



Christmas Eve Worship Services

Sunday, December 24th

**Morning Service with
Holy Communion @ 9:00 a.m.**

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

Poinsettias

Please bring poinsettias to GLC by Wed., Dec. 20th for the sanctuary.

Christmas Program and Breakfast

Please join us on **Sunday, December 17th** for the Christmas Program, Worship and Breakfast!

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

10:15 a.m. Mary Circle Bake Sale—Please help us reduce the debt of the church by donating baked items and/or shopping for your Christmas goodies.

10:15 a.m. Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Glyndon Lutheran Youth.

Pancakes, Sausage, Juice & Coffee

(Rehearsal will take place on December 16th from 10:30-12:00 p.m. at GLC)

Christmas Caroling! EVERYONE IS INVITED!

On Sunday, December 3rd, we will gather at 11:30 a.m. 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!

If you are interested in going, please help us to get a count by signing up outside of Kris' office in the education wing.

A bus will be provided for transportation and this can be used as a servant event.

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A Note from Pastor Kayla

Advent Greetings!

It's hard to believe that December is already here and that in just 4 short weeks we will be celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Over the course of these next four weeks, many things will begin to unfold. Houses will begin to fill with the Christmas tree, lights, presents and goodies; every store you enter will bring a greeting of Christmas music on the radio and the joy of singing carols will fill the air. Yet, as we so often celebrate this wonderful time of year with the many exciting traditions that our families have, we are reminded that Christmas is about more than just the celebrations we share today.

Christmas is about acknowledging that we live in a world that is broken and filled with sin. God saw this world and the need that existed and sent us a Savior, but in the most unexpected way. Through Jesus' birth, we have been shown that God works in extreme ways, surprising us with a baby to share the message at heart.

This year, as you prepare for the Christmas season, I invite you to pay attention to where God may be trying to share a message with you in an unexpected way. What message is it that you need to hear in these Advent and Christmas seasons?

I also want to invite you to join us for one or both of our Christmas Eve services this year. Christmas Eve this year lands on a Sunday, providing a unique opportunity. We will still be holding our 9am worship that day, but it will be a Christmas Eve service where the story of Christmas is told in a different way. Then at 5pm, we will hold our traditional Christmas Eve worship service with the lighting of candles. No matter the service you attend, the good news will be shared as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Blessings to you this Advent!

Pastor Kayla

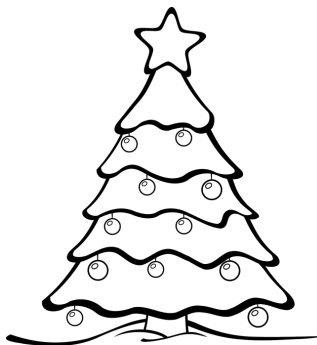
Amazon Smile

This holiday season, support Glyndon Lutheran Church while shopping on Amazon. By simply going to 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.

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: Stocking caps, work gloves, ski gloves, socks (white or colored crew socks – not “tube” socks, thermal underwear (tops and bottoms, (M-2XL) white undershirts (M-2XL), and underwear or boxers (M-2XL). Please drop off in the red tote in the narthex by Dec 10th.



Over Coffee with Kris

Digging into a book from college, called “Practicing Our Faith”, each month, and for the next nine, I will lift up one of the chapters that shows a way to live out our faith, in practical and everyday ways. This month the chapter was on Household Economics. With my Christmas shopping list growing day by day, the irony is not lost on me. The author of this chapter is Dr. Sharon Daloz Parks, she is the Principal of Leadership for the New Commons and Senior Fellow at the Whidbey Institute, and also teaches at Seattle University.

Dr. Parks writes “Home is where we let down and rest well – or fitfully. Home is where we figure out primary patterns of nurture and productivity, habits of needs and desire, forms of rage and forgiveness, ways of ‘taking time’ and discovering the people who ‘count’ for us. Our households are anchoring places where, over time, we craft the practices by which we prosper or fail to prosper.”

For most, “economics” suggests something quite different: money markets, investment, trade, taxes, profit, loss, and the cultivation of wealth understood in those terms. As such, “economics” in the complexity of the contemporary world is presumed to be something understood only by the experts – economists, bankers, brokers, budget directors; the word economics is grounded in a much broader set of meanings. Like the words ecumenical and ecology, economics is rooted in the Greek word *oikos*, meaning household, and signifies the management of the household – arranging what is necessary for well-being. Good economic practice – positive ways of exchanging goods and services – is about the well-being, the livelihood, of the whole household.

Many feel that the most we can do in life is simply keep up, managing as best we can. Our calendars are bursting, and we are busy; even children are busy. We are working more and faster, in part because the incentive structures in our present economy have a bias toward either long work hours or multiple part time jobs. We work at these jobs to secure our sense of belonging and well-being, increasingly defined by access to the goods and services we want.

