

Maranatha News

Glyndon & Ulen, MN

Maranatha Free Lutheran Churches

Members of The Association Free
Lutheran Congregations

January, 2012

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From our Pastor:

Thanksgiving and Christmas have passed and I'm willing to bet that most of you ate more than you would care to admit. Oh sure, I'll have another helping of stuffing to go with this extra helping of turkey. I've already had half a dozen spritz cookies, but three or four more won't hurt. Do either of these statements sound painfully familiar? You probably didn't go into the holiday season with plans to go up a pants size or regain those couple pounds that you lost, but your actions caused you to do just that.

People just like you are living out this same reality all over the United States as the 2011 year has come to a close. They regret their decisions, but they have one hope . . . New Year's Resolutions! Isn't that what they are for? We know that we are going to overeat each holiday season, but we can always resolve to change every new year. Each year we go through the same cycle; we overeat and then we resolve to change and then we overeat again and then once again resolve to change.

Wait a minute, what good is a resolution if you know you aren't even going to keep it in the first place? The answer, it isn't any good. For many people the only reason they make resolutions is to make themselves feel better. They may have some small desire to change, but once the temptation to slack off comes they will jump right back in where they left off.

Many live this way when it comes to their Christian faith. They use God's promise of forgiveness as a "New Year's Resolution" of sorts. When they start to feel guilty and they are seeing the effects of eating too much of the world's "stuffing"

and "spritz cookies" they come to God and promise they will change which makes them feel better. However, they don't plan on changing, they only want to be free of the guilt and consequences so they tell God they are sorry. Soon their remorse is gone and then they are back to the same lifestyle as before.

God calls you to a higher standard than this fake Christianity. We are invited over and over again in the Bible to repent, turn away, from our sins in order to receive God's forgiveness. Just saying you're sorry to make yourself feel better is not repenting, rather it is just like making a resolution to change something you don't really want to change. Just as you don't get results if you don't follow a resolution, you don't receive God's forgiveness if you aren't willing to fully repent.

God isn't fooled by your fake cries of sorrow. He can see through every false tear. He wants your heart and life, not just your empty words. He calls you to resolve to give your all to Him. He does not honor requests simply to remove guilty feelings or consequences. He only hears the cries for forgiveness of those who truly repent.

So, as the new year has come, what will you resolve to do? Will you continue to just go through the motions of asking for God's forgiveness to make yourself feel better when you have no intention of actually changing? Or, will you hear the invitation given in Acts 2:38, "Repent" and you will receive the forgiveness of sins?

Pastor Seth

Maranatha Church Council Meeting

December 14, 2011

- I. Present: Larry Swenson, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Scott Ladwig, Bev Mondt, Howard Scheuring, Charity Erickson, Chad Johnson, Dave Olek and Lana Davis.
- II. President Chad Johnson brought the meeting to order and Larry Swenson opened in prayer.
- III. Lana Davis read the Secretary's report. Larry Swenson made a motion to accept the minutes. Bev Mondt seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Bev Mondt gave the Treasurer's report.
 - a. Donations received for Bruce and Sheila Smith amounted to \$11,076.79. Thank you to all for your generosity.
 - b. The Thanksgiving Offering totaled \$1713.00
 - c. The Ulen Building Fund received some sizable gifts this month.
 - d. Howard Scheuring made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Charity Erickson seconded. Motion carried.
- V. Board of Education-Howard Scheuring
 - a. They prepared 200 goody bags to give out after the Christmas Sunday School program.
 - b. They have already begun making VBS plans for next summer. They are applying for a AFLBS team and looking at curriculum options. They must give three tentative dates when applying for a team from AFLBS.
- VI. Board of Worship and Music-Charity Erickson
 - a. New Member Sunday is being planned for January 29th at the second service in Glyndon. There will be a dinner following the service with the Congregational meeting at 1:00 P.M.
 - b. They will not be having a Valentines Supper this year.
 - c. They are planning a congregational Hymn Sing on April 15th.
- VII. Board of Trustees-Dave Olek
 - a. Carol Johnson has volunteered to water the plants at the church.
 - b. The Trustee Board has noticed some damage being done in the Education wing of the church. Please be respectful of the church building and parents please remind your children to behave respectfully.
- VIII. Board of Finance-Scott Ladwig
 - a. They will be paring down the special funds. In the future the Finance Board will make recommendations to the council regarding which special funds should remain.
- IX. Board of Deacons-Larry Swenson
 - a. They have set a tentative date for the anniversary celebration: July 14-17.
 - b. Life Groups will start the second week in January.
- X. Pastoral Report-Lloyd Quanbeck
 - a. He will continue with a prayer theme in his sermons in the months of January and February.
 - b. There has been good attendance at the young adults Bible study.
 - c. He has been discipling the men in the church and has seen real growth in this area.
- XI. Old Business
 - a. The young adults will be having two study groups that meet. One will meet once a month and the other will meet weekly.
- XII. New Business-none
 - a. Scott Ladwig made a motion to adjourn. Howard Scheuring seconded. Motion carried.
- XIII. Pastor Quanbeck closed in prayer.

