

Annual Meeting Sunday, January 24th

As is stated in our Constitution, we are to hold the annual meeting in January. We will hold our Annual Meeting on **Sunday, January 24th** after the worship service. Your voice and vote are needed to accept the budget and help us set the direction of the church for the year to come. Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year. The Annual report will be available by January 10th either in paper form at the church or on our website. Please let Lois know if you would like to receive a copy of the report mailed to you (498-2368).



There will be a listening session on Wednesday, January 20th, after worship, to go over the agenda for the annual meeting.

Family Ski Day to Andes Tower Hills

Sunday, January 24th leaving the church (on Richard's Coach Bus) at 12:00 pm and returning back around 10:30 pm
 Cost: Lift Ticket and transportation \$30
 Rentals: Skis \$15, Snowboard \$25, Helmet \$8
 Young people 6th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Please bring extra money for the concessions at Andes, or bring your own food. We will stop in Fergus Falls for "fast food" on our way back.

Sign up by Wednesday, January 20th on Kris' Bulletin Board and get the needed permission slips.



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A Note from Pastor Kayla

Happy New Year!

Every year, as we approach the start of a new calendar year, we hear about the latest trends in New Year's resolutions. Yet I find that while most people are thinking of resolutions, I am instead dreaming about what it is that I hope for in the coming year.

As I reflect on 2015 and think about my hopes and dreams for 2016, there are those of health and well-being, but there are also many that involve you, my family, here at Glyndon Lutheran. I have hopes and dreams that we can continue to grow together, coming to know even more the love that Christ has for each of us. Hopes that we find ways to take the love we experience and carry it out into our community. Hopes that we can continue to work together to be a Christ-centered community where all feel welcomed and safe.

More so, it is my hope that as we continue to grow together, we also continue to learn together! Early in the new year, you will receive a brief survey in worship, asking you to identify any interest you may have in an adult education time, while also seeking areas of interest and times that work. It is my hope that through this time together, we can continue to get to know each other more and learn together while dreaming about the future of Glyndon Lutheran and the community.

Entering into 2016, I pray that you find time to hope and dream as well while remembering that God is with you as you hope and dream!

Blessings, Pastor Kayla

Over Coffee with Kris

It is nearing the end of 2015, and it has been a good year; a pretty darn good year. Lots of changes here at Glyndon Lutheran, it was fun working with my Uncle Steve, when he was the interim pastor. I even made it into his family Christmas letter. "The highlight of the year was working with my niece, Kristina, at Glyndon. She is a gifted and charismatic leader and filled with idiosyncrasies that are quite the delight." I am working on taking that as a compliment.

A big change in my life happened gradually throughout the year, and then accelerated on Thanksgiving. I became engaged to a fantastic guy, Justin Dernier. The wedding will be in 2016, and yes, you will all be invited! I often tease Justin that he has to deal with the fact that I took classes at Luther Seminary for pre-marriage and marriage counseling. I make him talk through everything, poor guy. But, our relationship matters to me, and though I know that relationships ebb and flow, I want ours to be based on the important things in life; love, faith, trust, et al. So, I picked up a book that I read in my class in Seminary, The 5 Love Languages by Gary Chapman, and we will be reading it together.

Chapman talks about love being "essential to our emotional health" and not just romantic love, but all kinds of love. The "honeymoon phase" of our relationship is great, but what I am the most excited about, is being married to a wonderful guy that I get to spend the rest of my life with, through the ups and down. Chapman says that is when you "pursue real love with your spouse. The kind of love that united reason and emotion. It involves an act of will and requires discipline, and recognizes the need for personal growth." It is an intentional love.

Chapman then goes on to talk about what he has coined as the "5 love languages". Or, rather, the 5 different ways people give and receive love. They are; words of affirmation, quality time, receiving gifts, acts of service, and physical touch. Those 5 ways are not just romantic, but also show how you care for your family and friends. For the next five months I will talk about each one separately, and I would love to hear from you on what you think is the best way that you receive and give love.

Blessings on the rest of your day,

Kristina Johnson

Council Minutes

Glyndon Lutheran Church Council Meeting December 21, 2015 @7 pm

Members Present: Pastor Kayla Billings, Debbie Tollefson, Cindy Henriksen, Jeff Wallin, Kelli Fuchs, Linda Pavola, Kris Johnson, Esther Ellingson, Wanda Peterson and Kyle Roelofs.

Devotion/Check-in/GLC Mission Statement:
Pastor Kayla

Secretary's Report: Wanda motioned to pass report as written. TJ seconded. Motion carried

Treasure's Report: TJ motioned to pass report as written. Kelli seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's & Family Minister's Report: Available in church office if you'd like a copy.

