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Pastor @ Ulen Ulen Office: 218-596-8580

January 2025 Newsletter



# JANUARY 2025 @ ULEN



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9:00am - Worship Service NO Sunday School	30	31	Happy New year 2025	2 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	3	4
9:00am - Worship Service w/communion 10:30am - Sunday School Council Meeting following	6 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	7	8 1:00pm WMF	9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	10	11
9:00am - Worship Service 10:30am - Congregational Meeting (No Sunday School) Lunch to follow	9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	14	15 9:00-11:00am - MOPS	16 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	17	18
9:00am - Worship Service 10:30am - Sunday School	20 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	21	22	9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	24	25
26 9:00am - Worship Service 10:30am - Sunday School	9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	28	29	30 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	31	1



# JANUARY 2025 @ GLYNDON



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
9:30am - Worship Service NO Sunday School			Happy New Year 2025			7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast 6:00pm - Dusty Way Chapel
5 8:00am - YMT Meeting 9:30am - Worship Service w/communion 10:45am - Sunday School	6	7	8 5:00-6:30pm - Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:30pm - Kids Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club 7:00pm - SaltTeens 7:00pm - Deacon Mtg	9 7:00pm - Bible Study	10	11 7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30am - Worship Service 10:45am - Sunday School		10:30am - Morning WMF at the church 6:00-7:30pm - Trail Life	5:00-6:30pm - Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:30pm - Kids Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club 7:00pm - SaltTeens 7:00pm - Council Mtg	7:00pm - Bible Study		7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30am - Worship Service 10:45am - Sunday School		10:00am-3:00pm - Quilting at the church 7:00pm - Evening WMF at Luci Carlson's home	5:00-6:30pm - Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:30pm - Kids Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club 7:00pm - SaltTeens	7:00pm - Bible Study		7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast 6:00pm - Dusty Way Chapel
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
9:30am - Worship Service 10:45am - Sunday School 11:30am - Potluck Meal 12:30pm - Congregational meeting		6:00-7:30pm - Trail Life	5:00-6:30pm - Supper 5:45pm - Confirmation 6:30pm - Kids Club 6:45pm - Friendship Club 7:00pm - SaltTeens	7:00pm - Bible Study		7:00am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

#### Maranatha Free Lutheran Church Glyndon, MN

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon			
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General Fund		Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions		\$25,291.00	\$267,353
Expenditures		-\$22,449.00	-\$287,590
Surplus / (Shortfall)			\$ (20,237)

	11/30/2024
GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$25,291
Deacons Education Finance Trustees Worship & Music GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	-\$12,799 \$0 -\$4,088 -\$4,658 -\$904 - <b>\$22,449</b>
Other Income (Rent, Interest) Other Income ) General Fund Balance Change	\$19 \$0 \$2,861
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	<b>\$36,236</b> Target is \$60,000

Special Funds	<u>Income</u>	<b>Expenses</b>	End	ling Balance
Building Fund			\$	73
Building Improvement Fund			\$	15
Christmas Eve			\$	-
Cookbook Sales for Missions			\$	245
Designated Donations	1084	(1,034)	\$	50
Furnace Fund	1445		\$	25,769
Good Samaritan Fund			\$	1,946
Holiday Baskets			\$ \$	1,442
Lent Offering			\$	-
Memorial Fund			\$	9,808
Men's Fellowship/Breakfast	50		\$ \$ \$	1,531
Men's Fraternity			\$	-
Outreach Ministries			\$	166
Sunday Fellowship Fund				469
Sunday School Missions	4		\$	430
Thanksgiving Offering	420		\$ \$	420
Trail Life			\$	573
Vacation Bible School			\$	-
VBS Blanket Project			\$	404
Wedding Fund			\$	500
Wednesday Suppers	1077	-1232	\$	3,430
World Missions Fund			\$	9,981
Youth Activities Fund	100		\$	363
Youth FLY Fund	572		\$	13,765
Special Funds Balance			\$	71,382
General Fund Balance			\$	36,236
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			\$	107,598
PETTY CASH BALANCE			\$	20

Detailed expense reports are available in the Glyndon office.

