

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| Glenn & Irene Zillmer | February 08 |
| Cliff & Mary Langerud | February 11 |
| Steve & Ruth Stong | February 12 |
| Field & Allison McConnell | February 14 |
| Brian & Chanyce Dahl | February 14 |
| Pastor Rolf & Evangeline Heng | February 15 |
| Howard & Michele Scheuring | February 15 |
| Larry & Renee Lacher | February 17 |
| Allen & JaLane Marjama | February 20 |

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:

Listed below is service men & women who are active:

- Andy Heisinger*, husband of Tracy (Klevgaard) Heisinger
- 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
- John Hurd*, grandson of Roger & Sharon Wright
- Luke Koerner*, grandson of Roger & Sharon Wright



**Bible Study & Fellowship - Wednesdays
at 7:00pm in Glyndon**

EVENTS

Looking ahead:

- February 3& 4:** "Acquire the Fire" in Mpls.
- February 22:** Lenten Season begins - Soup & Sandwiches to be served again this year.
- March 11:** Skiing at Andes Tower Hills
Meeting at Glyndon church at 8am and returning after supper.
For complete cost for day contact Pastor Seth as cost varies depending on what you do.
- March 25 -** District Youth Rally in Perham, MN

Pastor's Schedule for month of February Glyndon:

Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck: 5; 12; 26
Pastor Seth Forness: 19

Ulen:

Pastor Gary Skramstad 5
Pastor Curt Frankhauser: 12; 26
Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck: 19