

The North Bay Lutheran COMPASS

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A 1ST CENTURY
CHURCH - FOR THE
21ST CENTURY

THANK YOU POTLUCK FOR PASTORS GARY HELTSLEY & MIKE GREENWALT

The congregation of North Bay Lutheran Community Church held a special Thank You Potluck following worship on Sunday September 29th, to recognize and show their deepest appreciation to Pastors Mike Greenwalt and Gary Heltsley. Both of these servants of God took over all the duties and responsibilities of Pastor, while Pastor Brian was recovering from his sudden illness and surgery.

In addition to the "normal" pastoral duties of church leadership: preaching, teaching, leading worship, pastoral care, etc. etc., Pastors Mike and Gary also took on the daunting task of helping to pack up the existing church facility and move the entire operation to the Hub in Belfair, or into storage. They went above and beyond their "Call", to which we can only say, Thank You for being such a blessing to us all. You are outstanding examples and witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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The Presidents Pen by Janet Wright HURRY UP!!!.....and wait

As church council president, I often hear – “When are they going to start on the RGHT project?” And, my answer is, “As soon as the contractor receives the building permits from Mason County.” Which is not an answer anyone wants to be told.

It seems that there are thousands of little steps that have to be taken behind the scenes before we can see the roof come off and the south wall pushed back for the addition. And, it all calls for patience on our part.

What is patience? The dictionary defines it as “the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.”

One of the areas I’m constantly working on is how to be patient and wait on God’s timing. Many passages in the Bible remind us why patience is a virtue.

Colossians 3:12

“You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

This assures us that God hasn’t forgotten about us, but rather that everything we are going through is part of his agenda. And what is even more comforting is that God will be with us every step of the way, encouraging and supporting us from the front row.

While we wait on others to create a time line, let us rejoice together that North Bay Lutheran Community Church has a place to worship, weekly bulletins and our beloved Pastor back leading us in praise and thanksgiving.

Just A Thought by Shari Stormo

It is so hard to believe that so much of the year has passed by us already. Fall is in the air and the leaves are starting to come down, along with the rains.

I pray every day and yet sometimes in the middle of an emergency I forget, we get so wrapped up in the problem or issue that we want to fix that we forget that God is watching out for all of us. Sometimes the best thing we can do is to just stop and pray, pray for the problem and pray for God’s Peace for ourselves and those around us. I believe we can pray anytime and anywhere, God’s help is available to us, we just need to ask for it. So far I have never met anyone who has had a perfect life, and yes, I am getting on in years. You can grumble or complain about this life or you can see the beauty in the world around us. There are many blessings that each of us has to be thankful for. Can you think of some? Just recently I read something that said “What if you woke up tomorrow and only received what you had thanked God for the night before.”

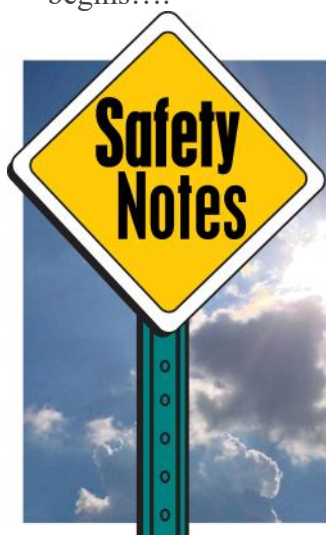
What would you wake up to? What would appear when you opened your eyes? It is easy to complain. Try practicing an attitude of gratitude....not only will you feel better so will others around you! God’s Peace and Blessings to you.

RiGHT Project Update Aug. 30, 2019

Estimated cost of the project:	\$990,000
Pledged Amount:	\$587,600
Pledges Collected:	\$288,530
Non-Pledged Collected:	\$215,670
Total Cash On Hand:	\$594,080
Pledges To Be Collected:	\$299,112
Total Anticipated Funds:	\$803,312
Total Needed:	\$186,688

RiGHT Project Safety Reminder

Here are some very important procedures to follow once construction begins....



1. For your safety do not enter the construction site.
2. Do not discuss the project with the contractor or any of the construction employees. All communication between the builder and the church must go through Guy Bralley who is North Bay's single point of contact.
3. All suggestions, questions and concerns can be addressed at a Church Council meeting - Second Thursday of each month at 11:00am – or emailed to Guy Bralley - guybralley47@gmail.com



Financial Report as of Sept. 30, 2019

NBLCC "General Fund
End of Month Report

Monthly Budgeted income:
\$15,520

Actual income for the Sept.:
\$18,267

Total expenses for September:
\$12,971

General Fund Balance:
\$4,803

Building Fund Balance:
\$597,180

Detailed financial reports are
available in the office.