Questions can be directed to Kristine Quanbeck - Treasurer

treasurer@maranathafreelutheran.com

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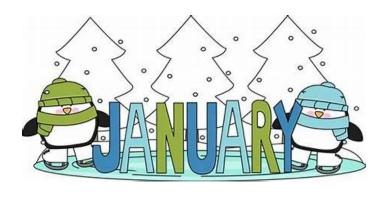
November Financial Spreadsheet

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January~ Happy E	<u> Birthday!</u>
Lisa Austinson	January 01
Chad Johnson	January 01
Pr Lloyd Quanbeck	January 03
Brodey Johnson	January 04
Pat Johnson	January 04
Howard Scheuring	January 04
Sean Buchfink	January 05
Aubrey Lambert	January 05
Alex Fevig	January 08
Jesus Gonzalez	January 08
Jim Haarstad	January 08
Matt Klemetson	January 08
Lori Pender	January 08
Jericho Baer	January 09
Gene Leach	January 09
Jean Quanbeck	January 09
Ellen Zillmer	January 09
Cory Johnson	January 10
Landon Johnson	January 10
Vickie Swanson	January 11
Doug Macziewski	January 12
Bailey Murack	January 15
Dave Olek	January 15
Trista Oberg	January 16
Peter Trick	January 16
Ryan Trulson	January 16
Logan Johnson	January 18
Jeremy Ebner	January 19
Gunner Nelson	January 19
Dianne Wolla	January 19
Jackeline Gonzalez	January 20
Greg Zillmer	January 20
Karen Urlacher	January 21
Zach Boehrnsen	January 22
Jonah Larson	January 22
Caleb Dahl	January 23
Tanner Dufault	January 23
Raul Gonzalez	January 23
Fran Jenson	January 25
Emerson Johnson	January 25
Mitchell Delosoul	January 26
CieGie Hilde	January 27
Liz Tonneson	January 27
Robert Huewe	January 28
Joshua Koehler	January 28
Kristen Ebner	January 29
Olivia Eggebraaten	January 29
Bridget John	January 29
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January 30

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### BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

#### January~ Happy Anniversary!

Jerry & Liz Walker	January 02
Isaac & Petra Young	January 04
Bruce & Dianne Wolla	January 18
Caleb & Stephanie Dahl	January 28
Ron & Ruth Larson	January 30



# Military Personnel

#### Thankful for those who serve our country!

Kally Anderson, granddaughter of Vonnie Anderson James Cortelyou, nephew of Art & Delores Welle Levi Dahl, grandson of Harvey & Dianne Dahl Cody Dravland, son of Todd & Sara Dravland Trevor Dufault, son of Todd & Sara Dravland Makaila England, niece of Joyce Johnson & Lila Ebner Jonathan Eastvold, nephew of Joyce Johnson & Lila Ebner Brody Erickson, grand nephew of Glennys Sivertson Kyle Johnson, son-in-law of Gary & Debi Langerud Layne Johnson, grandson of Ardis Johnson Hunter Macziewski, son of Doug & Tiffany Macziewski Sierra Northridge, member of Ulen congregation Andrew Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean Josiah Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean Jakob Rolf, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf





# You've Been Flocked!

#### FLAMINGO FUNDRAISING SEASON IS HERE!

Look for a table in the fellowship hall starting Sunday, January 19th

#### HOW IT WORKS

Winter in Minnesota is cold, dull, and dreay. Add a splash of color and help support the Maranatha Youth Group as we try to get to the FLY Convention this July!!

For a small donation, you may send part of the flock (or the entire flock of 48 birds!) to a friend's house for a few days. Don't worry: the flock will soon become tired of your friend's snowy yard and will mystically migrate to another roosting spot within a day or so.

#### FLOCKING INSURANCE

Protect your lawn from the flocks! We now offer flocking insurance for a donation fee of \$25. Insurance protects you from one instance of flocking. Buy multiples to keep the birds away!







#### The Free Lutheran Youth (FLY) Convention is the

biennial

national youth gathering of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. The purpose of the FLY Convention is to provide congregations with a tool for winning the lost, building the believer, and encouraging student disciple making in the local congregations.

