

North Bay Lutheran
Community Church

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What A Joyous 10th Anniversary



We were blessed to have many charter members attend our 10th Anniversary worship on February 23rd, including Audrey Hendricks and our 1st council president Bill Olsen.



A 1ST CENTURY
CHURCH - FOR THE
21ST CENTURY



It was a packed house with voices praising God

(Photos S. Fleury)

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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Janet Wright

LENT AND THE EASTER SEASON

Do you fast during Lent, do you give up chocolate, do you spend extra time in prayer or do you use this time between Ash Wednesday and Easter to help those less fortunate? Pastor Brian brings such a deep passion to his teaching during this season. His joy in the Words and the richness of the rituals of Lent and the entire season has drawn me to love this time more completely each and every year that I participate.

Reading about the meaning and history of this season, I found that the practice of fasting (or "giving something up") during Lent is not required for Lutherans because it is not commanded in Holy Scripture. Rather, it is seen as a matter of Christian freedom, denying oneself the pleasure of a habit is a way to remember daily the great sacrifice of Jesus.

Lent is traditionally described as lasting for 40 days, in commemoration of the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry, during which he endured temptation by Satan.

Lent is the season to observe and commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Savior and Redeemer. It is an opportune time to reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ.

This year, without our church building, North Bay members will be asked to "do things a little differently" than we have in the past. To celebrate this Easter Season, every attempt is being made to make it meaningful for each of us. We will be asked to carry the reverence and passion in our hearts and bring it to wherever we gather. When we stay humble and open, the eyes of our hearts see what God would show us about Himself through this Lenten season.

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Isaiah 58: 6-7

THE RGHT PROJECT



As the remodeling project moves forward we wanted to post some current pictures of the work as it progresses. With better weather work will move quicker and we will be seeing major structural changes.



Did you hear the property south of the church has been sold and many new houses are going to be built? Lots of new neighbors. (Photo is of The Haven in Allyn)

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY *by Carole Boyko*

As of February 13, 2020, total pledges are \$587,982.00! WOW!

Pledges paid are \$320,475.00, very nice!

Pledges outstanding are \$267,507.

We are doing well but June 30, 2021 will sneak up quickly.

Are you on track to complete your pledge by then?

Don't forget you can always increase your pledge at any time or just donate more as you desire.

DISCIPLESHIP *by Kristian Schonberg*

DISCIPLESHIP: A PERSON WHO IS A PUPIL OR AN ADHERENT OF THE DOCTRINES OF JESUS CHRIST.

Discipleship is one of the five purposes of our church, as stated in our church constitution, to help each of us grow in sanctification and holiness.

"¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15 King James Version (KJV)

To be a disciple means to study and learn the doctrines of our Lord Jesus found throughout the Bible. As church members, we need to be equipped for every good work. By our diligent study and attuned to the Holy Spirit through prayer, we will be prepared for the questions of any opponent, putting on the armor of God (Ephesians 6:13-17) to turn back any attacks from the Devil. God's Word is new every morning.

*"[16] All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is **profitable for doctrine**, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: [17] That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2Tim. 3 Verses 16 to 17*

The women's monthly study meets on the 3rd Friday of each month studying the book of Acts. The Men's Study covering Esther with Pastor Gary and will continue every Saturday from 8-9:30 AM. The location has will vary and be in the bulletin each week. Sue's Neighborhood Study will be continuing to meet at residence in Grapeview from 12:45-2:30 every Tuesday thereafter studying the Book of Ephesians. This study includes people from some of the other local churches also. Kidz Church will resume when we are meeting back in the church build after the remodel project is complete.

Come to as many studies as you can and your reward will be great! We take time to pray for each other. God will bless your life and you will also have great fellowship. I have been very well equipped to defend the Bible and Christian life through these studies, so come and grow your faith with like-minded Christian people. We are saved through grace to be sanctified through daily discipleship. Remember to read your Bibles daily and meditate on the Word. Our church bulletins also contain the readings and meanings. Read them!

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 26TH *by Jan Gleich*

Monthly Budgeted income:	\$15,520
Actual income for February:	\$14,253
Total expenses for February:	\$12,460
General Fund Balance:	\$4,208
Building Fund Balance:	\$542,153

Detailed financial reports are available in the office.

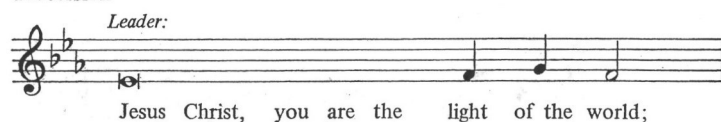
WORSHIP *by Pastor Brian*

Holden Evening Prayer

Setting by Marty Haugen

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

Procession



This year during Lent we will be using the Holden Evening Prayer as part of our Sunday Worship. Normally only used for the Wednesday evening service, we did not want to miss this beautiful service while being out of the church during the remodel.