In His Service,
Lana Davis

Evening WMF "GIGGLES"



On December 12 the Evening WMF Giggles group held an outreach/ Christmas Party. Six Giggles girls and three moms went caroling to eight homes. They sang Christmas carols, gifted each

home with a goodie bag and visited.

They then went shopping for two girls chosen from the Giving Tree. Their last stop was at Del & Pat Palloch's where they had pizza and exchanged gifts.

In January, there will be a Bible study for the women "Pearls for a Princess" as well as an age appropriate Bible study for the Giggles girls.

Remember, ALL Women are invited to the Evening WMF held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Girls, ages 8-14 are also encouraged to attend.

ULEN WMF

ON SUNDAY DEC. 4TH WE MET FOR OUR ANNUAL POT LUCK WMF CHRISTMAS PARTY, WITH 11 LADIES PRESENT. WE HAD A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS. THESE OFFICES WERE ELECTED:

- PRESIDENT - ELLEN ZILLMER
- VICE PRESIDENT DEBBIE LANGERUD
- SECRETARY- BERNADENE BENTLEY
- TREASURE- EMELYN FEVIG

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, SHARON WRIGHT SEC.

Glyndon Serving Group I will be serving the months of January, February and March at Glyndon.



If you are in this group please check the sheet on the kitchen bulletin board for the Sunday which will work best for you to serve. Thank you for serving the Lord & others in this area. It is much appreciated.

If you have any questions please call Carol Johnson (498-2655)

EGG "Enjoying God's Gifts" will meet on Friday, January 13th at the Ulen church from 10am - 9pm.

At 10:30am there will be demonstration on making doily's by Toni Holman.

At 1:00pm there will be a presentation on how to make button corsages. Bring unique buttons to work with.

In case of stormy weather the events will be held on January 20th.



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
BY BETH MOORE AT
GLYNDON**

"James Mercy Triumphs"

Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos. In other ways James more closely resembles the Book of

Proverbs than any New Testament book. Come along with Beth Moore on a journey to get to know both the man and the Book of James. You will never be the same again.

Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer. Plus, Beth introduces a 5-tiered study approach that she has never done before.

**Friday evenings,
February 10- March 30
@ 7:00pm**

or

**Thursday, February 23- April 12
@ 9:00am**

All women are invited to come for this time of Bible study and fellowship!

Sign-up sheets are on bulletin board in Glyndon or call the church office. Cost for book is \$18. *If book is not prepaid before ordering it will not be ordered!* Last day to sign up will be January 15th. Checks made out to Maranatha and brought to office or give to Anne Manderud.

HELP ME

Help me to find someone today
Who needs what I have to share -
A kindly word, a thoughtful deed,
A bit of loving care.
Help me to take the time to be
An understanding friend
To someone who needs a helping hand
On which they can depend.
Help me to love as Jesus loves -
That same unselfish way.
Help me to be like Jesus
In all that I do and say.



Vera Beall Parker

New Year Schedule

Saturday, December 31, New Year's Eve Gathering at the Glyndon church beginning at 7:30pm with games and fellowship. At 11:45pm we will go to the sanctuary for time of prayer. Please bring games and snacks to share. Everyone is welcome!!