Regular Rate Deadline - January 23, 2025 (\$699)

(cost to student is \$300)

Late Rate Deadline - May 15, 2025 (\$849) (cost to student is \$450)

Answer for Crypto-quote on page 4:

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him . He ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. (Luke 15:20)

#### THE GOSPEL OF LUKE WORD SEARCH

E P H Y S I C I A N N S E R M O N O N P L A PQNZIYJOUSATHANKFULNESSY ZAUNGSLRWHIHOLYSP IHGYEERZFTMLKILO TAN CECPOIAILUMN DBNZKNMTZIHTMZESK ITPONYSNRTESSBWXE YESALVATIONSRIZO QSCMAGNIFICATSFUDHKMSX COMPASSIONMLPJSKE OGKEEXAOMMXLUR I A L EOHARBBJSEL TNEG - 1 BMOJTHEBODAONRN С T S O L Q IDNIO U Z D S Т F S LRMM G S Α ΗU Ν Z A R W S Ζ Ρ D E O S 0 EEFZA С R R Н LRBSKMMHZRU ARVAP BFZPCEOHUVTZKOZBA SLEGNARXTTYGAIZMWHS PDEZILANIGRAMNLSELVHO UPQBPABSUTCIDENEBNARWENT T E R A Z A N X I J A S B S R H P W Y K O S V

**ANGELS ANNA** BEATITUDES BENEDICTUS BIRTH NARRATIVE **COMPASSION ELDER SON** ELIZABETH **EMMAUS FORGIVENESS** 

**GENTILES** HISTORIAN HOLY SPIRIT **JOY** LOST COIN LUKE **MAGNIFICAT** MARGINALIZED MARY

NAZARETH **PARABLES PHYSICIAN POOR** PRAYER PRODIGAL SON REPENTANCE SALVATION SERMON ON PLAIN SHEPHERDS

SIMEON SOCIAL JUSTICE **SON OF MAN** SYNOPTIC TAX COLLECTORS THANKFULNESS WOMEN ZACCHAEUS ZECHARIAH

The Prodigal Son-Luke 15:20

## Giggles and Grins

#### **Occupational Hymns:**

Dentist: Crown Him with Many Crowns Weatherman: There Shall be Showers of

**Blessings** 

Contractor: The Church's One Foundation Golfer: There's a Green Hill Far Away Politician: Standing on the Promises Optometrist: Open My Eyes That I Might

See

IRS Agent: I Surrender All Electrician: Send the Light Shopper: Sweet Bye & Bye

Realtor: I've God a Mansion, Just Over

the Hilltop

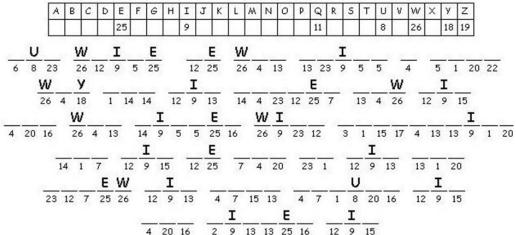
#### **Highway Hymns:**

65 mph: God Will Take Care of You 75 mph: Nearer My God to thee 85 mph: This World is Not My Home 95 mph: Lord, I'm Coming Home

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THEY'RE LEFTOVERS ... WE ALREADY BLESSED THEM







### **WMF NOTES**

(Women's Missionary Federation)

#### **Glyndon Morning**

Morning WMF hosted a Women's Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 10th at 10:30pm. The next WMF meeting will be January 14th at 10:30pm at the church.

#### Ulen

Ulen WMF held their Women's Christmas Party on Thursday, December 12th at 1:30pm. This was in place of the regular WMF study and meeting.

The Ulen WMF will hold their next Bible Study and Meeting on Wednesday, January 8th at 1:00pm at the church. Mary Ann Schneidermann will lead the Bible Study and Mary Ann Ward will be hostess.