Topics of Discussion:

1. **Budget:**
 - a. The Church Council of Glyndon voted on this date to set the annual housing allowance or Rev. Kayla Billings to be \$18,000 beginning January 1, 2016. This declaration will remain in effect until changed or superseded. Jeff motioned to pass. Wanda seconded. Motion approved
 - b. The remainder of the budget was reviewed by council and deemed ready to be printed for annual Church meeting which will be held January 24, 2016 at 10:15. An informational meeting will be held following the Wednesday night church service on January 20th.
2. **Update on Restorative Justice Issue:** In regards to the vandalism that occurred to the church stained glass windows. Prosecutors have dropped this case. Council decided to not pursue.
3. **Re-keying the outer door of the church:** Many keys have been issued over the past several years and have been either lost or not returned. Council is checking into the cost of digital locks verses cost to re-key the three main entrances and make new keys.
4. **Purchase 2 drawer file that locks:** TJ motioned to approve the purchase of this in the amount of approximately \$100. Cindy seconded. Motion carried.

5. **Hire Custodian-job Description:** We have a member of our congregation interested in filling this position beginning Jan 1, 2016. Kayla and Esther will do a walk through of the church areas and a 90 day trial period will be in place for this position.

6. **Snow Removal:** Alex Baker has been hired to do the snow removal for GLC during the 2015-2016 winter service. Pastor Kayla will be working with him to assure what needs to be done.

7. **Set Date for Annual Meeting in January:** There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, January 20th following the 6:15 church service. The annual meeting will be held on Sunday January 24th at 10:15. All members are encouraged to attend.

8. **Low Attendance for Sunday school:** It was discussed that Sunday morning Sunday school attendance is down. Also down are volunteers to assist teach. We need two adults each Sunday morning to assist with this. Council will revisit this issue in January.

9. **Vacation Days:** The council discussed carrying over one week of vacation into the 2016 year for Pastor Kayla due to the fact that she began her employment with GLC in July of 2015 and the business of the fall and holiday season. Cindy motioned to pass. Esther seconded. Motion carried.

10. **Council Positions Are Open:** The treasure and secretary positions on the GLC church council are open for the new calendar year. There are also two council positions open. If you are interested in being a part of the council and the decision making at GLC please contact the church office. These need to be voted on at the annual meeting on January 24th.

11. **Paper Plates:** Donated paper plates will be used in the kitchen until the supply is gone.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next council meeting will be held on January 18, 2016 at 6 pm



Esther Circle

January 21st at 1:00 p.m.
Bible Study: Melva Behrens
Hostess: Shirley Nappe

Mary Circle

No Meeting

Servant Schedule for January

Sunday, January 3rd

Acolytes: McKenna Paul & Madison Blattenbauer
Reader:

Ushers: McKenna Paul & Family

Coffee Servers: Madison Blattenbauer & Family

Sunday, January 10th

Acolytes: Sophia Roll & Grace Rames

Reader: Shirley Nappe

Communion Assistants:

Ushers: Sophia Roll & Family

Coffee Servers: Grace Rames & Family

Sunday, January 17th

Acolytes: Elektra Marjama & Lauryn Brenna

Communion Assistants:

Ushers: Elektra Marjama & Family

Coffee Servers: Lauryn Brenna & Family

Sunday, January 24th

Acolytes: Parker Larson & Colby Schreiber

Reader:

Communion Assistants:

Ushers: Parker Larson & Family

Coffee Servers: Colby Schreiber & Family

Sunday, January 31st

Acolytes: Hayli Tollagson & Tori Fischer

Communion Assistants:

Ushers: Hayli Tollagson & Family

Coffee Servers: Tori Fischer & Family

Stewardship Workday
January 5th, 2016
 Server:

Sun	Mon
3 9:00 Worship No Faith Formation	4
10 9:00 Worship 10:30 Faith Formation 10:30 9th gr Faith Formation	11
17 9:00 Worship 10:30 Faith Formation	18 6:00 Council
24 9:00 Worship 10:15 Annual Meeting No Faith Formation 12:00 Andes Family Ski Day	25
31 9:00 Worship 10:30 Faith Formation	

January 2016

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 9:00 Stewardship Day	6 3:15 Faith Formation 5-6 5:15 Meal 5:45 Faith Formation PK-4th 6:15 Worship 7:00 Faith Formation 7-8 gr	7	8	9
12	13 3:15 Faith Formation 5-6 5:15 Meal 5:45 Faith Formation PK-4th 6:15 Worship 7:00 Faith Formation 7-8 gr	14	15	16
19	20 3:15 Faith Formation 5-6 5:15 Meal 5:45 Faith Formation PK-4th 6:15 Worship 7:00 Listening session for Annual meeting agenda 7:00 Faith Formation 7-8 gr	21 1:00 Esther Circle	22	23
26	27 3:15 Faith Formation 5-6 5:15 Meal 5:45 Faith Formation PK-4th 6:15 Worship 7:00 Faith Formation 7-8 gr	28	29	30

Camp Emmaus Information:

Camp ministry is an important part of many faith journeys. If you talk to any church worker, they will likely say that camp was a major influence in their faith and was one of the places where a door opened for amazing lifelong experiences.

