



# THE COMPASS

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## SPECIAL COVID-19 EDITION

Due to the fact that we have not been able to gather together for either worship, Bible studies, social gathering or meetings, no articles were available for this month's Compass Newsletter.

As a result we have a very limited issue!

Members were asked to submit photos and brief notes about how they celebrated Easter in Quarantine, and we did get a few which we have included. We hope you enjoy what was shared.

We all pray that this will soon be over and we can resume our worship and ministries together.

Until then be sure to watch our weekly worship recordings by going to our website [www.northbaylutheran.org](http://www.northbaylutheran.org) and clicking on the video link.



A 1<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY  
CHURCH - FOR THE  
21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

... GOD GAVE US A SPIRIT NOT OF FEAR BUT OF  
POWER AND LOVE AND SELF-CONTROL.

*2 Timothy 1:7*

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# THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Janet Wright

By now most of you have tuned into Pastor Brian's Sunday 10:am service, with communion. I find it wonderful that we can be together – separately.

Thank you everyone for continuing your commitments of tithes, offerings and pledges. Even though we are out of our church building, many expenses continue to accrue.

## April 9, 2020 Council Meeting Report News You Can Use

It was a new experience for the council to meet via ZOOM, but it worked well as we had many items to discuss.

We are getting close to the end of the church fiscal year and the time of our yearly congregational meeting. The council passed an emergency resolution that will allow all members to vote by email or by phone. This resolution will continue until the "stay home – stay healthy" mandate is lifted.

If we are unable to meet in person and with the above resolution in place, the annual congregational meeting will be held via emails and phone calls. The council is asking for approval to change the fiscal (financial) year of July 1st to June 30th to the calendar year of January 1st to December 31st. This change will make it easier for reporting yearly state and federal payroll and taxes among other benefits.

Normally the congregation would be voting for new council members at the June meeting, but all current council members have agreed to extend their commitment for an additional 6 months.

Building is going on down at the church. The entire new addition with the elevator shaft area can be seen. While work is limited on the RGHT project at this time, know there are some behind the scene items being addressed. This includes elements such as determining electrical loads, pre-ordering materials when possible (many suppliers are shut down too) and other administrative tasks.

Remember 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.

*Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

## *FROM THE PASTOR* by Pastor Brian Pederson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has now been 9 Sundays since we last worshiped together. I'd like to list how many days or weeks exactly, but I'm having trouble keeping my dates straight and don't know for sure. I do know that it's been 9 Sunday's because that's how many worship videos we have stored on YouTube. We hope that you are enjoying the videos. By the number of people who have been viewing them, I think we are reaching more people every Sunday now than we were before the stay home advisory.

As of this writing the state is still under a stay home - stay safe advisory, however, the governor just announced that they are going to start letting some activities resume, under strict guidelines. Fishing, hunting and golf to name a few. As of now churches are NOT on the list to reopen.

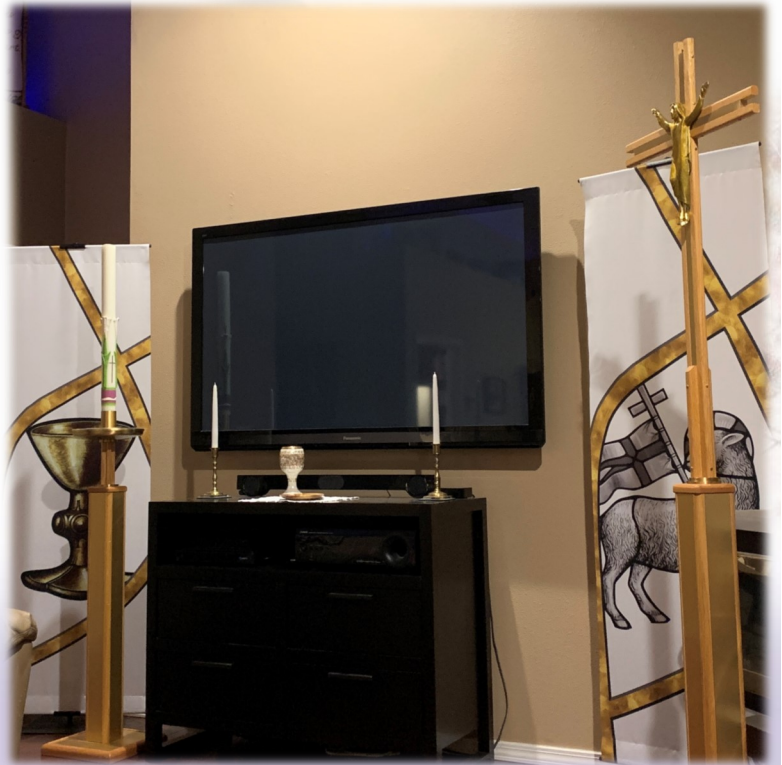
When they do open North Bay Lutheran may not be able to start worshiping right away. We still don't have our own house of worship and are subject to what will be allowed at the HUB. Out of caution, The HUB may not allow groups to use their facility. And even if they do allow it, in order to maintain Social Distancing, we might only be allowed to have 20-25 people gather at one time. We will have to wait and see how this all works out. If this happens I have some ideas, but will pray we can all worship together soon.

