

THE NORTH BAY COMPASS



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NBLCC Choir performs 'Winter Rose' Cantata



Kidz Church Program 'The Light Has Come'

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



- Free in Christ
- Accountable to one another
- Rooted in Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions
- Working together to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations.



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COME TO BELIEVE



COME TO BELONG

President's Report—Nov. Update on Renewing God's House Together

The Lutheran minister was chagrined because the church board denied his request for a chandelier for the church.

When pressed for reasons, the chair explained to the pastor: "Vell, for vun thing...da secretary can't spell it. For anudder, nobody knows how to play it (Janice?), so dat would be a waste of money. And anudder ting...if we are going to spend any money, it should be for a light over the pulpit so yew can see better."

We don't have a light over the pulpit, but Pastor did see to it that a new light fixture was installed in the downstairs hallway so we can all see better. Light gives us the security to be safe in the downstairs hallway's darkened area.

This is the season of light as the star lit the way for the shepherds and wisemen to the baby Jesus. His light shone in the manger. He is the light of the world. He is our salvation, our safety, our security, our savior.

Psalm 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation--

whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life--

of whom should I be afraid?

He is the light at the end of the tunnel; reach for the light.

2 Cor 4:6 For God who said "let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Let that light shine in your face. May God be at your side always and lift you up in his arms in times of trouble this new year and every year. Glory be to God.

RGHT Update

TN Miller has returned the engineered drawings to us, but we are awaiting the return of the preliminary drawings from them to determine if everything we want is included. Work is underway to narrow down the bids for our project.

The permitting stage is moving forward and we were informed that the elevator permit may take a while. We anticipate our move out of our facili-

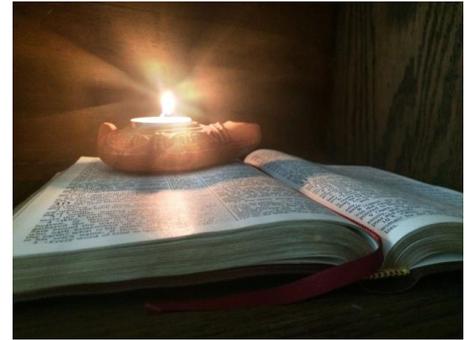
ty and into the HUB will be sometime this spring. We don't need our building exposed during the winter months. The county has determined that a sprinkler system for fire safety is not needed as the proposed fire wall (break) will be sufficient.

The Council will keep you informed as we receive updates. We will have pertinent dates published as quickly as possible.

Praise be to God.

God's Blessings

Jerry Pedersen
Council President



Treasurer's Report — Financial Report as of December 31, 2018

Budget Year July 2018 to June 2019

Annual Budget \$185,105

Budgeted income year to date:	\$92,552
Actual income year to date:	\$83,868
Total expenses year to date:	\$81,645
Budgeted monthly income:	\$15,425
Actual income for December:	\$19,330
Expenses for December:	\$15,075

While the month of December shows income above budget and expenses on target, the General Fund remains below what is needed.

At the half year mark the balance is a minus \$6,286 dollars.

Detailed financial reports are available in the office. Also, please note whether your donation is earmarked for the Building Remodel Project, or the General Fund. Thank you!

Jan Gleich
Treasurer

From the VP's Desk—Getting to Know You



This month, the spotlight is on two more active, involved members of our church community.

You can recognize one of them by their “light up the room” welcoming smile and one by their gentle but solid and reliable presence. This month’s interviewees are Sue Nichols and Dave Severeid.

Sue

Immediately after taking care of her mother-in-law in Illinois, Sue moved to the Allyn area to take care of her mother. Unexpectedly, and sadly, she first was immersed in care-giving for her ailing husband during his final eighteen months.

When Sue first came to Mason County, she found a church home and began leading bible study classes. A fellow teacher, Janice Schonberg, suggested that she interview with Kim Olsen who was seeking a bible study leader for North Bay. The rest, as you may guess, is history.