Jan Gleich
Treasurer

RiGHT Building Project Pledge Cards

If you haven't already committed to the building/remodel project, please prayerfully consider helping us in completing and reaching our goal of fully funding the project. Please pick up and sign a pledge card. Then just drop it in the offering plate. If you've already pledged and would like to increase your pledge amount, that would be a blessing to the congregation. And, just a friendly reminder, pledges are in addition to your regular tithes and offerings.



Evangelism

by Dave Severeid

Greetings to all. Our move to the HUB in Belfair went smoothly and we are doing fine in our temporary digs. Thanks to so many members helping with the move. Also great thanks to Pastor Gary and Pastor Mike for guiding us while Pastor Brian was dealing with his medical issues. And then thanks to God for bringing Pastor Brian safely through his operation and first phases of recovery. Now we ask for God to help Brian while he continues through recovery and to help him regain his strength.

Sunday services continue at 10 am at the HUB with choir rehearsal at 8:45 am. Bible studies continue while the Supper Club and Kidz Church are on hold. Visitors are being contacted and welcomed. A new members class is scheduled and several new members will be added next month. Local news outlets are being contacted with updates on our congregation and our progress on the remodel. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services are planned here at the HUB.

A women's Tea is being planned - more information later. Let your friends and family know about our HUB Sunday and Christmas services. Invite them all to join us as we joyfully give thanks for His blessings. Remember to extend His joy to all who visit each Sunday.

Outreach Ministry by Carole Boyko

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' " Acts 20:35

One way we demonstrate God's love is through Outreach. North Bay Lutheran Community Church has always been a "first fruits" church. We believe in helping those less fortunate first. Unfortunately, not enough donations were collected last fiscal year to give the full 10% to Outreach. This was due to not collecting enough general fund donations to meet the full budget. With your help we can change that this fiscal year. With the building and remodel project, you have been asked to give and give some more. Sadly, we begin to tune out these requests. Let's remember our core values to "Love Your Neighbor."

The Outreach committee has selected the following charities to support this year:

LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION FOR CHRIST(LCMC)

An association of congregations and individuals that reflect our faith in Jesus Christ.

INSTITUTE OF LUTHERAN THEOLOGY A Christian faith community, seminary & graduate school that equips pastors, teachers & lay people.

IN FAITH Sends missionaries into rural & underserved communities within the United States, introducing them to Jesus.

NW CHILDREN'S OUTREACH An all-volunteer Christian group that helps children through teens with clothing and hygiene supplies.

NORTH MASON COALITION OF CHURCHES & COMMUNITY BACKPACK PROGRAM An organization that helps families and children needing support with food and clothing in North Mason County especially over weekends and holidays.

SALVATION ARMY An international organization that preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ and meets the needs of others without discrimination.

NORTH MASON FOOD BANK Provides food to residents of North Mason County that meet income and geographic guidelines.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY Provides food, clothing and household items to struggling families and individuals.

OPERATION BLESSING INTERNATIONAL Provides disaster relief in the United States and around the world.

Thank you for your continued support of these organizations. Please keep them in your prayers.

Be a blessing to all--

Discipleship by Kristian Schonberg

The sermon on 9/8 was about the cost of discipleship. Thinking of the 12 disciples giving everything for their faith and Dietrich Bonhoeffer being murdered by Adolf Hitler, it seems that my Christian walk has been mostly trouble free. Still, I know that it takes daily prayer, early morning Bible reading and meditation along with regular church attendance and Bible studies to continue to grow spiritually stronger in faith and love for God and people. It is great to take advantage of our weekly/monthly studies for learning and fellowship. The women's monthly study meets on the 3rd Friday of each month

studying the book of Philippians. The Men's Study covering Acts Chapter 16 and to the end with Pastor Gary will continue every Saturday from 8-9:30 AM. The location will vary and be in the bulletin each week. Sue's Neighborhood Study will also resume on September 17th at Grapeview in Kris Powell's residence on Okonek Road in Grapeview. It will continue every Tuesday from 12:30 until 2:30. We are studying the book of Ephesians. Kidz Church will resume when we are meeting back in the church build after the remodel project is complete.

Worship by Pastor Brian

The worship ministry continues to meet, plan and work together, to make our worship experience meaningful, and bring glory to God our Father.

We could not have such a joyous worship each week without the help of so many volunteers. To all of you who help setup each week, or read, greet, usher, sing in the choir, thank you. You are such a blessing.

We are planning several special events and I would suggest you put these on your calendar.

Oct 27th: Reformation Sunday

when we will receive new members.

Dec. 15th: Choir Cantata.

Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec. 25th: Christmas Day Service of Carols.

