



THE COMPASS

November 2020



Congregational Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1:00 PM
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CHURCH - FOR THE
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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Janet Wright

2020 continues to bring a lot of surprises, fierce windstorms and much suspense and anxiety surrounding COVID 19 and the elections. Hopefully, you have been able to find ways to cope and thrive during this time of change and challenges.

The North Bay Lutheran Council members are continuing to do the business of the church via Zoom and the occasional social distanced meeting. The kitchen committee has handed their plans to the contractor so that the plumbing and electricity will be placed appropriately. The Care Call Team members are serving our church family well by periodically checking in with each congregant.

In June 2020, the membership voted to change the church business year to the January through December time frame. This means that it is now time for our annual congregational meeting to vote on the 2021 budget. There are also three council positions to be filled. More information about this important meeting will be coming to you soon via email and phone calls.

In mid-October four members of the congregation visited Chapel Hill Church in Gig Harbor to look at interior finishes such as carpet, vinyl flooring that looks like wood, rest room finishes and paint color options. All the choices are materials that have proven to hold up well after many years of service both in use and in looks. Remember to read Guy Bralley's RGHT project update in this issue.

2021 will bring many opportunities for NBL members to serve. Hopefully in the first part of the year we will be able to move back into the church. As you know it will take many hands, many handcars and many vehicles to return all the pews, tables, supplies and office equipment. Once we have permission to occupy the building ushers, sacristans, communion assistants, greeters, baristas and fellowship hosts will be scheduled. When we have safely and comfortably returned we can begin inviting friends and new neighbors to join in our Sunday Worship Service. I can hardly wait.

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

OUTREACH MINISTRY BY CAROLE BOYKO

Here at North Bay Lutheran we support the First Fruits ideal by giving the first 10% of our operational income to support selected charities. For the past 18 months, July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020, **this goal was fulfilled.**

Each church year the recipient charities may change. With the help of a very caring, knowledgeable committee the following charities were selected as recipients for the above time period:

LCMC—received 14%--- support our congregation and beliefs

Institute of Lutheran Theology—received 11%---educates clergy in the Christian faith

In Faith---received 10%---missionary work in rural and underserved areas of the USA

The Salvation Army (Bremerton Division)—received 10%---promotes Christ in the community without discrimination

North Mason Coalition of Churches & Community ---received 15%---we support the backpack program for children through this charity

NW Children's Outreach---received 15%---stands in the gap between poverty and agencies focused on children

North Mason Food Bank---received 5%---supplies food to North Mason

Community Food Pantry---received 5%---supports local struggling families

Pastor Discretionary---received 10%---given at Pastor's discretion to those in need

Disaster Relief---received 3%---Operation Blessing International, relief after disasters

Outreach Misc.---received 2%---a one-time donation as needed or requested

Over the past few months we have seen such additional need within our community. Please keep not only these charities but all those in need in your prayers.

"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



**See what love the
Father has given us,
that we should be
called children of God.**

1 John 3:1, NRSV



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Please join us online for this special worship as we remember those from our congregation who have finished their course in faith over the last 12 months and who now rest with the Lord.

We will also have a special time of remembering at the beginning of the service friends and family.

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.

2 Timothy 2:15 King James Version (KJV)

"¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

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.

2 Tim. 3 Verses 16 to 17

*"[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."*

During the COVID 19 plague and due to not having our church building finished, our Bible studies have been cut to the following:

The Men's Study covering Romans with Pastor Gary continues every Saturday from 8-9:30am. The location varies each week. Call Pastor Gary for location.

Rosemary Wheaton has been organizing a day each month of getting the children together to work on projects. She is helped by Janice for songs, Shari Stormo and Joanne Wilkinson.

Kidz Church, Sue Nichols's neighborhood Bible study, and the women's monthly study groups will resume when we are meeting back in the church after the remodel project is complete. At that time since we will have plenty of space and classrooms, I will be looking for volunteers to begin more gatherings; some suggestions are a couples' Bible study on marriage or a finance class on debt free living. Until then remember to read your Bible daily and pray constantly. Grow spiritually to be sanctified and blessed of God.

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31ST BY JAN GLEICH

Monthly budgeted income:	\$14,753
Actual income for October	\$13,221
Expenses for October	\$11,128
General Fund Balance:	\$18,010
RGHT Project Cash on Hand:	\$240,094
Contingency Fund Balance:	\$16,586

Funds still needed to complete project: \$138,299

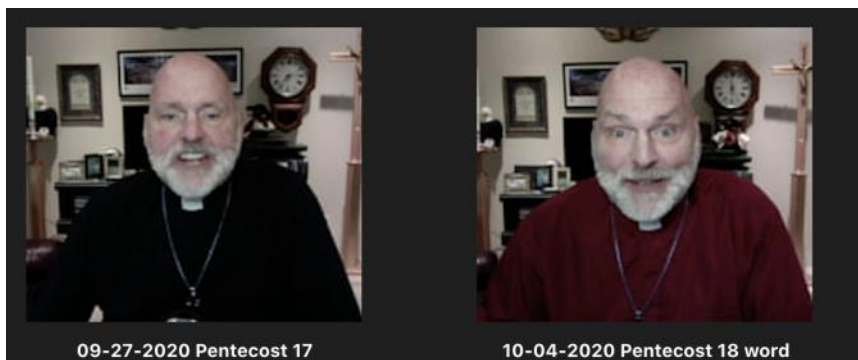
Detailed financial reports are available by calling the church office.

WORSHIP BY PASTOR BRIAN

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ. As of this writing it has now been 34 weeks since we last worshiped together at the HUB, and 67 weeks since we last worshiped together in our own church building. And at this time, we still don't have a firm, or even semi-firm date as to when we will be able to reoccupy the church.