Sue takes great pride in the fact that there are five different churches represented in her classes.

The Fellowship and the relationship between the Pastor and the congregation is her favorite part of our church community. She said, “Jesus commands that we love one another and that is what I see at North Bay.”

When asked what family means to her, Sue said, “We all belong to each other.” She likes being in the background and is a very private person, but she readily reaches out to others and treats them as more important than herself because “that’s what matters.”

Dave

Dave and his wife, Mary, spent a lot of time in our area at their family’s summer place and started attending North Bay long before they moved here permanently. Dave’s requirements for a church were and are a place where they liked the people and were liked in return and an empathic Pastor with solid biblical preaching. The favorite parts of NBL for Dave are Pastor Brian, Leah and the church family – it’s his church

home. Helping to raise good kids and grandkids all active in their own church families is one of Dave’s greatest accomplishments.

Here are some of Dave’s thoughts on “what else” he might want us to know about him. He had a good career, but loves retirement by the salt water. His interests are participating in family and friend activities, getting to know others—their experiences and values in life—boating, fishing and traveling, as long as the focus doesn’t shine on him too much.

Thank you Sue and Dave for sharing your thoughts and feelings.

“Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family: Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one.” —Jane Howard

God’s Blessings

Janet Wright

Council Vice President

Fellowship Report

Welcome 2019!! It’s a New Year! What changes we are going to be seeing in 2019 here at North Bay. Construction should begin sometime in spring. There is a lot to do before then, so if you have not volunteered yet, I urge you to do so soon. Packers, movers, storage areas are all needed and this is just the beginning.

Servant Hands has been reworked and we now have Worship and Fellowship Manuals. There are no more “teams.” Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants and Readers are under the direction of Pastor Brian. Coffee Hosts (now called Fellowship

Hosts), and Baristas are under the Fellowship Ministry Chair. Each category has a lead responsible for scheduling volunteers for each service. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Brian or myself. Look for sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship events are on a slight hiatus until February. The 9th Annual Anniversary/Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner is scheduled for February 24. We will be making Lefse the day before. More on this next month.

As you may know, I volunteered to

be Financial Secretary. I felt called to do both positions and with your continued help, I am confident it will work. I am so grateful to everyone who helps. I never feel overwhelmed. I am looking for more tellers to help count the generous donations we are given. If you are interested, please contact me.

May God continue to bless you and North Bay this coming year!

Carole Boyko

Council Member—Fellowship

Discipleship Report

Good morning!

Today as I write this, it is the day after Christmas. I woke up at 4:30 to read some of my new book, *People I Met At The Gates Of Heaven*. I hope and pray that the messages I share with you touch your hearts as the people who have been written about in Don Piper's book touched his. It just shows that we don't always know or understand the way our actions and behaviors influence others, but God does and that is all that matters.

I am excited to think about seeing the people who have loved and influenced me at the gates of Heaven. I am equally excited to see others that I have loved and hopefully influenced at that same gate!

I am celebrating the end of one season and looking forward to the next. I am taking a few moments from the call of duties to enjoy the peace and prayer this time of the day provides

me. I am thinking about the beautiful Church Services I was blessed to be able to attend, and especially the parts I was able to be part of. Receiving and giving communion is such a wonderful thing, and it chokes me up to see my family, and the people of my church family partaking of it.

Thank you so much for taking time to be a part of this, to spend a time away from the commercialism of Christmas, to give worship and thanks to our Lord and God for the bountiful blessings he provides for us.

I would be remiss if I did not write about the the Kidz Church and the fact that they have been working all year to earn and collect money to provide animals and plants for start-up businesses in poor countries. They often work at figuring out what they can donate to others. How many chickens and goats and fruit trees for example. Linda Lorenz leads them in this ministry.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study will be having our famous potluck on January 8th at 12:00. We normally meet at 12:45, but a little earlier on our potluck days. We have some wonderful cooks and enlightened conversations in this class. Please join us and learn more about the Bible, enjoy fellowship and get your questions answered.