One item we continue to struggle with but will keep working on, is Livestreaming our worship services. We have tried several methods, but since the sound system at the HUB is not ours, we can't alter it. We'll let you know as soon as we have it working.

Fellowship

by Rosemary Wheaton

Fellowship is defined in Webster's dictionary as "companionship, company, community of interests, activity, feelings or experience such as joining in fellowship especially with a church member."

We, at North Bay Lutheran, are very fortunate to be able to experience this fellowship. We are given the opportunity each week after service and over a cup of coffee; and when we meet during bible study or share a meal with one another be it a simple breakfast or an elegant dinner or during one of our fantastic potlucks. We share our love of God through our love for one another, those we know and those we may be meeting for the first time.

Let us continue to enjoy the fellowship we share at North Bay with coffee and goodies every Sunday.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Led by Pastor Gary Heltsley, meets every Saturday at 8:00am They will be meeting at the home of Michael Wright

NEIGHBORHOOD BIBLE STUDY: Led by Sue Nichols, meets every Tuesday at 12:45 at the home of Kris Powell.

NORTH BAY LUTHERAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Led by Leah Pederson, next meets Friday, October 18, starting at 10:00 a.m. They will meet at the home of Linda Lorenz



Linda Lorenz	10/02
Guy Bralley	10/04
Vi Nelson	10/09
Joleen W	10/18
Joanne Wilkinson	10/18
Mark Sjobom	10/19
Patty Rogers	10/21
Duane Stormo	10/26
Judy Joaquin	10/29
Gayle McKenzie	10/30



None



On Sunday, October 27th, (Reformation Sunday) we will be receiving new members into the Family of North Bay Lutheran Community Church. If you are interested in joining our church family or have questions about membership, please contact us at 360-275-3390 or email pastor@northbaylutheran.org

A new member orientation will take place but the date and time are not set. Tentatively we are looking at Saturday October 19th.

Reformation and The Lutheran Rose



The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology. By the early 1520s, this seal begins to appear on the title page of Luther's works.

Here is how Luther himself explained its meaning*

First, there is a **black cross** in a **heart** that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color....

The heart should stand in the middle of a **white rose**. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose....

This rose should stand in a **sky-blue field**, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed.

Around the field of blue is a **golden ring** to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end....

*From: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530



We are sad to report the passing of long time member Patty Sue Bishop. Patty passed away on Sunday September 29, 2019 at her home in Lakeland Village.

Patty's memorial Service will be held, Saturday, October 12th, 3:00PM at Rill Funeral Home in Port Orchard.

Our deepest sympathy to Patty's family and friends.

Rest eternal grant her O God, and let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen.




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship @ The HUB 11:00 AM Thank You Potluck	30	1 12:45 PM Tuesday Bible Study	2 4:00 PM Staff Meeting	3	4	5 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
6 World Communion Sunday 8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship @ The HUB	7	8 12:45 PM Tuesday Bible Study	9 9:00 AM Staff Meeting	10 11:00 AM Council Meeting	11	12 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 3:00 PM Patty Bishop Memorial
13 8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship @ The HUB	14	15 12:45 PM Tuesday Bible Study	16 9:00 AM Staff Meeting	17	18 10:00 AM NBLW Bible Study	19 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
20 8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship @ The HUB	21	22 12:45 PM Tuesday Bible Study	23 9:00 AM Staff Meeting	24	25	26 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
27 Reformation Sunday - Receiving New Members 8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship @ The HUB	28	29 12:45 PM Tuesday Bible Study	30 9:00 AM Staff Meeting	31	1 All Saints Day	2 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

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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COME TO BELONG



From The Secretary's Table by Judy Clark

ASIAN-STYLE SHRIMP FRITTATA

Prep time: 10 min Cook: 20 min

1/4 C soy sauce
2 T sugar
2 T extra virgin olive oil (EVOO)
2 C white mushrooms (about 8 oz) thinly sliced
1/2 bunch asparagus (about 8 oz), trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
1/4 lb frozen peeled & deveined large shrimp, thawed and chopped
4 scallions, chopped
1 C mung bean sprouts
8 eggs, beaten
salt & pepper

1. In a small saucepan, whisk together 1/4 C water, the soy sauce and sugar over high heat. Bring to a boil and cook until reduced to a syrup, about 5 minutes (you should have about 3 T).
2. In a large nonstick skillet, heat the EVOO over medium-high heat. Add the mushrooms and asparagus and cook until vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in the shrimp, scallions and bean sprouts and cook for 2-3 minutes.
3. Season the eggs with salt and pepper and pour over the mixture. Cook, pulling back the edges and tipping the pan to let the uncooked eggs flow underneath, until the eggs are set, about 5 minutes. Cover and let stand for 3 minutes. Drizzle the soy mixture on top and serve.