



### Christmas Eve Worship Service

Monday, December 24th

**Candle Light Service with  
Holy Communion 5:00 p.m.**

#### Poinsettias

If you would like to bring a poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary, please do so by Wednesday, December 19th.

### Advent Festival

When: Wednesday, December 5 from 5-8pm  
 Swedish Meatball Dinner beginning at 5:15pm in Fellowship Hall  
 Worship at 6:15 in Sanctuary  
 Crafts for all ages from 5-6:15 and 7-8 in Fellowship Hall  
 Advent Bible Study from 7-8 in Fellowship Hall

### Advent Christmas Program and Breakfast

Please join us on **Sunday, December 2nd** for this year's Advent Christmas Program, Worship and Breakfast!

**9:00 a.m.** Worship with Children's Christmas Program

**10:00 a.m.** Cinnamon Rolls and Coffee Fundraiser for GLC Youth  
 Cinnamon Rolls, Milk, Juice & Coffee

*(Rehearsal will take place on December 1st from 10:30-12:00 p.m. at GLC)*

### Christmas Caroling! EVERYONE IS INVITED!

What better way to spread Christmas cheer than by sharing in a time of caroling. We invite you to join us on **Sunday, December 2nd**, following the Advent Christmas Program. **We will gather at 11:30 a.m. in the Triple Room** for Christmas Caroling at Eventide followed by lunch at Pizza Ranch.

This is a great opportunity to get to know other members of the congregation. It is also a great way to get the little ones involved!

A bus will be provided for transportation and this can be used as a servant event for current 7th through 9th grade students.

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## **A Note from Pastor Kayla**

Entering into this season, we find ourselves immersed in the busyness of purchasing gifts for many of our loved ones, but we also find ourselves desiring to give. As I sit here writing this article on a day that has become known as Giving Tuesday, I am seeing many people lift up organizations that they support along with an ask to also support that organization.

Here at Glyndon Lutheran, we are currently collecting items for the New Life Center, for REACH and for the DGF Toy and Clothing Drive, while also collecting both food and monetary donations for the food pantry and Christmas baskets that will go out in just a few weeks.

All of these asks, likely come with some wonderment about who is being supported and what is being done with the money or items that are collected. This month, with it being a busy month in the food pantry, we thought it would be a great time to share some of what happens with the Glyndon Community Food Pantry.

### **Who receives food from the food pantry and how often?**

The food pantry is open for all residents of Clay County. Each household is permitted once a month to come and receive a food basket.

### **What is in the food basket?**

The food basket is simply a supplemental source of food. For a family of 6, the following items and quantities are given: 1 bottle of juice, 6 cans of fruit, 14 cans of vegetables, 3 cans of pork and beans, 3 cans of tuna, 2 canned meals with meat, 1 peanut butter, 5 soup, 3 pasta packages, 1 cereal, 2 spaghetti sauce, 6 mac and cheese boxes, 2 hamburger/tuna helper, 2 rice-a-roni or pasta-roni, 1 sleeve of crackers, 3 jello or pudding, 1 cake or muffin mix, 1 oatmeal container, 1 flour, 1 sugar, 1 pancake mix and 1 syrup.

We also do our best to have some baby food, formula and rice cereal on hand when we know that there are families with infants who could use that assistance.

### **What happens if people need more assistance?**

Should someone come in needing more assistance than the once a month food basket we offer, we are happy to offer a referral to the emergency food pantry or other places that support the type of resource they need.

### **What is the best way to offer support?**

We are always grateful for donations of the items found in the list above; however, we also understand that sometimes people feel it is easier to give money. That is also a great way to help and offers us a way to buy things that we are in need of when we find our supply low.

If you have any questions about the food pantry or would like me to do a similar response for some other ministry area, please let me know.

*Blessings to you this Advent, Pastor Kayla*

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## **Amazon Smile**

This holiday season, support Glyndon Lutheran Church while shopping on Amazon. By simply going to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and selecting Glyndon Lutheran Church as your organization, 0.5% of all qualifying purchases is donated back to the church. For more information or if you have questions, feel free to contact Pastor Kayla or Kris.

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## **Please help the New Life Center this Christmas season!**

Consider donating new items to give away as presents on Christmas Day.

