



THE COMPASS

January 2021

A ONCE IN A LIFETIME CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP



During the Christmas Eve Drive In Worship Service the steeple light was lighted - representing the Light of Christ coming into the world on Christmas. *"The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it."* John 1: 5

Also, 'Silent Night' was played on the new Carillon bell system at the conclusion of worship. There were many tears of joy shed this night.

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A 1ST CENTURY
CHURCH-FOR THE
21ST CENTURY

NBLCC

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2021



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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Janet Wright

HAPPY NEW YEAR NORTH BAY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH CONGREGATION

Preparing for this report I stumbled upon this quote:

“Always believe that something wonderful is about to happen”

This certainly has not been an easy task in 2020 but I have great expectations for 2021. Here are some of the things that I am looking forward to: 1. COVID does not control how we live. 2. We move back into the church building. 3. My relationships with my family and friends grow even deeper. What wonderful things are you looking forward to in 2021?

The North Bay Lutheran council met via Zoom on December 10th. One piece of business was to accept the Congregational meeting minutes from November 22nd. Amazingly seventy voting members marked their ballots on that day. The proposed 2021 budget was passed and three council members were elected or re-elected. To complete the process, at the meeting Pastor Brian installed the 2021 Council. The NBL slate of officers for 2021 are: Jan Gleich -Treasurer, Carole Boyko - Financial Secretary, Judy Clark - Secretary, Dave Severeid - Vice President, and Janet Wright - President.

The council selected January 7th as the date for the Council Retreat (via Zoom). Some of the topics that will be discussed are the Mission of North Bay Lutheran, the purposes of the Ministries and the roles of the Council members.

Guy Bralley keeps us up to date with the progress on the RGHT project. The siding on the church is complete and the gutters will be installed before years end. The wiring, plumbing and HVAC systems are all ready for inspection. The next step will be to install insulation and possibly the elevator. It is very exciting to see such progress.

Have you thought about what needs to happen when the RGHT project is completed?

Everything will need to be pulled from storage, moved back into the building, cleaned and placed and the kitchen committee will be able to manifest their vision. Just as we planned and scheduled to move out of the church, we will be making plans soon to move back in. Your help will be needed. Keep reading the COMPASS newsletter for opportunities to serve.

Please read the Financial Secretary's in depth report on the financial part of the RGHT project elsewhere in this newsletter. The report is important and timely.

As always should you need pastoral call, please call the church line at 360-275-3390.

“May the **New Year** bless you with health, wealth, and happiness.”

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY BY CAROLE BOYKO



Welcome 2021! Happy New Year Everyone!

The RGHT Project has been slow moving but is marching toward completion. The first estimate of completion is Easter. With God's help this will be true, however, we may still not be able to meet due to Covid 19. Keep watching for further updates.

Completion prior to the total collection of pledges due June 30, 2021 leaves a problem in the financing of this project. As of December 6, 2020, the total cost of the project is \$1,165,463. This includes all the change orders, the required fire system, \$25,000 for the kitchen (which is considerably bigger than the previous kitchen), and the new sound system requirements. Paid to Date is \$729,927 making the current balance due the contractor \$435,536. Our pledges totaled \$587,982 of which \$471,040 has been collected. This leaves \$116,942 in pledges which are not due until June 30, 2021. Current cash on hand for the RGHT Project is \$175,809.

Therefore:	
Balance due contractor	\$435,536
Cash on Hand	<u>- 175,809</u>
	\$259,727
<i>Pledges not due till June</i>	<u>- 116,942</u>
DOLLARS SHORT	\$142,785

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Here we are six months until the end of our Capital Campaign to remodel our beloved church.

Progress is coming along finally after several delays and completion is in sight.

To date 80% of all pledges have been collected. Thank you for your prompt generosity!

Just a friendly reminder, there are only 6 months left to fulfill your pledge. If you have a plan and are on schedule to complete it by June 30, 2021, thank you! If you find yourself a bit behind, you have six more months to catch up.

God Bless!

Carole Boyko

Financial Secretary

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When analyzing these figures, please remember that if the project is totally complete by Easter we may be short a grand total of approximately \$259,727. If the total completion is not until the end of June and all pledges are received, we will be short only \$142,785.

Pledges are being paid regularly each Sunday so the total collected will change little by little with time. We are requesting all pledges be paid as soon as possible!

Unfortunately, the church is still short by a substantial amount. The council is now tasked with ways to cover this deficit but **we need your help!** Sadly, all grants to which we have applied have been declined. At this time, we do not want to take out a loan from a financial institution as it will only increase the amount owed.

