



# THE COMPASS



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## *Pastor Diagnosed With Cancer*

We were shocked and saddened to learn that Pastor Brian has been diagnosed with cancer. As of this writing he has had several scans and tests, but a treatment plan has not been setup.

Pastor and the Care Callers will be updating us via phone calls, emails and videos when he has any information to share. We ask that you please keep Pastor Brian, Leah and his family in your prayers as they face this challenging time.

Pastor has asked that we read Mark:11:22-24 before we pray, and believe.

*"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."*



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21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY



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# THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Janet Wright

As I write this Corona Virus (COVID19) has shuttered everything but the grocery stores and the pharmacies. During this time, my request to each of you is "Please, take care of yourself first and then, if you are called, help others."

While we are on temporary hiatus, the North Bay Lutheran council will continue work (via email, text and phone calls) to keep the business of the church going.

In addition, Pastor Brian has made it possible for us to have a church service on our website northbaylutheran.org. A complete service will be broadcast each Sunday beginning at 10:00am.

While we are out of The HUB, tithes and offerings, along with RGHT project pledges can be mailed to North Bay Lutheran Community Church at PO Box 1643, Allyn, WA 98524.

The NBL council members met early in March, just before everything was shut down. We had voted to continue church services at the HUB, but without treats – that decision didn't last very long before we had to notify everyone that church services have been cancelled until further notice. Ministry chairpersons are working on the budget for the next fiscal period and we all are preparing for the next congregational meeting to be held in June.

Good News! The virus threat is not interrupting the RGHT project work. Each day, something new is demolished, or constructed or materials are being delivered. The project point of contact, Guy Bralley, meets each week with the job foreman to get an update and ask questions. Once we can gather again, progress reports of the building and the financials will be presented.

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please call the church line at 360-275-3390. We will make every attempt to meet your needs in a timely fashion.

Please watch this space for new developments as we strive to find "out-side the box" ways to serve you, the North Bay Lutheran congregation.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus," Philippians 4:6-7*

## *FROM THE PASTOR* by Pastor Brian Pederson

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As this Season of Lent comes to a close, I cannot think of a time in my life when I have been more focused on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and of his grace and love for the world.

If the COVID-19 Virus, with all the social distancing, 'Stay Home - Stay Healthy' warnings and businesses, including churches not being allowed to open wasn't enough to get my attention, being diagnosed with gastrointestinal cancer has brought me to my knees. If not for my faith in a loving and merciful God, and from the love and support that so many have expressed to Leah and I, I don't think I would have the strength to go through this challenge.

We feel every prayer and it gives us hope, strength and peace, that God will hold us and walk with us. He will never leave us alone.

Right now I still feel healthy, strong and hopeful. But we know the journey ahead will be difficult, and Leah and I ask that you would keep us in your prayers for healing and good health. We also ask that you keep our medical providers in your prayers, that they use the gifts of healing given to them, to come up with a successful treatment plan.

And let us all pray for our world. That the God who loved it enough to give His only Son to redeem it, would heal it from this virus and all forms of illness and evil.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

*Merciful Lord God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love.; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen*

God's Peace and love to you all.

## *MY THOUGHTS* From Sharri Stormo

I woke up this morning in a mood to try to understand what has happened in my world and in the world around me. Being in quarantine means time has passed slower and in some ways that is a blessing. More time to enjoy my kids, to bake, to read, to clean and sort things out. It has also given me more time to reflect on what I have lost this year. I have lost a long time family member every month of this year. Last week it was the unexpected death of my uncle, the month before my step-mother and in January it was my father in law.

I remember thinking that when my Dad passed away the saddest part, was realizing that the person who loved you no matter what, did not walk this earth anymore. I don't know why God has given me these trials, I don't know why he has given you yours, but I have faith that God will see us through each of them. He will lead us on. Someday we may realize the why's behind it, but today we have to walk with faith, and in prayer. I look forward to seeing my loved ones again. In the near future I look forward to seeing each of you again. I am also planning on an eternity with God. May he give you peace and faith, and may he bless each one of you.

## 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.

*"<sup>15</sup> 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*

Our Bible studies have all been suspended due to the Corona Virus pandemic. They will all resume when it is over and we will announce it. We will continue to pray that the cases will diminish and for those suffering with the sickness. Remember to keep studying and meditating on the Bible whenever possible.

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## EVANGELISM *by Dave Severeid*

What a change in the last two weeks! North Bay Lutheran Community Church is still doing well but because of the coronavirus we have suspended our worship services at the HUB until further notice. We continue celebrating Christ through our web site services at <http://northbaylutheran.org/index.html>. Join us in watching these weekly videos.

The world seems to be turned on its head. So many are extremely concerned about their future. Take prudent precautions, stay calm, and rely on the Lord. See you in church soon.

*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him (John 3:16-17).*

## FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> *by Jan Gleich*

Monthly Budgeted income:	\$15,520
Actual income for February:	\$11,715
Total expenses for February:	\$11,729
General Fund Balance:	\$4,454
Building Fund Balance:	\$554,406

*Detailed financial reports are available in the office.*

# OUTREACH

by Carole Boyko

Did you know North Bay Lutheran Community Church supports Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), The Institute of Lutheran Theology, In Faith, and the Salvation Army?

LCMC is an association of congregations and individuals who are free in Christ, accountable to one another, rooted in the scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, and work together to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to go make disciples of all nations. We believe in their mission and have supported them financially since 2017.