To update you on my cancer prognosis, I will be having an MRI the end of April and meeting with a surgeon the first part of May. After which I will be starting chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Chemo will be an oral med twice a day for 4-6 months and radiation will be 28 straight days, not counting weekends,

and will last 6 weeks. Surgery might take place after that, but we'll have to wait to see how the treatments go. Leah and I do ask for your continued prayers for healing and strength. Please know how grateful we are to all of you for your love and support during this challenging time.

The picture is our submission of how we celebrated Easter 2020. We're blessed because we have all the church trappings. We also celebrated Passover on Maundy Thursday.

In spite of all the events that are causing disruptions and stress, we feel truly blessed.



*Wia! Christ Is Risen!*



# EASTER 2020



Frank & Carole enjoying the weather and each other.



As are Diane & Pastor Gary



June H. making something tasty.



Michael W. capturing a boater.



Dave & Mary S. ready for communion



# EASTER 2020



Jo spent the day riding bikes.



Kristian S. spent it on the boat getting ready for Alaska



Dave & Mary S. spent it Zooming with family



Jan G. and Janet W spent it on new shoes and a new car.

# EASTER 2020

## **Gary and Diane Heltsley**

We miss you all. Looking forward to seeing everybody again.

*"For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jer 29:11*

## **June Hove**

I am thankful and grateful for my friends at North Bay.

*"Be joyful in hope." - Romans 12:12*

## **Marlene Pease**

What sustains me during this time: "Remembering that all things work together for good holds me up."

*Romans 8:28 - We know that in everything God works for good, with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.*

## **Dave and Mary Severeid**

Peaceful days, enjoying each other, enjoying our home...but missing our kids and grandkids and our North Bay family!

## **Guy and Barb Bralley**

Keeping busy at home; enjoying the wonderful sunshine we've been blessed with lately.

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Philippians 4:8*

## **Char & Jerry Pedersen**

Life has been very different in some ways, and the same in many others. On the different side we've stayed home. We miss our children, friends and grandkids. Our gas and grocery bills are a small fraction of the usual. I'm back to baking bread and have been more creative as I use up meat in our freezer compartments and staples in the cupboard. Jerry and I are enjoying working in the yard, but the weeds are still winning. Planting our garden is a priority this year and it has expanded.

Gardening, sewing and re-finishing furniture have been favorite activities of mine since seventh grade, so projects long in storage are finally getting worked on. I've sewed 150 masks and have sent many to friends and family all over the country, as well as Washington. If you need one, please just give me a phone call. Delivery is in-





cluded. When not working with my hands, I've enjoyed reading about the orphan trains during the depression, and true stories of the Holocaust. Our confinement is a "piece of cake." We have food and space and a beautiful support system. I can't imagine spending years in a 4 foot cube between rat and insect infested straw in a hay loft listening to gunshots killing friends and family.

We all need reminders of what is important in life. God reminds me everyday of my blessings. I don't have to look for them because He is always with me. We are not alone. Jerry and I also have a special blessing as one of our daughters is staying with us during this time.

We miss everyone and are so blessed to have our internet church services. Thank you Pastor Brian, Leah and everyone working to keep NBLCC strong. Our prayers are with everyone.



Barb B. and her beautiful new quilt



Resurrection and new life.

## BIRTHDAYS

Marlene Pease	02
Charlotte Pedersen	03
Pat Alter	08
Loretta Lukkasson	13
Sherry Martin	13
Barb Bralley	20
Anna Pederson	23
Nancy Plaisance	23
Charlie Parkinson	25
Pete Fischer	28

## ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Mimi Gustavson	11
Bruce & Sherry Martin	11
Brian & Leah Pederson	12
Brian & Sue Phinney	21
Jan & Melvin Meister	28

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

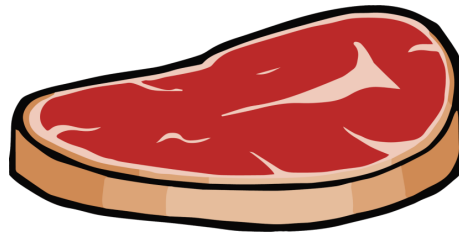
by Judy Clark

### Montreal Peppered Steak

1/2 C olive oil  
1/4 C soy sauce (I used red wine)  
4 tsp McCormick Grill Mates Montreal Steak Seasoning  
2 lbs. boneless beef sirloin or NY strip steaks

Mix olive oil, soy sauce (wine) and steak seasoning in a small bowl. Place steaks in a resealable plastic bag or a glass dish. Add marinade; turn to coat well. Refrigerate for 30 minutes, or longer for extra flavor.

Remove steaks from the marinade. Discard any remaining marinade. Grill steak over medium- high heat for 6 - 8 minutes per side, or until cooked to taste. (You can also use your stove's broiler....I did ours about 5 minutes per side for a nice medium-rare finish.)



## FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> by Jan Gleich

Monthly Budgeted income:	\$15,520
Actual income for April:	\$12,268
Total expenses for April:	\$15,835
General Fund Balance:	\$888
Building Fund Balance:	\$489,707

*Detailed financial reports are available in the office.*