One option: Can you see clear to increase your pledges to offset this deficit? It would help and be greatly appreciated! If you do not itemize your deductions and can only take the standard deduction on your tax return, the CARES Act allows for up to a \$300 additional deduction for charitable contributions for 2020. Log onto: blog/givelify.com/cares-act-provides-more-reasons-to-give-in-2020 for more information or speak to your tax advisor. This is a great way to donate but benefit on your taxes as well. Remember, all pledges must still be paid by June 30, 2021. Contact Carole Boyko, Financial Secretary, if you can help in this way.

Another option: Is it at all possible for one, two or several congregation members to float the church personal loans that will be paid back in a timely manner? Terms are negotiable and interest will be paid. Jan Gleich, Treasurer, is the person to contact if you can help in this way.

If you have other suggestions or questions, please call 360-275-3390.

The council is so very appreciative of your support for this huge project and do not want to have to ask for additional funds. We do so with humility.

God has led us through this entire journey and we have faith He will present a solution to NBLCC soon.

With God's guidance and your help we will have a beautiful new church to worship in very soon!

Thank you everyone for your understanding and generosity.

North Bay Lutheran Community Church Council

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 30th BY JAN GLEICH

Monthly budgeted income: \$14,753

Actual income for November: \$15,633

Expenses for November: \$14,502

General Fund Balance: \$19,141

RGHT Project Cash on Hand: \$176,032

Contingency Fund Balance: \$16,595

Funds still needed to complete project: \$138,500

Detailed financial reports are available by calling the church office.

FELLOWSHIP BY *ROSEMARY WHEATON*

The year 2020 has been a hard year for all of us, as we have had to make many changes in our daily life. Yet, there is a lesson to be learned in all of the chaos.

Take our fellowship at North Bay Lutheran Community Church as an example. Yes, we gathered together at the Hub for services and fellowship for a few months. We were able to partake in coffee and goodies, and our wonderful potlucks for which there is always abundance. During these we were able to have conversations with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We were able to encourage one another, laugh with one another and at times shed a tear or two.

Then COVID came into our lives and we had had to look for safer ways to have fellowship. Well, we needed to look for a new way to have fellowship and yes, We found it! We turned to notes sent in the mail, e-mails, phone calls, zoom, and our newsletter we did not give up our fellowship. We held fast and found new ways to have fellowship with one another. Was it different? Yes! Was it worth the effort and time? Most definitely!

As we approach the New Year look forward to worshipping in the new building in all of its splendor and meeting all together for fellowship.

I know, as your fellowship chairwoman, I am so excited to be able to put together events and have that coffee ready for you after worship. Yes, I have many ideas written down but the most important to me is to make every person that walks into the fellowship hall feel truly welcomed, to feel the love our Savior has for each and all of us.

So until we can meet in person, pour that cup of coffee and reach out to each other in other ways, may God Bless and keep you safe.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE BY *JUDY CLARK*

APPLE DUMPLINGS

4 apples, cored & peeled - place apples in an 8"x8" baking dish - fill the center of each with: 1/2 C sugar mixed with 1 tsp cinnamon (2 C sugar, 4 tsp cinnamon total)

DUMPLING

1 egg, beaten - add 1/2 C. sugar, 2 T melted butter, 1/2 C flour, a pinch of salt and mix well.

Pour over apples. Add 1/2 C water in the bottom of the pan to prevent scorching.

Bake at 350 degrees for 50 - 60 minutes.



BIRTHDAYS

Howard Thoenke	01
Sylvia Osborne	05
Sadie Evans	08
Patsy Schulz	10
John Pelkey	18
Linda Gaskins	19
Glennys Gehring	22
Andrea Smith	23
Suzi Greenwalt	28

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

PAST & FUTURE

Some Assembly Required!

Some?!

Have you ever considered how many parts go into the constructing of an ELEVATOR?

Yes, there are many parts to our new elevator. Thankfully they are all on site and in the capable hands of our contractor and We are Going UP!



JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30 9:00 AM Staff Meeting Online	31	1 New Year's Day	2 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study @ J. Wittreich's
3 Sunday Worship Video	4	5	6 Epiphany	7 10:00 AM Church Council Retreat	8	9 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study @ TBA
10 Sunday Worship Video	11	12	13 9:00 AM Staff Meeting Online	14 10:00 AM Council Meeting	15	16 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study @ TBA
17 Sunday Worship Video	18 Martin L. King, Jr. Day	19	20 9:00 AM Staff Meeting Online	21	22	23 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study @ TBA
24 Sunday Worship Video	25	26	27 9:00 AM Staff Meeting Online	28	29	30 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study @ TBA
31 Sunday Worship Video	1	2	3 9:00 AM Staff Meeting Online	4	5	6

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Thank You All

The outpouring of love and prayers for us during this year has been overwhelming and so appreciated. God has blessed us with each and every one of you in our life. May Christ be our Light in 2021
Pastor Brian & Leah