Sunday, January 1, Worship Service with Communion at **9:00am** at both Glyndon and Ulen. No Sunday School

Wednesday, January 4th- Regular activities begin at Glyndon and Ulen

Sunday, January 8

Glyndon—8:15 & 10:45 am Worship Services with Sunday School at 9:45am

Ulen—9:00am Worship Service and Sunday School at 10:45am

Receiving of New Members at Glyndon and 2011 Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012.

Those being received and welcomed into membership will be Todd & Sara Dravland, Tanner, Trent, Trevor and Talya Dufault; Brittany Forness and Alyssa Johnson.

At Noon we will have dinner, made and served by youth that will be attending "Acquire the Faith" in February. Free-will offering. Ulen Sunday School will go until 11:30am making it possible for Ulen families to make it to the dinner.

Congregational Meeting will begin at 1:00pm - *If you have been the Chairman of your board, you will need to get a written report of the 2011 year into the office by January 13th. All reports will be combined into a booklet and handed out on Sunday, January 22nd so you can read them ahead of time.*



You are invited to the kick off of

MARANATHA'S YOUTH GROUP

for individuals with special needs ages 12 through young adult

CRAFTS, PUPPETS, MUSIC, BIBLE LESSON & SNACKS

Wednesday, January 4th 6:45pm- 8pm

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church

101 Foundation Ave, Glyndon MN

With questions call Karen (218) 287-4448

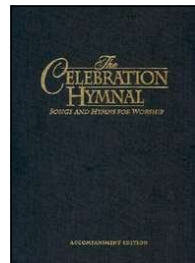


NEW TO THE LIBRARY...

Adult - "The Magnificent Obsession" by Anne Graham Lotz is a book about embracing the God-Filled life.

Kids - "Heaven is for Real - for Kids" by Colton Burpo is a book designed for kids about a little boy's astounding story of his trip to heaven and back.

Kids DVD - "Boz's "Adventures in Imagination" about Discovering God's World... Together!



The Celebration Hymnal Accompaniment book is missing from the sanctuary. 2 copies are here but we are missing the one. If you have used it on home or on some occasion, could you please return it to the church. Thank you!

2012 WMF Bible study

Pearls for a Princess written by Faylin Myhre

This years study is a topical study that as you can see deals with "P" words that are associated with a princess.

CHAPTER TITLES

1. What is a Princess?
2. Picked and Purchased
3. Precious and Protected
4. Provided For
5. A Purpose and Power
6. Princess Power
7. Great and Precious Promises
8. The Pearl of Prayer
9. The Presence of God
10. Peace, Passin' Through and A Place
11. Praise

All ladies are welcome to come and attend any of the 3 WMF studies that meet once each month at Glyndon & Ulen.

Glyndon

Afternoon - meets the 2nd Tuesday at 1:00pm

Evening "GIGGLES"- meets the 4th Tuesday at 6:30pm

Ulen

Meets the 3rd Monday at 7:00pm

Catch the Vision for LIFE GROUPS at Maranatha!

LIFE GROUPS are small groups of between 4 and 14 people who meet regularly to: Look in God's Word, share fellowship, food, and prayer together. Whether you are able to commit to a short series of 5-6 weeks or several months together, a LIFE GROUP can help you develop strong Christian relationships and cause growth in your life and the lives of others through you! During January a number of LIFE GROUPS will be starting new series, including the following:

Sign-up sheets are at both churches or call Church office if you need more information this week.

TUESDAY

"Prayer" (2 Groups)

6 weeks of Bible studies on various topics related to Prayer (Guidance, Finances, Family, Relationships, Temptation and Fasting)

Host: Pat Johnson
10603 15th Ave N - Glyndon
Leaders: Larry & Shirley Swenson (218-498-2134)
Starting: January 10 - 7:00pm

Host: Various Homes
Leaders: Dan & Carol Johnson (218-498-2655)
Starting: January 10 - 7:00pm

"Effective Parenting in a Defective World"

9 week DVD series by Chip Ingram

Host: Brian & Chanyce Dahl (218-494-3340)
12753 110th St N - Felton
Starting: January 10 - 7:00pm

"Your Divine Design"

8-week video series by Chip Ingram

(discovering your spiritual gifts)