The Sunday worship will be different during Lent, as it always is, but it will still be very meaningful and Christ centered.

Mid-Week Soup Suppers And Devotional

This year we will be gathering in different homes for our Mid-Week Soup Suppers and Devotional. The gatherings will be held in 3 different geographical areas, (South, Lakeland & North), and you are asked to sign up each week for the area you would like to attend.

The Fellowship Ministry will be coordinating the gatherings and meals, Worship Ministry is in charge of the devotional which will be a Monologue series from the one and only Martin Luther titled "*This Is Most Certainly True.*" These gatherings will consist of an introduction, excerpt from the Small Catechism, scripture reading, monologue and prayer.

The first devotional on March 4, will focus on the 10 Commandments. Followed by:

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| March 11 | The Apostle's Creed |
| March 18 | The Lord's Prayer |
| March 25 | Holy Baptism |
| April 1 | The Office Of The Keys |
| April 8 | The Sacrament Of The Altar |

We hope you will make this mid-Week devotional part of your Lenten discipline.

OUTREACH

by Carole Boyko

Did you know that NBLCC donates 10% of all money given to the general fund to charity?

This year the following were chosen by the Outreach committee to receive our support:

LCMC, Institute of Lutheran Theology, In Faith, The Salvation Army, North Mason Food Bank, Community Food Pantry, North Mason Coalition of Churches & Community, and NW Children's Outreach.

If you have a favorite charity and would like to have the church consider supporting it as well, let me know. We welcome all suggestions.

THANK YOU

From Joyce Chandler

Thank you Pastor Brian and my North Bay Lutheran family and friends. Your cards with personal messages of prayer, blessings and get well soon made my heart so full of appreciation. Tears were flowing as I opened the package with all of your cards. Where was Pastors going away red handkerchief when I needed it. Unfortunately it was in another room. ☹ I feel so blessed to have all of you in my life. The day, a few years ago, when I walked into North Bay Lutheran Church, I felt this was my Christian home. Thank you for keeping your arms wrapped around me. God's Peace Love you all!

BIRTHDAYS

Cathy Moen	03
Lindsey Parkinson	08
Shari Stormo	08
Johanna Cates	10
Isabella Evans	13
Shaun Parkinson	19
Dennis Moen	26
Brian Pederson	28
Al Gleich	31

ANNIVERSARIES

Pete Fischer & Susan Smith	10
Mark & Sheryl Sjobom	18

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

PAST & FUTURE

NORTH BAY LUTHERAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Join the NBL Women on March 20, 2020 as we begin studying the book of Acts under the leadership of Leah Pederson. We meet on the 3rd Friday of each month at 10:00am.

To order a study guide please contact Diane Heltsley by March 10th either by phone or text to 818-434-1979. The cost of each guide is \$12 payable by cash or check made out to NBLCC.



We are so blessed as a congregation as 11 new members reaffirmed their faith and joined the family of North Bay Lutheran Community Church during the 10th Anniversary Celebration. (Photo S. Fleury)

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship @ The HUB	2	3 12:45 PM Tuesday Bible Study	4 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Soup Suppers & Devotionals	5	6 World Day of Prayer	7 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
8 Daylight-Saving Time Begins 8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship @ The HUB	9	10 12:45 PM Tuesday Bible Study	11 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Soup Suppers & Devotionals	12 10:00 AM Council Meet- ing	13	14 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
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For details on any of these events please
visit our website northbaylutheran.org
and click on 'Calendar' in the 'Latest
Information' pulldown .



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FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE by Judy Clark

We tried this chowder recipe earlier this month and it was most delicious. I hope you enjoy it too.

SAUSAGE BROCCOLI CHOWDER

1 lb. bulk Italian sausage (I used mild)	1 can (10 3/4 oz) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
1 medium onion, chopped	
3 garlic cloves, minced	1 pkg. (9 oz) refrigerated cheese tortellini, cooked and drained
1/2 lb fresh mushrooms, sliced	1/2 tsp pepper
2 T butter	1/2 tsp dried thyme
2 C broccoli florets	2 quarts half-and-half cream
2 - 3 carrots, diced	1/2 C grated Romano cheese
2 cans (14.5 oz each) chicken broth	

1. In a skillet, cook sausage over medium heat until no longer pink. Remove to paper towels to drain; set aside. In the same skillet, saute onion, garlic and mushrooms in butter until tender; set aside.

2. In a Dutch oven, cook the broccoli and carrots in chicken broth until tender. Stir in sausage and the mushroom mixture. Add soup, tortellini, pepper, basil and thyme; heat through. Stir in half-and-half cream and Romano cheese; heat through.

Yield 12 - 16 servings (4 quarts)