The Institute of Lutheran Theology is a Christian faith community, seminary and graduate school. It was birthed from the Word Alone movement and works to deepen the relationship between higher learning and congregations. We have supported them since 2017.

In Faith, an organization with roots back to 1790, reaches out locally within the United States to teach the unchanging truth of God to an ever-changing culture. We support Jason and Lisa Frye, regional directors for the Northeast region of In Faith and Marv and Andrea Frye's son and daughter-in-law. We have continued to support them since 2018.

The Salvation Army of Bremerton was chosen to support in 2019. Their mission is to touch struggling people within the community by helping feed the hungry, by educating children, providing shelter, combating addiction, and providing homeless and elderly support. They do all this in the name of Jesus Christ and spread his word as they do so.

As we all weather the current national crisis, those people in need are likely to increase as a result of so many businesses being forced to close. All charities are likely to be affected, as people simply will not be able to give as they normally would even though the need will be rising. If you are able, please remember all charities, including those listed above, in your thoughts, prayers and giving during this difficult time.

# FELLOWSHIP

by Rosemary Wheaton

**Can we have fellowship while we are quarantined?**

When I was first informed that our Community suppers and Lenten Devotions as well as our Sunday services at the HUB were cancelled for the near future a tear or two rolled down my cheek.

My first thought was how was this going to work out. Then came the hard part of explaining it to Joleen. Explaining how things were going to be different for a little while and how she would not see her church family for awhile either. Yet, in true Joleen fashion without skipping a beat she asked if she could color pictures and write notes and put them in the mail. What an example of fellowship!

Coffee and cookies though nice are not needed. What is needed is love for one another.

During this trying time fellowship can be a two minute phone call, a text like I received tonight asking how I was doing or an email Please, remember fellowship can take on many forms.

May Jesus protect and keep you safe.

## BIRTHDAYS

Betty Wanzer	07
Michael Gustavson	09
Pam Sikes	13
Deborah Florence	28
Michael Wright	28
Dianne Baxter	29
Jim Burton	30

## ANNIVERSARIES

Due to a computer error we are not able to access the anniversary information. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### THE WORD OF THE LORD

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;
- 4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
- 6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;
- 8 the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

*Psalm 121*



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### APRIL 5, PALM SUNDAY

### SONG OF THE SHADOWS CANTATA

*ONLINE VIDEO STARTING AT 10AM*

### APRIL 10, GOOD FRIDAY

### TENEBRAE SERVICE

*ONLINE VIDEO STARTING AT 7PM*

### APRIL 12, EASTER SUNDAY

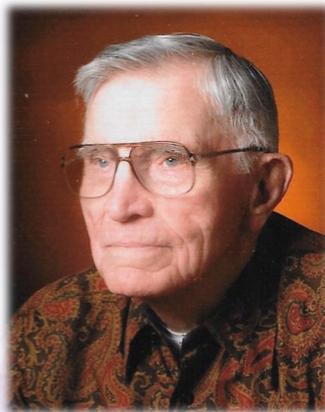
### 8:30 - 9:30 DRIVE THRU COMMUNION

LAKELAND VILLAGE GOLF COURSE PARKING LOT

### RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

*ONLINE VIDEO STARTING AT 10AM*

All online worship videos are available through our website [northbaylutheran.org](http://northbaylutheran.org) or via YouTube



Our Sincerest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Bill Worth**. Bill passed away on March 20, 2020 at his home. Bill was a faithful and beloved member and he will be missed by all

A memorial service will be held sometime this summer. We ask that you keep Bill's family in your prayers.

May his memory be a blessing.

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



*With Sincere Sympathy*

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00 AM Worship Online	30	31	1 9:00 AM Staff Meet- ing Online	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Online	6	7	8 9:00 AM Staff Meet- ing Online	9 Maundy Thursday	10 Good Friday 7:00 PM Tenabrae Worship Online	11
12 Easter Sunday 8:30 AM Drive Thru Communion 10:00 AM Worship Online	13	14	15 9:00 AM Staff Meet- ing Online	16	17	18
19 10:00 AM Worship Online	20	21	22 9:00 AM Staff Meet- ing Online	23	24	25
26 10:00 AM Worship Online	27	28	29 9:00 AM Staff Meet- ing Online	30	1	2

*For details on any of these events please visit our website [northbaylutheran.org](http://northbaylutheran.org) and click on 'Calendar' in the 'Latest Information' pulldown .*



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## *FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE* by Judy Clark

### HAND SANITIZER

1. Gather ingredients (can be made with rubbing alcohol too, but it smells stronger and is very drying).
  - \* 1C pure aloe vera gel (preferably without additives)
  - \* 1 1/2 tsp witch hazel
  - \* 30 drops tea tree oil (additional antiseptic benefits)
  - \* 5 drops essential oil, such as lavender or you favorite scent
  - \* Mixing bowl
  - \* Spoon
  - \* Funnel
2. Stir together the aloe vera gel, tea tree oil and witch-hazel. If the mixture seems too thin, add another spoonful of aloe vera to thicken it, and vice versa.
3. Stir in the essential oil. Since the smell of the tea tree oil is already strong, go easy on the added essential oil. Five or so drops should be enough, but if you want to add more, stir it in one drop at a time.
4. Funnel the mixture into the container. Place the funnel over the mouth of the container and pour the hand sanitizer in. Fill it up, then screw on the lid until you're ready to use it.
  - \* A small squirt bottle works well if you want to carry the sanitizer with you throughout the day.
  - \* If you make too much for the bottle, save the leftover sanitizer in a jar with a tightly fitted lid.