Un-wrapped new gifts include: men's thermal underwear (tops and bottoms), white undershirts, crew socks (white or colored), boxers/briefs, thermal and work gloves. ***All items should be put in the red bin near the back of the sanctuary by December 9th.***

## Over Coffee with Kris

As I mentioned in my November newsletter article, I am trying to make changes in my life that will help make the important things in life more central and try to live an overall healthier and more balanced life. I listened to Jen Hatmaker's book "Seven: an experimental mutiny against excess" this past year on Audible, a "book on tape" app on my phone, and I was convicted. I invited people to join me online and read and "live into" the book with me and had a better response than I had imagined. So, I read the Introduction and Chapter One: Food this past month. Here are some insights that I got:

In the introduction, Hatmakers lays out why she "needed" to do 7. She said that she had substituted The American Dream for God's kingdom. This was her "journey of less...to purge the junk and pare down to what is necessary, what is noble... to create space for God's kingdom to break through." So, Hatmaker starts a fast, "a fast creates margin for God to move. Temporarily changing our routine of comfort jars us off high center." I appreciate how Jen says that her prayer was "Jesus, may there be less of me and my junk and more of You and Your kingdom." Amen, Jen, that is my prayer too.

Then we come to Chapter One, the fast of food. At this point I was having a difficult time figuring out what to do. Justin was wary of me reducing an already restricted diet with how I am eating on Profile. I had my dad help me come up with ideas of what I could do. In the book, Jen ate only chicken, eggs, whole-wheat bread, sweet potatoes, spinach, avocados, and apples for an entire month. With the book/Bible study, Hatmaker suggests doing each fast for a week. With my Profile diet and my dad's help, we settled on chicken, eggs, cheese, spinach, cauliflower, broccoli, and my Profile food. One big change I was going to do was to give up coffee; I am seriously addicted to coffee. I started the no-coffee on a Saturday, knowing that it was going to be painful, and I had my Middle School Gathering coming up. Uff da, my headaches were bad, but I went nine days without any coffee or caffeine. I made it through my entire Middle School Gathering that I am the coordinator for without any caffeine. It was quite interesting to watch the rest of the LYO Board go through the highs and crashes of caffeine. Yes, I was tired, but I was grateful that I was not "needing" caffeine to make it. I have had a couple of cups of coffee since, but I do not have coffee every morning anymore, and I feel better for it. I do wish that I would have read the Bible Study/guide that comes with the book, because I really liked the alternatives to the seven foods that Hatmaker shared:

Cut out seven ingredients. For instance, no foods with high fructose corn syrup, caffeine, sugar, white flour, alcohol, food dye, and/or partially hydrogenated oil.

No fast food or processed food; only whole foods.

Feel burdened by a specific country. Eat their simple diet for seven days.

Eat the same simple breakfast, lunch, and dinner everyday.

Eliminate seven favorite go-to foods.

Eat what you already have; no grocery shopping. Figure out how to use freezer, pantry, and fridge ingredients you've already bought.

Cut your weekly grocery budget in half. Experience more deliberate, simple eating and give the savings away.

Fast entirely from one meal a day, creating seven opportunities to pray and diligently seek Jesus.

In the guide Hatmaker goes into deep detail about fasts in the Bible. There were few rules for what you should fast from, just mainly that you are to fast as an inward way to worship, and to not "show off" (check out 2 Chronicles 20:1-30 for more about fasts). Also, in the study, Hatmaker dives deep into what the Bible says about food; clean and unclean, how God said to the first man "I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the surface of the entire earth and every tree whose fruit contains seed. This will be food for you" (Genesis 1:29). And then the rules of clean and unclean food in Leviticus 11. Hatmaker says that the rules that God gave us around food are for our health, and you know what, it makes sense.

So, that was my month one experiment, follow along on my journey, next month it is clothes. We will see how that goes!