#### **SERVING GROUP 2 ~ Glyndon**

Serving Group 2 will be responsible for January, February & March. Take time to check the date or dates that you would be willing to serve goodies after church on Sunday mornings. We will also be responsible for serving other events that come up—lunches, special events, and funerals. Thank you for your willingness to serve our Lord & our church family—it is much appreciated. Any questions, contact Lori Pender. Thank you!

#### Chocolate Tips and Facts:

^If you get melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.

^Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

^Problem: How to get 2 pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car. Solution: Eat it in the parking lot.

^Diet tip: Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It'll take the edge off your appetite and you'll eat less.

^A nice box of chocolates provides your total daily intake of calories in one place. Isn't that handy?

'If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat all your chocolate, it may be a sign of a deeper problem. 'If calories are an issue, store your chocolate on top of the fridge. Calories are afraid of heights, and they will jump out of the chocolate to protect themselves.

^Equal amounts of dark chocolate and white chocolate is a balanced diet.

^Two phrases: Money talks. Chocolate sings.

^The preservatives in chocolate make you look younger.

^Q. Why is there no such organization as *Chocoholics Anonymous*?

A. Because no one wants to quit.

^Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done.

#### **Glyndon Evening**

Evening WMF met on Tuesday, December 17th at Janet Boe's home for our Bible study, meeting and Christmas Party. 8 lovely ladies were present.

We started with a wonderful potluck followed by our last Bible study in our book for the year and then on to our meeting.

Janet opened our Bible study with prayer, and led our study and meeting.

Secretary and treasurer's reports were given and accepted. Old business:

~ The puzzle party we had in November was a great success, everyone had a great time! We collected \$300 for Hurricane victims. There were 10 teams who competed, with a prize for 1st, 2nd and perseverance team awarded. We had a lovely dessert and Chanyce Dahl gave us a fantastic devotional.

#### New Business:

- New Bible study book was chosen, we will be doing a study in the book of John by Vicki Johnson.
- ~ \$50.00 given to home missions
- ~ \$50.00 Love offering given

Prayer requests were given and prayed over.

Our next meeting will be on January 21st at 7:00pm at Luci Carlson's home.

Respectfully submitted by Coco Geray, Secretary

#### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

When in sorrow, call John 14 When men fail you, call Psalm 27 If you want to be fruitful, call John 15 When you have sinned, call Psalm 51 When you are in danger, call Matthew 6:19-34 When God seems far away, call Psalm 139 When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrews 11 When you are lonely and fearful, call Psalm 23 When you grow bitter and critical, call 1 Corinthians 13 For Paul's secret to happiness, call Colossians 3:12-17 For idea of Christianity, call 2 Corinthians 5:5-19 When you feel down and out call Romans 8:1-30 When you leave home for labor or travel, call Psalm 121 When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, call Psalm 67 For a great invention/opportunity, call Isaiah 55 When you want courage for a task, call Joshua 1 How to get along with fellow men, call Romans 12 When you think of investments/returns, call Mark 10 If you are depressed, call Psalm 27 If your pocketbook is empty, call Psalm 37

# Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon, MN Council Meeting

December 11. 2024, 8:00pm

Present: Cliff Langerud, Bruce Smith, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Kristine Quanbeck, Todd Rasmussen, Glenn Urlacher, Jake Pender, Art Welle, Mary Langerud, and Alyssa Johnson

Cliff opened the meeting with devotion and prayer. Secretary's report of November meeting minutes was read by Alyssa. No corrections nor additions to the Secretary's report. Stand approved as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Kristine. Reported November 2024 contributions as \$25,291 and expenditures of \$22,449. General fund balance \$36,236 (target \$60K). Thanksgiving Eve offering given to General Fund.