Thank heaven we have been able to continue to worship through our recorded online videos.

I must confess, due to the COVID-19 lockdowns, the church remodel and my cancer treatments, these videos have been a real blessing. Without them we would not be able to worship at all. So I thank God every day I get the chance to sit down at the computer and record the Word of God. They never taught us this at seminary. I want to show you something that makes me laugh/cringe every time I make a video. iMovie automatically saves a screen shot and puts it in the library. I have no control of what is being clipped. Can you imagine having to look at yourself every time to log on? This is what I see. And these are the good ones!



Although we don't know when we will be able to worship together again, we do know we will someday. Soon God willing. And when we do we will have a tremendous celebration service and dedication. We will also start livestreaming the Sunday service, in addition to recording it, so that those of you who are homebound or unable to attend in person can still expectance the worship service. We do want to encourage all of you though to worship in person when you can. As it is written.

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up **meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrew 10:24-25*

EVANGELISM

BY DAVE SEVEREID

What a year we have had! We moved out of our church and are progressing through a remodel. We've experienced the plague with shutdowns of schools, work, and churches. We have been trying to keep people informed through the local news outlets: North Mason Chamber of Commerce, Senior News, North Bay Review, Allyn Association, HUB, Mason County Journal, and Belfair Bugle. We are looking forward to getting back in our remodeled and expanded church in the near future, but we are not sure when that will be. But we plan to have our welcoming materials and teams ready with banners and news outlet updates announcing our reopening. In the meantime, we continue to encourage all our friends and neighbors to watch our weekly services on our website <https://northbaylutheran.org/index.html>.

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).

SHOEBOX MINISTRY

By JANICE MCINTOSH-SCHONBERG

Rejoice! In spite of Covid 19 we are able to send shoeboxes to all the world in the name of our dear Lord Jesus. For information about what to pack go to the website samaritanspurse.org where you can also copy the tag which goes on the box indicating whether the gift is for a boy or girl and the age group.

This year we will drive by The Bridge church, and they will send people out to get the boxes out of your trunk in order to comply with the no-contact rules.

THE DROP-OFF SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Nov. 16, 17, 19, 21- 9:00-11:30 A.M.
Nov. 18- 2:00-4:00
Nov. 20- 2:00-5:00
Nov. 22- 1:00-5:00
Nov. 23- 8:00-10:00

For those who would like to participate but can't go shopping, we could use some help in paying for postage since it cost \$9 per box. Please contact me at (360) 710-6467 if you are interested in doing that. I know your reward will be great in heaven and your heart!



THE RIGHT PROJECT

By GUY BRALLEY



We are making significant forward steps on our renovation and expansion journey. There have been some challenges to our progress, but the contractor team has soldiered on through less-than-favorable weather, the COVID regulations and impacts on his workforce.

As of the third week of October work on the Church is at the point where siding has been attached to 30% of the exterior of the building. This siding is primed, and will be painted the final color later. The roof is completed. Some work remains arranging for the installation of the steeple and around the elevator. Gutters will be attached to deal with run-off water from the roof.

Interior framing has been substantially completed and windows have all been installed. Doors currently on the building are temporary to provide some level of security and will be replaced with the selected models later.

On Friday 23 October the contractor met with representatives of the Church and with the Electrical and Plumbing subcontractors. Discussions surrounded power and lighting requirements for the sanctuary, the elevator and kitchen appliances; the plumbing is mostly associated with the kitchen layout and drains.

In early October the audio consultant was on site for several days. The basic layout for the sound reinforcement equipment was explained to him and some wiring (low voltage) was placed. He will return again later to assist in finalizing the system.

In conclusion, work is continuing and progress is being made. Contractor has been very cooperative in adjusting to our needs and desires. Among major steps still ahead are insulation, drywall, paint, flooring / carpeting, installation of cabinetry and rest room fixtures; this is in addition to HVAC, electric and completion of the interior and exterior doors and trim work. While it is unclear when the Church will be completed, we are progressing.

BIRTHDAYS

Rosemarie Welch	11/02
Jan Gleich	11/04
Diane Heltsley	11/06
Sandi Fleury	11/09
John Lorenz	11/09
Erin Evans	11/21
Nancy Martin	11/25
Carla Anderson	11/25

ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Linda Gaskins 11/04

Don't Forget To



Sunday Nov. 1st

(Don't worry if you forget, the video is online and doesn't care about the time change)

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

PAST & FUTURE



*If you know the whereabouts of the sandwich board please call the office and let them know .
Thank you*



The west side of the church is sided and ready for doors. We will have many more pictures as the construction moves forward.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE BY JUDY CLARK

We are heading into the kind of weather that makes us say "brrrrr"! This chowder is particularly good for us here in the Northwest. I hope you enjoy it!

NORTHWEST SALMON CHOWDER

1/2 C each chopped celery, onion and green pepper,
1 garlic clove, minced
3T butter
1 can (14.5 oz) chicken broth (or 10 3/4 oz condensed broth w/ 3/4 can water)
1 C uncooked diced peeled potatoes
1 C shredded carrots
1 1/2 tsp salt (I adjust to taste)
1/2 tsp pepper
1/4 to 3/4 tsp dill weed
1 can (14-3/4 oz) cream-style corn
1 C half & half cream
1-3/4 to 2 C fully cooked salmon chunks or 1 can (14-3/4 oz) salmon, drained, flaked, bones and skin removed

In a large saucepan, sauté celery, onion, green pepper and garlic in butter until the vegetables are tender. Add broth, potatoes, carrots, salt, pepper and dill; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 40 minutes or until the vegetables are nearly tender. Stir in the corn, cream and salmon. Simmer for 15 minutes or until heated through.

Yield: 8 Servings