Host: Doyle & Wendy Fevig (218-287-4235)
1601 40th Ave N - Moorhead
Starting: January 10 - 7:00pm

"Financial Peace"

13-Week series by Dave Ramsey

Host: Matt & Staci Klemetson (218-596-8195)
11486 380th St - Ulen
Starting: January 10 - 7:00pm

Young Adults Group "Wired Word"

How does the Bible apply to current events in the world?
Hosted: Alternating between Chad & Alyssa Johnson's and Jake & Brittany Pender's
Starting: Tuesday January 10 at Chad & Alyssa's (218-498-0134)
Time: bi-weekly 7-8pm

WEDNESDAY

"Prayer"

6 weeks of Bible studies on various topics related to Prayer (Guidance, Finances, Family, Relationships, Temptation and Fasting)

During WINGS & Youth Groups at Glyndon
Starting: January 11th - 7:00-8:00pm
Leader: Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck
Maranatha Church Conference room

"Crazy Love"

DVD series by Francis Chan

The study is meant to help you think through God's intense, relentless love and how that love should transform every aspect of your being.

Host: Greg & Ellen Zillmer (218-494-3463)
21342 190th Ave N - Ulen
Leader: Jessie Zillmer
Starting: January 11 - 7:00pm

THURSDAY

"The Truth Project"

12 -week Video and Discussion

Host: Glenn & Karen Urlacher
(218-287-4448)
2845 29th St S - Moorhead
Leader: Miles Mondt
Starting: January 12 - 7:00pm

SUNDAY

Young Adults Group "Wired Word"

How does the Bible apply to current events in the world?
Host: Alternating between:
Pastor Seth & Brittany Forness' and Jessie Zillmer's
Starting: Sunday, January 1 at Pastor Seth & Brittany's
Time: weekly 6:30-8:30pm (supper provided)

*Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Your name is holy! Psalm 99:3*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Chad Johnson	January 01
Lisa Austinson	January 01
Tim Enlow	January 02
Irene Zillmer	January 02
Jack Mitchell	January 02
Cara Barbee	January 02
Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck	January 03
Maya Bushy	January 03
Braden Shell	January 03
Cole Kvien	January 03
Howard Scheuring	January 04
Pat Johnson	January 04
Brodey Johnson	January 04
Bryce Vanderwerff	January 04
Sean Buchfink	January 05
Kris Leach	January 08
Lori Pender	January 08
Alex Fevig	January 08
Matthew Klemetson	January 08
Gene Leach	January 09
Ellen Zillmer	January 09
Jean Quanbeck	January 09
Gabriel Nelson	January 09
Dave Cochran	January 10
Cory Johnson	January 10
Sam Bates	January 11
Tamba Abel	January 11
Doug Macziewski	January 12
Mavis Jacobsen	January 14
Dave Olek	January 15
Bailey Murack	January 15
Jack (LJ) Garrett IV	January 15
Pastor Seth Forness	January 15
Trista Oberg	January 16
Logan Johnson	January 18
Jeremy Ebner	January 19
Greg Zillmer	January 20
Jamie Jenson	January 21
Karen Urlacher	January 21
Alex Goltz	January 22
Caleb Dahl	January 23
Tanner Dufault	January 23
Jean Langseth	January 24
Fran Jenson	January 25
CieGie Erickson	January 27
Gretchen Garrett	January 28
Joshua Koehler	January 28
Olivia Rasmussen	January 29
Kristen Ebner	January 29
Kaitlin Johnson	January 30
Rachel Buzalsky	January 31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jeff & Peg Tweten	January 12
Roy & Marie Tweten	January 19
Ron & Ruth Larson	January 30
Don & Bev Hurner	January 31

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

Wednesday, Jan 4: Christmas/New Year's Party
from 7pm-9pm with white elephant gift exchange

Looking ahead:

February 3& 4 "Acquire the Fire" in Mpls.
Parents of those attending this event will be meeting on Sunday
Jan 8th after the 2nd service to discuss Fund raising meal.

February 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.

Pastor's Schedule for month of January

Glyndon:

Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck: 1; 8; 22

Pastor Curt Frankhauser: 15

Pastor Seth Forness: 29

Ulen:

Pastor Curt Frankhauser: 1; 8; 22; 29

Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck: 15