#### **Board Reports:**

- ☐ Finance –Todd
  - o Good progress toward Furnace Fund
- ☐ Trustees Jake
  - o Jeff Ehrichs replaced older furnaces' blower motors
  - o Jay Buchfink to look at sound in kitchen and cry room
  - o Nardini coming to service fire extinguishers
  - o New phones installed
- ☐ Worship & Music –Mary
  - o Food drive donations of \$415.77 and 489.5 lbs.
  - o Caroling went well 9 homes, sang to 13 people, and 26 singers; Penders donated their bus for the event
- ☐ Education Brittany (read by Jake)
  - o Christmas program 12/15 11am
  - o Cotton candy for Christmas program
  - o Scheduling 2025 VBS
- ☐ Deacons Glenn
  - o Pulpit coverage 12/29 will be Pastor Nick
  - o Visitation support for Pastor Lloyd
- o Board to determine recipient of Christmas Eve service

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offering

- ☐ Pastor Report Pastor Lloyd
  - o November adult Sunday school series started
  - o Visitation included communion to four shut-in congregation members
  - o 2025 FLY: 25 youth signed up, need 7 or 8 adult chaperones; bus/hotels lined up

Old Business: None

#### **New Business:**

- ☐ January Council meeting 1/15/2025 at 7pm
- □ Board reports for January annual meeting due to Rhonda by 1/13/2025

Pastor Lloyd closed the meeting in prayer.

Motion to adjourn made by Glenn, seconded by Kristine Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson, Secretary



# GLYNDON LIBRARY— BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR JANUARY

<u>ADULT FICTION</u>: For every marriage that takes an unexpected turn, Sally John's 'Side Roads' series

includes: #1 Ransomed Dreams

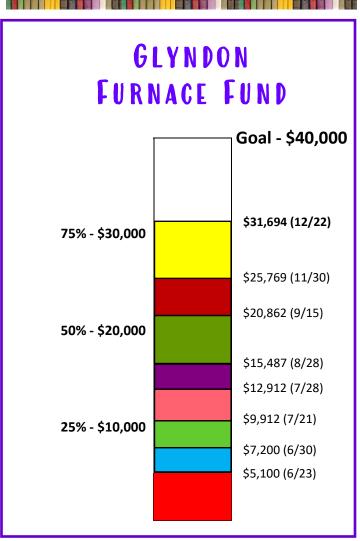
#2 Desert Gift #3 Heart Echoes

**ADULT NON-FICTION:** Explore the people that surrounded Jesus on his earthly ministry.

- The Family of Jesus
- The Friends of Jesus

Written by Karen Kingsbury. Emotional, powerful, thought-provoking; these books will shed new light on God's Word.





# Maranatha News

JANUARY 2025

## FROM NIKKI EHRICHS...

Acceptance and tolerance: we hear these words a lot in today's day and age. While there is obviously a time and place for acceptance and tolerance, our culture is putting a lot of pressure on acceptance and tolerance of ideas and behaviors that are, at best, alarming. To question these absurd notions or ideas that are completely contrary to what the Bible says is true often gets a person labeled as prejudice and narrowminded. Caught between a rock and a hard place.

In Senior High Sunday School, we have been looking at the letters to the churches in the book of Revelation. The pressure to compromise with regards to sin is not new. Christians were facing similar problems then too, to be accepting and tolerant of immorality, or at least compromise and relax the rules just a little. Yet in each instance Jesus calls them out on it, implores them to repent, and to make no concessions for sin. Acceptance and tolerance are not for sin. They are for people.

But how do we, as believers, live this out? How do we love people the way Jesus commanded us to and yet stand up for what we believe is right and wrong? In John 1:14 it says, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." That last phrase is beyond remarkable in and of itself. Jesus is described here as "full of grace AND truth". Both. And we can see that in reading the gospels. For example, Jesus with the woman caught in adultery, those who brought her wanted her stoned. Jesus responds with compassion and grace to her, yet he sends her on her way with this "Go now, and leave your life of sin." (John 8:11) He doesn't excuse her sin, sugar coat it, or sweep it under the rug. Grace AND truth. We are to love sinners like Jesus did, despite their sin. But by no means are we to pretend that sin is inconsequential. I once had someone say to me, "We shouldn't judge people, Jesus loved everyone, and accepts them no matter what they are. He associated with all sorts of people, even prostitutes." I agree, he did. Absolutely. But nowhere in scripture can I find where Jesus condones sin. Nor does he apologize for the truth, neither should we. But people do not care what you know until they know you care. Jesus spoke the truth in love, with grace. We need to do the same.