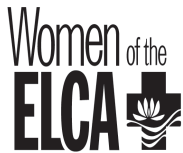
Dr. Parks writes “One of the reasons it is difficult to talk about either the satisfactions or the stresses of our economic life is that any linkage between faith and economics inevitable awakens a degree of apprehension. If we were really faithful, we suppose, we would have to sell all that we have and give it to the poor (Mark 10:21). We presume that something difficult and unattractive would be required – we would be asked to move from material comfort to a supposedly spiritual but surely less comfortable way of life. But the choice that is faithful is not from the material to the spiritual but rather from materialism to incarnation. Incarnation is a theologian’s way of speaking about the Spirit dwelling in matter.”

Throughout much of Christian history, economic care for others appears to take the form of charity, arising from the belief that unjust socioeconomic structures are the inevitable consequences of a fallen humanity. From the book *Voluntary Simplicity* by Dune Elgin “Poverty has a very human face – one that is very different from ‘simplicity’. Poverty is involuntary and debilitating, whereas simplicity is voluntary and enabling. Poverty is mean and degrading to the human spirit, whereas a life of conscious simplicity can have both a beauty and a functional integrity that elevates the human spirit.”

During this season of “stuff” may you find time to give of yourself and your things,

Kristina Dernier

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2



Esther Circle

December 14th at 12:00 p.m.
 Potluck—Christmas Goodies
 Hostess: Pat Hemmah

Mary Circle

December 19th at 5:30 p.m.
 Potluck—Gift Exchange
 Hostess: Sally Tanner

Servant Schedule for December

Sunday, December 3rd

Acolytes: Sam Senske & Avery Tweeton
 Reader: _____

Ushers: Sam Senske & Family
 Coffee Servers: Avery Tweeton & Family

Wednesday, December 6th

Acolytes: Emily Freier & Maggie Andersen

Sunday, December 10th

Acolytes: Josie Cutler & Gavin Cummings
 Reader: Deb Tollefson
 Communion Assistants: Deb Tollefson & Darlene Sandal
 Ushers: Josie Cutler & Family
 Coffee Servers: Gavin Cummings & Family

Wednesday, December 13th

Acolytes: Jenna Aakre & Ashley Taves

Sunday, December 17th

Acolytes: Grace Anderson & Bricker Bakken
 Reader: _____
 Communion Assistants: Trudi Rehn & _____
 Ushers: Grace Anderson, Bricker Bakken, & Families
 Coffee Servers: PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Wednesday, December 20th

Acolytes: Austin Illg & Bryce Fischer

Sunday, December 24th @ 9am

Acolytes:
 Ushers:

Sunday, December 24th @ 5pm

Acolytes:
 Reader: _____
 Communion Assistants: _____ & _____

Save the Date: Family Ski Day to Andes Tower Hills Sunday, January 14th .

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

**Stewardship Workday
 December 5th, 2017**

Sun	Mon
3 9:00 Worship 10:30 Faith Formation PreK-4th 11:30 Christmas Caroling then Pizza Ranch afterwards.	4
10 9:00 Worship 10:30 Faith Formation PreK-4th 10:30—1:30 9th Gr Confirmation	11
17 9:00 Worship—Children's Christmas Program 10:15 Pancake Breakfast	18 6:15 Council
24 Christmas Eve 9:00 Worship 5:00 Candlelight Worship	25
31 9:00 Worship No Faith Formation	

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Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 9:00 Stewardship Workday	6 3:15 Faith Formation 5-6 5:15 Meal 5:45 Faith Formation PreK-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 PreK-4th 6:15 Worship 7:00 Faith Formation 7-8 gr	14 12:00 Esther Circle	15	16 Children's Christmas Program Practice 10:30-12:00
19 5:30 Mary Circle	20 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	21	22	23
26	27 No Programming	28	29	30

Income & Expense

Funds Available (as of November 28th, 2017)

General Fund	\$ 1,660.19
Designated Funds:	
Debit Card	\$ 321.08
Food Pantry	\$ 1,497.51
Sunday School	\$ 79.40
Memorials	\$ 380.00
Children's Ministry	\$ 2,418.45
Benevolence	\$ 1,024.77
Youth Bible Camp	\$ 1,359.83
Mission Possible Bucket	\$ 762.24
Adult Ed/Cont. Ed	\$ 1,183.25
Improvements	\$ 487.15 Tables \$ 184.22 Acoustics \$ 9,583.98 Windows \$ 66.00 Carpet
Misc.	\$ 5,641.00

Unpaid Bills for November

Staff Salaries	\$ 3,876.00
Car Allowances	\$ 350.00
Custodian	\$ 300.00
Financial Secretary	\$ 60.00
Organists	\$ 600.00
November Federal Withholding	\$ 1,020.00 (approx.)
November State Withholding	\$ 144.00 (approx.)

