



Happy new year 2026 AD!

I'll start by sharing a fun fact I usually tell the faith formation kids in January: it's a common misconception that AD stands for "after death" since BC is "Before Christ". But! AD stands for Anno Domini, which is Latin for "in the year of our Lord", which starts at the birth of Jesus.

2026 is shaping up to be a big year for GLC. We've had a joint call committee meeting with DLC, and our next meeting to post our site profile will be January 6th. We're hopeful that candidates will find our joint opening attractive and apply quickly. A few things to keep in mind:

1. Even if we get applicants quickly, the interviewing process can take time, and unless someone is already living locally or doesn't have a current job to exit, it can take time before a Pastor fully "starts"
2. The goal has been and will continue to be for Dilworth to make the official "call" of the Pastor, and GLC will contract for services with DLC for a half-time pastor role.
3. Dilworth has generously offered to cover 60% of the total compensation, with GLC covering 40%.
4. Any new Pastor will be half-time. The goal is to have he or she cover 3-4 worship services a month (each for Sun/Wed), but we'll still need to find pulpit supply or other solutions for at least 1 week a month. For several years we've been operating on a half-pastor pulpit supply basis, so it's likely that operations will continue as we've come to find "normal".

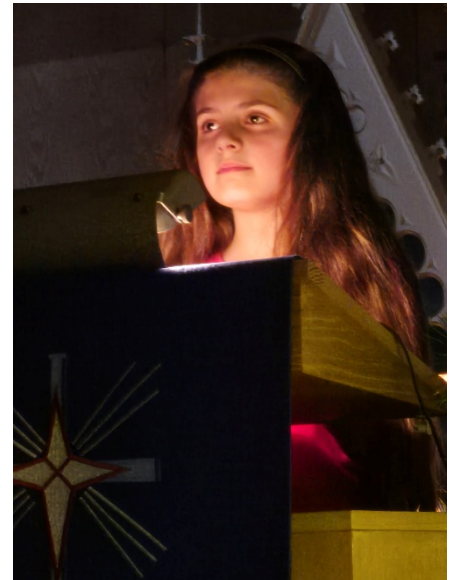
Personally, I'm excited about the opportunity to regain consistency with our Pastor. We've been lucky to have long-term fill-ins like Rod and Kyle, but a called Pastor will be a great step.

I'm also excited about the Annual Meeting. Please, pretty please from the bottom of my pinky toes, come to the meeting so we can get quorum. We unfortunately spend almost just as much time getting quorum as we do on the actual meeting, so please attend so we can get started quickly. We will have a zoom link so you can join from your phone on your couch or in the car (passenger) if needed. It should take less than 20-30 minutes.

Lastly, please meaningfully consider joining the council. There are at-large positions open this year (2-year terms), and we meet once a month with occasional emails between. If you've never done it before, please consider being fair to those who repeatedly volunteer. We're all busy. You have time. [Steps off soapbox]

Thank you! And happy year of our Lord, 2026! *TJ Hopkins*

Welcoming Baby Jesus



Reader: Leah

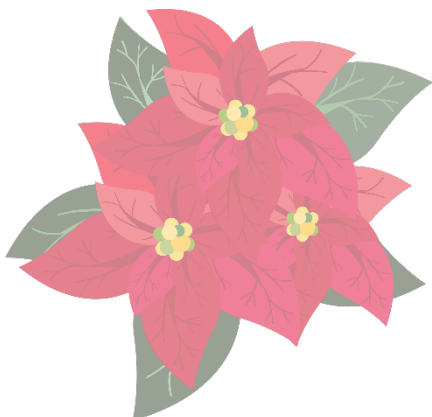


*No room at the inn.
Baby Jesus is born.
Only a manger for bed.
Angels appear to
shepherds who come to
see the baby.
Wise men arrive with gifts
for Jesus' birth.*



Joseph & Mary: Henry & Charlie

Confirmation readers: Sienna, Kinley, and Ava



Christmas pageant leader:
Marilyn Labrensz
Christmas pianist:
Mavis Tjon



Wise Men:
Griffin, Luke &
Braxton

Angels:
Harper & Peyton
(not pictured)

Joseph & Mary:
Henry & Charlie

Lamb:
Charlee

Shepherds:
Easten, Adam,
Ben & Harvey

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*Our values: Respect Everyone
Honesty | Community | Faith*

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Glyndon Lutheran
Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 18th

Financials



As of November		Year to date
General offering	\$5,512	\$94,678
Designated offering	\$ 190	\$ 2,215
Other revenue	\$ 0	\$ 2,068
Total revenue	\$ 6,002	\$98,961
General expenses	\$6,317	\$87,207
Designated expenses	\$ 211	\$ 3,564
Total expenses	\$ 6,528	\$90,771

If you have questions about the financials, Ron Labrensz, church treasurer, would be happy to answer them. You can talk to any council member about suggestions and ideas for them to bring to the full council.



On your phone, take a picture of the QR code. Follow the link to give to Glyndon Lutheran. Or click on this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4P9/home>

Glyndon Lutheran Food Pantry helps more than 40 families each month. Here are items that will help our neighbors:

- ☐ Rice (1 pound bags)
- ☐ Pasta sauce
- ☐ Cake mixes
- ☐ Brownie mixes
- ☐ Pie filling
- ☐ Soup
- ☐ Laundry soap



Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are homebound: Ida Anderson, Esther Schreiner, Lois Bekkerus, Charlotte Fischer, LeRoy Babolian and Darlene Sandal

Those diagnosed with cancer, long-term illness or undergoing treatment: Bob Kinnen, Romaine Andel, Larry Fiala, Cheri Keller, Wanda Peterson, Joan Stenerson, and Curt Tjon



Wednesday, Dec. 31st, will be Deb Kinnen's last day as our church office manager. We are so grateful for your generous service to our church. We have appreciated all of your work to keep our congregation organized and the church clean. We wish you all the very best in doing whatever is next for you!

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 9 am Worship 10 Fellowship	5	6	7 5 Family potluck 5:30 7 th – 9 th confirmation 5:45 Faith Formation 6:15 Worship	8 4-6 pm Food Pantry	9	10
11 9 am Worship 10 Fellowship	12	13 11 am – 1 pm Food Pantry	14 5 Family supper PIZZA 5:45 Faith Formation 6:15 Worship	15	16	17
18 9 am Worship 10 Annual Meeting Fellowship	19	20	21 5 Family supper 5:30 7 th & 8 th confirmation 5:45 Faith Formation 6:15 Worship	22 4-6 pm Food Pantry	23	24
25 9 am Worship 10 Fellowship	26	27 11 am – 1 pm Food Pantry	28 5 Family supper PIZZA 5:30 7 th & 8 th confirmation 5:45 Faith Formation 6:15 Worship	29	30	31

Food Pantry Patrons: If you cannot come during the hours listed, please call the office (218) 498-2368. A volunteer will contact you.

January Birthdays



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Kyle Olson	3 Jay Fortier Morgan Fortier
4 Pauline Litch	5 Bo Tollefson Devon Tollefson Cody Tollefson	6 Benjamin Henriksen Trudi Rehn	7	8 Locki Carlson	9 Rory Doll	10 Lydia Gilbert
11	12	13	14 Kaitlyn McClaflin	15 Sandra Anton Ryder Hed	16	17 Anna Smith
18 Marilyn Labrensz	19 Keith Langseth David Trickle	20	21 Eric Behrens	22	23 Erick Dally	24 Andrew Busta Madison Geiser
25	26 Sheila Madson	27 Alan Tollagson	28	29 Becky Cutler	30 Tharemy Hopkins	31 Joan Jacobson