*Blessings to you, Kristina Dernier*

**Esther Circle**

December 13th at 12:00 p.m.  
 Potluck—Christmas Goodies  
 Hostess: Pat Hemmah

**Mary Circle**

December 18th at 5:30 p.m.  
 Potluck—Gift Exchange  
 Hostess: Sally Tanner

**Servant Schedule for December**

**Sunday, December 2nd**

Acolytes: Josie Cutler and Danika Schlichting  
 Ushers: Cutler and Schlichting Families  
 Coffee Servers: GLC Youth Roll Fundraiser

**Sunday, December 9th**

Acolytes: Thomas Thureen and Grace Anderson  
 Reader:

Communion Assistants: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Ushers: Thomas Thureen Family  
 Coffee Servers: Grace Anderson & Family

**Wednesday, December 12th**

Acolytes: Joseph Arends and Ava Leach

**Sunday, December 16th**

Acolytes: Sam Senske and Isaac Dally  
 Reader: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Assistants: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Ushers: Sam Senske Family  
 Coffee Servers: Isaac Dally Family

**Wednesday, December 19th**

Acolytes: Austin Illg & Sienna Ambuehl

**Sunday, December 23rd**

Acolyte: Ava Leach  
 Ushers: Ava Leach Family

Communion Assistants: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

**Monday, December 24th @ 5pm**

Acolyte: Danika Schlichting  
 Communion Assistants: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Ushers: Schlichting Family

**Sunday, December 30th**

Acolyte: Shelby Fortier  
 Communion Assistants: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ushers: Fortier Family

**Stewardship Workday  
 December 4th, 2018**

Sun	Mon
<b>2 ADVENT PROGRAM</b> 9:00 Worship w/ Children's Program 10:00 Rolls and Coffee 11:30 Caroling at Eventide and Pizza Ranch	3
9 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 PreK-4th FF Adult Bible Study 11:30—3:30 9th Gr Confirmation	10
16 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 PreK-4 FF Adult Bible Study	17 6:15 Council
23 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 5:00 Candlelight Worship
30 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship	31 FINAL DAY FOR 2018 GIVING

**Save the Date:**

**Family Ski Day to Andes Tower Hills**

**Sunday, January 20th**

More information to come in the weekly emails and  
 January's newsletter.

# December 2018

<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
				1 Children's Christmas Program Practice 10:30-12:00
4 9:00 Stewardship Workday	5 <b>ADVENT FESTIVAL</b> 3:15 Faith Formation 5-6 5:15 Meal/Crafts 6:15 Worship 7:00 Advent Study/Crafts	6 7:40 High School Bible Study	7	8
11	12 3:15 Faith Formation 5-6 5:15 Meal 5:45 Faith Formation PreK-4th 6:15 Worship 7:00 Faith Formation 7-8	13 7:40 High School Bible Study 12:00 Esther Circle	14	15
18 5:30 Mary Circle	19 3:15 Faith Formation 5-6 5:15 Meal 5:45 Faith Formation PreK-4th 6:15 Worship 7:00 Faith Formation 7-8	20 7:30 High School Pancakes	21	22
25 <b>Christmas Day</b> OFFICE CLOSED	26	27	28	29
1 <b>New Year's Day</b> OFFICE CLOSED				

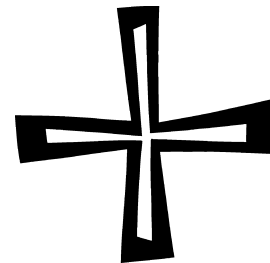
## Income & Expense

### Funds Available (as of November 29th, 2018)

General Fund	\$ -6,821.77
Designated Funds:	
Debit Card	\$ 326.74
Food Pantry	\$ 1,577.89
Sunday School	\$ 209.63
Memorials	\$ 1,329.50
Children's Ministry	\$10,205.87
Youth Bible Camp	\$ 1,434.83
Mission Possible Bucket	\$ 758.12
Adult Ed/Cont. Ed	\$ 1,418.46
Improvements	\$ 487.09 Tables
	\$ 184.22 Acoustics
	\$11,254.98 Windows
Misc.	\$ 250.00

**[our extended family]**

Iris Barta, *Senior Apartments on Riverside Drive*  
 Duane Baker, *Riverview Place, Fargo*  
 Lois Muhle, *Eventide Linden Tree, Moorhead*  
 Marilyn Lass, *Eventide Linden Tree, Moorhead*



