



Help Keep Our Grounds Beautiful: Mowing Spots Remaining!

Glyndon Lutheran Church relies on volunteers to keep our church grounds looking their absolute best all summer long. A few spots remain on our schedule, and we would love to welcome you to the lawn care team!

How You Can Help:

- **Flexible Commitments:** Choose just one week that fits your schedule.
- **Flexible Timing:** Mow anytime Wednesday through Saturday so everything looks pristine for Sunday services.
- **Options:** Sign up for the Large North Lot, the Church Lot/Trimming, or both!
- **Note:** Volunteers bring their own equipment and are asked to lift/replace downspouts and hoses around the building.

Ready to Sign Up?

Secure your week online at bit.ly/Mow2026, or contact the church office at (218) 498-2368 to be added to the schedule.

Final Call: Concession & Bake Sale Spots Open This Weekend!

Glyndon Days is this weekend! A few critical openings remain for our GLC Concession Stand and Bake Sale this Saturday, August 8. This is a vital fundraiser for our church, and we need your help to fill the final gaps.

Please check the online sign-up sheets to see where you can plug in:

- **Donate Items:** We still need chips and homemade baked goods. Drop off baking on Friday, August 7, or Saturday morning.
- **Volunteer Shifts:** Openings remain between 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM.

How to Sign Up:

Click the links here or call the church office at (218) 498-2368 to claim a spot. Thank you for helping us cross the finish line!

👉 [Click Here to Donate Supplies or Baked Goods](#)

👉 [Click Here to Register for a Volunteer Shift](#)

A Look Ahead: Wednesday Worship Resumes Sept. 9th!

Our Wednesday evening worship schedule will officially resume on Wednesday, September 9th. We hope you have had a wonderful summer filled with lake adventures, baseball games, and relaxing vacations. The church building has been far too quiet, and we cannot wait to see our worship space filled with your faces and voices once again.

As we transition into this next season, we also want to send our warmest blessings and best wishes to all of the students, teachers, and families preparing to begin a new school year!

Generous Estate Gift Blesses Glyndon Lutheran Church

We are profoundly grateful to announce that Glyndon Lutheran Church has received a sizable estate gift of **\$687,500** from the family of the late **LaVerne (Larson) Halverson**, daughter of **Fred and Maybelle Larson**. Her roots ran deep in our church history. She attended and later taught Sunday School, participated in Luther League, and was married here at GLC. She fiercely believed everything she had was a blessing from God, and she wanted to give back as an act of gratitude.

This unexpected blessing is a wonderful answer to prayer for our congregation, providing much-needed stability as we continue our vital community outreach programs, food pantry, youth backpack program, and multi-generational faith formation.

Flexibility and Immediate Safeguards

To ensure our congregation remains fully informed, the Church Council wishes to share the legal status and immediate handling of these funds:

- **No Strings Attached:** LaVerne's gift was legally left to the church as an unrestricted gift. GLC has flexibility to use the funds in any manner.
- **Immediate Protection:** To keep this capital completely secure while long-term plans are being evaluated, the funds have already been deposited across **multiple FDIC-insured savings accounts**. This ensures the money is perfectly safe and earning interest, while remaining fully liquid and not prematurely locked down.

Financial Context

While a gift of this size is staggering, looking at our annual numbers helps put it into perspective:

- **Current Financial Standing:** Thanks to careful stewardship, GLC is not currently operating at a financial deficit. However, our annual operating expenses are roughly **\$130,000**. If we simply spent the core gift to pay our bills, the money would be completely gone in just over six years.
- **Future:** Because we want to secure our church's presence for decades to come, the council is strongly considering setting aside a **significant portion of this gift into a long-term investment, such as an endowment**. This would generate interest to help support us in perpetuity. The exact split between long-term savings and other immediate needs has not yet been determined.

Pastoral Leadership and Ongoing Operations

This financial stability comes at an exciting transitional moment for our leadership and our shared ministries:

- **Welcoming Pastor Dorothee:** We are still in the exciting process of bringing on Pastor Dorothee, who will be starting very soon! She will serve as our part-time minister here at Glyndon Lutheran.
- **Honoring Shared Ministry:** As we welcome Pastor Dorothee, we fully intend to honor our memorandum of agreement with Dilworth Lutheran Church. This legacy gift strengthens our foundation, allowing us to be a healthier partner in our shared ministry.
- **Your Giving Matters:** Because our goal is to build a long-term anchor rather than a short-term spending account, our regular offerings and weekly gifts remain vital. We must continue to fund our \$130,000 operating budget through our faithful weekly giving so that our day-to-day ministries remain vibrant and self-sustaining.

A Note on Giving

We are immensely grateful for this large gift that will propel our ministry forward, but please know that gifts of every size are welcome, needed, and deeply appreciated. God knows our hearts and our circumstances; He cares about our willingness to share, not the number on a check. Whether large or small, every contribution matters to our church, and we thank you for giving out of your love for this community.