We are fortunate to have Camp Emmaus, a division of Pathways Bible Camp, just a short distance from Glyndon Lutheran Church, offering camp opportunities for all ages!

If you have a child in Kindergarten through 5th Grade they are welcome to join us for Day Camp. This is an entire week long day camp offered by the staff of Pathways. It is a week filled with excitement, activities, adventures, and faith building. Details for Summer 2016 will be coming soon!

While we do have requirements for certain age groups, we strongly recommend that you and your child consider time at camp. The experience is one that will be unforgettable and will keep them wanting to come back summer after summer!

If you have a 7th or 8th grade student, camp is a requirement for confirmation, but really it is an introduction to an awesome week away from home, singing fun camp songs, learning many new things related to both faith and life, while also having the chance to meet people from all over.

2016 Camp Dates

Half Pint Day – July 15th

Elementary Mini – July 13th through July 15th

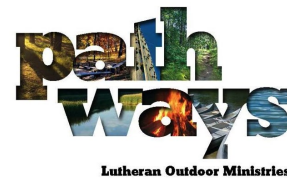
Elementary Juniors – July 19 through July 22nd

Middle School Classic – June 19th through June 24th

Junior High Classic – July 31st through August 5th

High School Classic – July 10th through July 15th

Houseboat (High School) – July 24th through July 29th



New this year, Pathways is also adding two family options. The first is a Family Resort Weekend August 5th through 7th and the other is Family Camp Days running August 16th through 25th. For information on these two programs, visit the Pathways website.

Income and Expense Info will be available in the Annual Report. Thank you.

Thank you's:

A special thank you is extended to everyone who so graciously donated food items and money towards the holiday baskets. We gave out 20 baskets at Thanksgiving and 19 at Christmas.

Thank you for the generous donations at our Wednesday night suppers. We have been able to donate the excess free will offering towards ministries each month. This last Wednesday night's supper went towards the Jaxton Walker Benefit. We will be rotating the ministry each month if we have excess money. Thank you again!

Memorials, Prayers, and Birthdays

Memorials:

General Fund:

In Memory of Irene Harsila (Tom's Aunt), from Thomas & Linda Pavola

In Memory of Mike Rudolf, Burton Eide, & Earl Rogers, from Pam Rudolph

In Memory of Chris Motschenbacher, from Dan & Bev Motschenbacher

Window Fund:

In Memory of Harold Muhle, from Russell & Lois Bekkerus

[our extended family]

Iris Barta, *Senior Apartments on Riverside Drive*

Margaret Kingren, *Eventide*

Lloyd Olson, *Hawley Manor, Hawley*

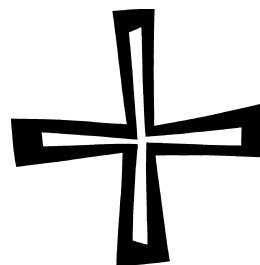
Lowell Larson, *Veteran's Home in Fergus Falls*

Monna Lou Leach, *Eventide*

Lorraine Muhle, *Elim, Fargo*

Duane & Beverly Baker, *Riverview Place, Fargo*

Eugene Langlie, *Pelican Valley Nursing Home, Pelican Rapids*



January Birthdays

1	Theresa Nygaard, Jerald Schumann	18	Maxwell Henriksen, Marilyn Labrensz
2	Cara Barbee, Jessica Franke, Amanda Lofgren, Kyle Olson	19	Deb Richards
3	Jay Fortier, Morgan Fortier	20	Iris Barta, Wilbert Fischer, Keith Langseth Keith Miller, Jesse Olstad, David Trickle
4	Griffin Engstrom, Kaija Heuer, Brody Johnson, Pauline Litch	21	Eric Behrens
5	Bo Tollefson, Cody Tollefson, Devon Tollefson	22	Arlene Hagen
6	Benjamin Henriksen, Trudi Rehn	23	Erick Dally
7	Derek Behrens	24	Andrew Busta, Madison Geiser, Tyler Palya
8	Lockie Carlson	25	Dan Motschenbacher
9	Amelia Anderson, Kristen Kuehl	27	Marissa Blair, Alan Tollagson
10	Kayla Mehrer	28	Ryan Alderman, Sarah Knodel
12	Robert Muhle	29	Becky Cutler
13	Isaac Alderman, Susan Roll	30	TJ Hopkins, Madyson Walker
14	Darrin Eide, Kaitlyn McClafin	31	Joan Jacobson
15	Sandra Anton, Jenna Halvorson		
17	Anna Smith		

Happy Birthday!

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

Worship with us...

Sundays at 9 a.m.

Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.



Office Hours:

Tuesdays —Thursdays

12-4 p.m.