Well, here begins a new day, and when you read this, a New Year! May God reach out and pull you close to him. May he use others to show you the paths that he calls you to follow. I pray that when the time comes, I may be able meet you at the gates of heaven. May it be a blessed and wonderful year for each of you....

God's Peace and Joy to you,

Shari Stormo

Council Member—Discipleship

Bible Studies

Neighborhood Bible Study resumes on Tuesday, January 8 with a potluck at noon. They are studying Ephesians and meet on Tuesdays from 12:45-2:45.

NBL Women's Bible Study is studying Discipleship. They meet next on Friday, Jan. 18 at 10 am.

Saturday Men's Bible Study resumes Saturday, January 5. They are studying the Gospel of Mark. They meet Saturdays at 8 am.

Outreach Report—Undercover Drive for Veterans & Kids

From January 6th through the 20th, we will be collecting items to share with Veterans and Kids to keep them under cover and warm during the winter.

Clean and gently used blankets, coats, gloves and caps can be left in the narthex. They will be collected and delivered to North Mason Resource Center (mid-teen and older); or Northwest Children's Outreach

(young teen and younger) for distribution as appropriate.

We ask each of you to look through your closets and dressers to find those "no longer worn treasures," unused blankets, forgotten gloves or caps, and consider sharing them with others who find themselves wanting this winter.

We are aiming to provide added warmth for all age groups, from the oldest veteran down to the youngest child.

Be a blessing,

Dennis Moen

Council Member—Outreach

Recipe Corner

Hello everyone! Norm and I recently tried this recipe. I thought it was quite good and not that difficult to prepare. Norm had cheddar on his....I followed the recipe.

Judy Clark

SOUTHWESTERN CHEESE-ESTEAK SANDWICH 8 servings

1 boneless beef chuck roast (3-4 lbs)
1 1/2 tsp ground cumin
1 1/2 tsp chipotle chile powder
2 T oil
1 large onion, sliced
1 poblano pepper, sliced
1 C prepared thick-and-chunky salsa
1-2 C beef stock
Salt and pepper
8 hoagie buns
8 oz. pepper jack cheese, shredded

Dry meat thoroughly with paper towels. Combine spices, reserving 1 tsp. Rub 2 tsp. on the meat. Heat oil in a

pot on medium heat. Add roast and carefully sear. Remove from the pot.

Add onion, poblano and reserved 1 tsp spices to the pot; saute until tender. Remove, let cool and refrigerate.

Return the roast to the pot. Add salsa and enough beef stock to halfway cover the roast. Bring just to a boil, then reduce heat, cover, and simmer gently until fork-tender (about 3 hours). Remove the roast to a cutting board. Slice the beef and season to taste with salt & pepper.

Add the onion and pepper slices to the liquid in the pot to reheat. While the veggies warm, preheat the broiler.

Split hoagie buns, top with cheese and toast briefly under broiler. Top toasted buns with meat and veggies.

New Members

On Sunday, February 3, we will be receiving new members into the family of NBLCC during Worship Service. If you are interested in joining or have questions about membership, please contact the office.

There will be a New Member Orientation on Saturday, February 2.



Pastor Brian and Karmen Heckathorn with a Norwegian flag cake

Evangelism Report

The Welcome Team

If you know someone who doesn't have a church family, please think about encouraging them to join us at North Bay. There are cards of invitation in the narthex that will make the request easier. After the first visit, new attendees will receive a visit from the NBL Welcome Team bearing cookies and a blessing. It is always our duty and our joy to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Supper Club

Yummm!! Swedish meatballs with noodles and gravy, German potatoes with sausage, roasted Brussels sprouts and cherry chocolate cake: these are a few of my favorite things and I got to eat them all at our last Supper Club. As we meet together to enjoy the food and

each other please remember that these gatherings are a perfect time to invite a neighbor or friend who may not have a church family.

Everyone is welcome to invite a non-church member and its not too late to sign up yourself.