Next Steps and Council Discussions

There is absolutely no rush to make final decisions. This gift will be a central topic of discussion, evaluation, and voting at our next two to three council meetings, and likely beyond. The council is dedicated to a patient, prayerful, and deeply deliberate process to honor LaVerne's memory.

Please join us in celebrating LaVerne's beautiful legacy of faith, and please keep the Halverson and Larson families in your prayers as we step forward into this secure future together.

August Birthday Celebrations

Let's help these wonderful people celebrate another year of God's blessings! If you see them this month, be sure to wish them a **happy birthday** and help them celebrate their special day!

 **August 1** – Ben Hopkins

 **August 3** – Leo Andersen

 **August 6** – Susan Rude

 **August 6** – Justin Couchman

 **August 6** – Stella Fortier

 **August 9** – Carrie Couchman

 **August 10** – Shelby Fortier

 **August 11** – Mary Larson

 **August 11** – TamiLynn Fortier

 **August 12** – Joseph Schreiber

 **August 14** – Justin Taves

 **August 15** – Romyne Andel

 **August 15** – Karen Norman

 **August 15** – Evelina Messerschmidt

 **August 17** – Ryan Ambuehl

 **August 18** – Jaxon Ambuehl

 **August 19** – Alyvia Couchman

 **August 20** – Steeler Senske, Jr.

 **August 20** – Brooklyn Blickenstaff

 **August 21** – Kelly Richards

 **August 22** – Cassie McCreary

 **August 23** – Loretta Kinnen

 **August 27** – Brian Rames

 **August 29** – William (Bill) Reck

 **August 29** – Mark Halvorson

 **August 30** – Ranae Aakre

 **August 30** – Tiffany Richards

 **August 31** – Jerald Schumann

 **August 31** – Abby Cadwell

We'd Love to Pray for You

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

- **Philippians 4:6-7**

At Glyndon Lutheran Church, we believe deeply in the power of praying together. Whether you are celebrating a joyful milestone or walking through a difficult season, you are not alone—your church family is here to stand with you in faith and love.

How to Share a Prayer Request

To make sharing easy, you may submit your prayer requests by emailing office@glyndonlutheran.org.

GLC Prayer List: Baker Boll, Bernice Envik, Bob Kinnen, Charlotte Fischer, Cindy Kozojed, Darlene Sandal, Esther Schreiner, Ida Andersen, Joan Stenerson, Kevin Anderson, Larry Fiala, LeRoy Babolian, Lois Bekkerus, Marvel Jones, Norman Snyder, Romaine Andel, Theresa Nygaard, Tom Watt, and Wanda Peterson.

Faith in Focus

A look at the joy, fellowship, and life of Glyndon Lutheran

Share Your Story Through the Lens!

Did you snap a great photo at a recent church event, during fellowship, or maybe even a beautiful sunset over the church? We'd love to see it! Photos help tell the story of what God is doing in our community - from everyday moments to special celebrations.

 **How to Share:** Email your photos to office@glyndonlutheran.org

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our "Secret Angel"!

A beautiful transformation has taken place at our church entrance, and we want to extend a massive thank you to the anonymous volunteer behind it. Walking through the doors to find a spotless space, cozy new throw pillows, and a gorgeous new wall hanging has completely brightened both our building and our spirits.

Every single person entering the church has commented on how warm, welcoming, and wonderful the space feels now. Your quiet act of service has made a massive difference. Our entire church community is deeply grateful for your time, effort, and care. Bless you!



August 2026 — Glyndon Lutheran Church

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee
3	4 9:00 AM Quilting	5 6 pm GLC Youth selling pop & popcorn at UC Hope Bingo at Glyndon Community Center	6 4:00– 6:00 PM Food Pantry	7	8 9:30 – 2:30 Glyndon GLC Glyndon Days Concession Stand and Bake Sale	9 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee
10	11 11:00 AM– 1:00 PM Food Pantry	12	13	14	15	16 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee
17 6:15 pm Church Council	18 2:00 PM Mary Circle, hosted by Pauline Litch	19	20 4:00– 6:00 PM Food Pantry	21	22	23 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee
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Stay Connected with Glyndon Lutheran!

Want to stay in the loop with everything happening at Glyndon Lutheran Church? We'd love to keep you connected—wherever you are!

Follow Us on Facebook

Find the latest announcements, photos, and community updates on our

[Glyndon Lutheran Church Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/GlyndonLutheranChurch)

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Watch on YouTube

Can't join us in person? No problem! Catch up on worship services, sermons, and special moments anytime on the [Glyndon Lutheran Church YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/glyndonlutheran)

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Whether you're worshipping in the sanctuary or tuning in from home, we're glad you're part of our church family. **See you online!** 

Financial Update – General Fund Only

Balance as of April 30, 2026	\$40,793
Income	+\$5,755
Expenses	-\$6,685
Balance as of May 31, 2026	\$39,863

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>

Council members:

TJ Hopkins
Deb Langseth
Ron Labrensz
Shannon Powell
Amy Andersen
Bill Colbeth
Kelli Guhlke
Elizabeth Powell

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

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

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