Memorials, Prayers, and Birthdays

Memorials

General Fund:

In Memory of Audrey Knauf, from Daniel & Sandra Skolness, and Russell & Lois Bekkerus

In Memory of Ken Muhle, from Roger & Joan Stenerson

Quilters Fund:

In Memory of Ken Muhle, Bob Elliot, Carol Erickson, Ralph Nelson, Tom Fuchs, Barb Hilde, and Jackie Fischer, from Mary Larson

Food Pantry Fund:

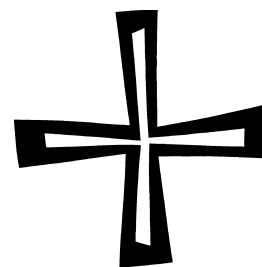
In Memory of Cleo Miller, from LeRoy Babolian
Memory of Ken Muhle, from Duane Baker

Window Fund:

In Memory of Ken Muhle, from Roger & Shirleen Wyland

[our extended family]

Iris Barta, *Senior Apartments on Riverside Drive*
Don & Monna Lou Leach, *Eventide*
Lorraine Muhle, *Elim, Fargo*
Duane Baker, *Riverview Place, Fargo*



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 – Approved Minutes October 16th, 2017 @ 6:15 p.m.

Attendees: Deb Tollefson, TJ Hopkins, Wanda Peterson, Kris Dernier, Jenn Lee, Nick Kinnen, Kelli Fuchs, Esther Ellingson, Jeff Wallin

Devotions—Kris Dernier

Prayer—Kris Dernier

GLC's Mission Statement

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

Secretary's Report- Reviewed by Council. Motion to approve as is: TJ Hopkins, 2nd: Jenn Lee Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: As of October 16th we have \$1768.00 in the general fund. Salaries are paid. This leaves the bills due on the 30th to Arvig, Portico and the 30th salaries. We are behind on mileage to Pastor Kayla and Kris. Council agreed to reimburse \$150.00 a piece based on income received for the last wedding.

- Portico (health insurance for Pastor and family and Kris) is due by the 27th for next year. Council voted based on a minimal increase to stay with the Gold Plus plan that we currently have. Motion made by TJ Hopkins, 2nd Nick Kinnen, Motion carried.

Family Minister's Report- Report was reviewed by council. No changes were made. Once again Kris is doing a great job!

Topics of Discussion

1. Insurance correction updates-

- All updates have been completed for insurance purposes except for the wiring piece. Jim Cutler will be reached out to take a look at what we need done.

2. Plan to pay back foundation money (\$10,000)

- As you all should know the church borrowed \$10,000.00 from the foundation in order to try and bring the bills up to date. This has still been a struggle.
- Council has discussed and agreed that we will pay the loan back with a minimum \$200.00 per month payment until paid in full.
- What does this mean for you?

We have been blessed with a **MATCH OPPORTUNITY** to assist with paying off the loan. Listed below is a breakdown of the details.

- MATCH- Is above and beyond your normal contribution to the church. This is being done to make sure when the loan is paid off we are not back at square one.
- An extremely generous offer has been received from an anonymous member of the church to MATCH up to \$5000.00 raised to clear up the money borrowed.

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- How does this work?
- Each dollar contributed over and above your weekly or monthly donation to the Church will be MATCHED.
- In order to participate in MATCH your extra funds will need to be marked accordingly by you. This can be done by writing MATCH on the memo line of your check or the outside of your envelope. These funds will be separated from the basic general fund receipts and applied to the loan.
- Unfortunately, those of you on electronic giving will need to either send a separate check or kindly place your check or envelope labeled MATCH in the plate on Wednesday or Sunday.
- We have been blessed with this generosity and now is the opportunity to say THANK YOU with your monetary extra donations.
- Prayerfully consider giving a little extra. \$5.00 could be \$10.00, \$10.00 could be \$20.00. The possibilities are up to you.

The council voted on the approval of the MATCH program. Motion to approve: Kelli Fuchs, Second: Jenn Lee
Motion Carried.

3. Food pantry

- a. Send letters to other churches to help support—
City, Maranatha, Congregational, School
- Council will be compiling a letter to all of the local churches, cities and schools letting them know that our Food Pantry is a Clay County Food Pantry and is not limited to Glyndon residents. We will be asking them for donations to be brought to the Church to stock our shelves. The Holidays are coming and everyone deserves to have a hot meal during the Holidays and all year long.
 - b. Rules for receiving-
- Filling baskets and distributing the food can be very labor intensive and time consuming. Starting January 1st those in need of food baskets will need to call in advance of pick up to request a food basket. Baskets will be available for pick-up on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm.

Snow Removal-

- Council will be contracting our snow removal for the winter with Jack Olek. The current rate will be \$105.00 per removal including the lot and walkways. Major snow events will result in additional charges and the rate will be hourly based on the type of equipment necessary to remove the snow properly.

Extra Items Discussed

- A letter of support is being sent by council supporting the Highway 19 Mobility and Safety Project. This project allows for safe roads and walkways that will eventually run throughout the county and improve safety for all.
- The church is in need of more downspouts coming off our current roof in order to relieve stress from the current few we have. Anyone interested in taking on this project can contact any member of the council.

Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting—Monday, November 20th, at 6:15 p.m.

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Worship with us...

Sundays at 9 a.m.

Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.



Office Hours:

Tuesdays — Thursdays
12-4 p.m.