Just add your name to the list in the narthex and you will be contacted regarding your group placement, as new groups form each month.

Contact Mary Severeid at 253-531-8569 if you wish to bring a guest next time.

STAYING SAFE IN OUR CHURCHES

North Bay Lutheran Community Church

221 E Lakeland Drive, Allyn

Invites you to a free workshop and coffee hour

On January 31st at 9:00 to 10:30 am
In the North Bay Fellowship Hall

Chief Ryan Spurling of the Mason County Sheriff's Dept. will speak about Situational Awareness and Security Considerations for Churches.

Everyone is welcome to attend, church leaders, ushers and greeters especially encouraged to participate.

God's Blessings

Janet Wright

Council Vice President



January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Howard Thoemke	1-1
Sylvia Osborne	1-5
Sadie	1-8
John Pelkey	1-18
Linda Gaskins	1-19
Glennys Gehring	1-22
Andrea Smith	1-23
Suzi Greenwalt	1-28

Happy Anniversary!

Delmer & Barbara Griffey 1-11

A special thank you
to the following for their effort
in removing and transporting
7 truckloads of branches
that were left after cutting down
the large cedar tree on our lower lot:
Norm Clark,
Al Gleich,
Kristian Schonberg and his son.
The Andersons were kind enough
to let us take the debris
to their dump site.

Flower Dedications

January 20: Given by Joanne Wilkinson to
the Glory of God, in honor of Lisa's birthday.

January 6, 13, & 27 are still available.

Please sign up in the Narthex.



**Sign up in the narthex to
dedicate flowers for
worship service in 2019.**

If flowers are in honor of
someone special, or a special
event, make a note when you
sign up.

For more info, contact the
office, 360-275-3390



Allyn Historical Church—new year, new day

Photos



Photos: NBLW Bible Study & Christmas Tea at Arlene Burton's house;
John Lorenz and Bonnie & Dennis O'Hanlon serenade Pastor Brian on Pastor Appreciation Sunday



Photos: Carole Boyko and Pastor Brian on Pastor Appreciation Sunday;
Carla Anderson, Charlotte Pedersen, and Sherry Martin making centerpieces for the Fellowship Hall;
Marv Frye during a dramatic recitation of Luke 2:1-20 during Christmas Eve service

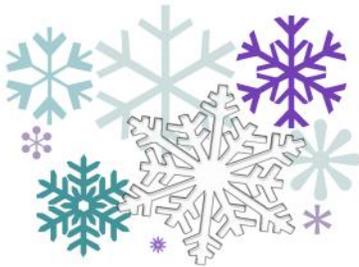
Thanks to Sandi Fleury & Linda Gaskins & Shari Stormo for photos



January 2019

Office hours: Mon-Fri 9 am - 1 pm

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



1 New Years Day (office closed)	2 9 am TOPS	3	4	5 8 am Men's Bible Study
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6 Epiphany Sunday 8:45 am Choir 10 am Worship & Kidz Church	7 9 am Staff Mtg	8 12:45-2:45 Neighborhood Bible Study	9 9 am TOPS 12 pm Congreg. Council Mtg	10	11	12 8 am Men's Bible Study
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13 Baptism of Our Lord 8:45 am Choir 10 am Worship & Kidz Church	14	15 12:45-2:45 Neighborhood Bible Study	16 9 am TOPS	17	18 10 am NBLW Bible Study	19 8 am Men's Bible Study
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Pastor's Christmas Sabbatical

20 8:45 am Choir 10 am Worship & Kidz Church	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (office closed)	22 12:45-2:45 Neighborhood Bible Study	23 9 am TOPS	24	25	26 8 am Men's Bible Study
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Pastor's Christmas Sabbatical

27 8:45 am Choir 10 am Worship & Kidz Church	28 9 am Staff Mtg	29 12:45-2:45 Neighborhood Bible Study	30 9 am TOPS	31 9 am Staying Safe in Our Churches
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