**SAVE THE DATE! Senior High Youth Gathering**

**When:** Saturday, January 12th and Sunday, January 13th

**Where:** Luther Crest Bible Camp, Alexandria, MN

**Who:** All current 9th through 12th Grade Students

**Cost:** \$155 if signed up by 12/19 or \$175 if after 12/19

**What's included:** All Meals, Lodging, Transportation, Registration and a T-Shirt

**\*\*Counts as a worship experience**

## Memorials, Prayers, and Birthdays

### Memorials

#### General Fund:

**In Memory of Jim Litch**, from Michael Anstadt, Bev Anstadt

**In Memory of Jim Norman**, from Pat and Maynard Hemmah, Tom and Linda Pavola, Pauline Litch, Keith and Lorraine Langseth, Don and Alvina Lein, Ione Diiro, Dan and Sandy Skolness,

**In Memory of Shirley Nappe**, from Tom and Shari Watt, Duane Baker

**In Memory of Quincy Bleick**, from Brady and Shelby Bleick

**In Memory of Jeff Anstadt**, from Michael Anstadt, Bev Anstadt

**In Memory of Mona Langlie**, from Pauline Litch

**In Memory of Peggy Holte**, from Darlene Sandal, Russell Bekkerus, Linda Wilkie

**In Memory of Bill Bolin**, from Pauline Litch

#### Quilters Fund:

**In Memory of Jim Norman** from Mary Larson

**In Memory of Nona Prunty** from Keith and Lorraine Langseth

#### Window Fund:

**In Memory of Ken Muhle**, from Roger & Shirleen Wyland

#### Harvest Supper:

**In Memory of Jim Norman**, from Archie and Sally Tanner

#### Memorial Fund:

**In Memory of Ken Muhle**, from Lois Muhle, Laurine Muhle, L Jensen, Shirley Wear, Geraldine Payne, Leroy Babolian, Russ and Lois Bekkerus

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### Christmas Baskets

Collection for the Holiday baskets is now taking place.

*All items are needed at the church by December 19th* as Christmas baskets will be distributed on December 20th.

The following items are needed:

Turkey, 5 lb. bag of potatoes, pie (apple or pumpkin), pancake mix, syrup, Jiffy Cornbread mix, canned corn.

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### December Birthdays

1	Archie Tanner	20	Warren Sunde
2	Joseph Arends, Cammy Busta, Alexander Pavola	21	Emma Ellingson, Jack Ellingson
4	Mackenzie Geiser, Katie Henriksen	22	Jackson Arneson, Garrett Barbee, Ron Labrensz
5	Annika Fuchs, Rylan Swenson	23	Kemp Lass
7	Kimberly Anderson, Lois Wyland	24	Curtis Askelson
8	Linda Bakken	25	Braxton Perron
9	Tracy Tollefson	27	Sara Anderson, Duane Baker, Steele Senske
10	Cody Meyer	28	Amy Andersen, Ava Leach
11	Nancy Heuer	30	Hailey Knutson
12	Josie Cutler, Chris Hellerud, Taylor Illg, Carly Tweeton	31	Amanda Olson
13	Jacob Arends, Michael Fuchs, Jane Fuchs,		
14	Jordyn Fischer		
15	Kevin Anderson, Samantha Henriksen, Irene Lass, Olivia Ranz		
16	Austin Illg		
17	Lauryn Brenna		
18	Mark Anderson, Kristen Tweeton		

*Happy Birthday!*

## Council Report

### Glyndon Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – Approved Electronically October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 6:15 p.m.

**Members Present:** Pastor Kayla Billings, Deb Tollefson, TJ Hopkins, Cindy Henriksen, Kim Anderson, Esther Ellingson, and Kristina Dernier

**Devotions** were led by Deb Tollefson on worry, see Matthew 6:34

**Prayer**

**GLC's Mission Statement**

Glyndon Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community church, nurturing the faith of all generations.

**Secretary's Report-**

Report was reviewed. No changes or additions.

Motion to approve: Kim Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>: TJ Hopkins, motion carried

**Treasurer's Report**

As of 10/16 we are have a balance of \$-2074

Note about Vanco, we pay a service fee per transaction, this will be announced when we do stewardship work. There is talk about doing a fun "As Seen On TV" sort of video to encourage people to use Simply Giving.

Motion to approve: TJ Hopkins 2<sup>nd</sup>: Deb Tollefson, motion carried

**Pastor's Report**

Report was reviewed. No additions or changes.

Heard a lot of positive feedback about the Gospel according to Disney sermon series.

Also, a thank you note will be sent to Dale Geiser thanking him for the reduced labor rate putting in the window in the food pantry.

**Family Minister's Report**

Report was reviewed. No additions or changes.

**Topics of Discussion**

1. Insurance

Pastor Kayla researched the differences between the current policy (Gold Plus) and the next comparable policy (Silver Plus B). The main difference is in Silver Plus B there is no prescription coverage, but Glyndon would contribute to an HAS.

Pastor Kayla and Kristina requested to remain at Gold Plus

Cindy moved to have the church remain at Gold Plus for the Billings family and Kristina. 2<sup>nd</sup> by TJ. Motion carried.

2. Upcoming Events

Trunk or Treat, October 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00-7:00

We need more "trunks", people to decorate their cars and pass candy.

There will be hot dogs, chips and cider to purchase as well.

Thank you to Janet M and Cindy H for heading up this fun and new event

Harvest Supper, Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

Sign-ups are coming along, as is the envelope fundraiser. We can always use more of both.

Thank you TJ for applying for a Thrivent Grant to help defer the cost of supplies.

Confirmation

The banquet will be Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 with worship being at 7:00, all are invited.

The Affirmation of Baptism/Rite of Confirmation will be Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 worship service.

Advent Fun

The Advent Program (in lieu of a Christmas Program) will be Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> during the 9:00 am worship service. Christmas Caroling at Eventide will be Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30  
Advent Festival will be Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00, dinner and worship will be in the basement.



## Council Report Continued

### 3. Properties Update

Everything from the September list has been fixed.

There will be investigative work on the leaking at the bottom of the ramp/doorway into the fellowship hall. We will clean the carpet up there.

All of the lights are being switched to “day light” bulbs. The sanctuary will be next.

There will be a bit of investigative work done on insurance policies to see if we can get the same coverage at a better rate.

### 4. Foundation Update

Ron Labrenz has started the paperwork to add Karan Ambuehl to the Foundation Account.

TJ will bring the needed paperwork to Karan to continue the process.

### 5. UCC Church

The UCC Church (on the other side of the railroad tracks) does not have a pastor anymore, their sharing with Hawley Methodist has discontinued.

Members of the UCC Church has reached out to Pastor Kayla to see if she would be willing to preach/lead worship.

The UCC Church would move their worship to 8:00, so it would not impact worship here at GLC.

Pastor Kayla would be expected to handle their pastoral care load and officiate any funerals that would come up. The members of the UCC Church are excited about the idea of joining GLC for Adult Education opportunities.

Pastor Kayla will take some time this week to see if this is something that she wants to do and to connect with the UCC Church on a timeline.

Kristina will preach/lead worship the few times Pastor Kayla would be gone.

### 6. Office Manager

Lois Blattenbauer has put in her two weeks’ notice, and will be done working for Glyndon Lutheran, Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Deb Tollefson will ask Linda Pavola to see if she would be willing to fill in during the interim, while the Council works on a job description and posting.

The two main areas that need to be covered in the interim is offering and food pantry. Starting in November we will uphold the policies established by the church council that the food pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00-3:00. And we will uphold the policies established for money handling established by the church council of having two people count. We will work on these details after Lois’ time is done.

Lois Blattenbauer will be removed from the Glyndon Lutheran Youth Credit Card and Youth Debit Card. Kim Anderson will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> signer with Kristina Dernier, effective October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Lois Blattenbauer will be removed from the Glyndon Lutheran Church Debit Card. Deb Tollefson and Pastor Kayla Billings will be the signers, effective October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Lois reached out to Deb and TJ requesting her daughter Madison’s fundraising funds to be sent to camp. This is not precedence, but Kristina was unsure about an actual policy. Kristina will do research and let the council know what she finds out.

With scheduling, Lois’ farewell, will be Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Kayla, Deb and Kristina will work on the details.

### Lord’s Prayer

**Next Meeting—Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm**

Respectfully submitted: Kristina Elise Dernier

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*Worship with us...*

*Sundays at 9 a.m.*

*Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.*



**Office Hours:**

Tuesdays & Thursdays

12-3 p.m.