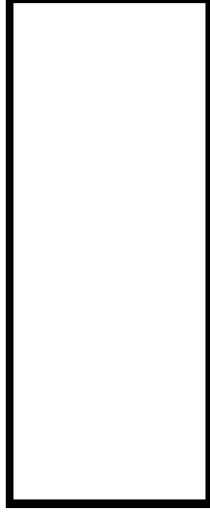


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NORTH STAR NEWS

From

North Presbyterian Church of La Crosse, WI.



Pastor Scott's Scripts:

As we enter the New Year, I first want to say how thankful I have been for your generous care following the loss of my dad. The gentle way you have carried, and continue to carry me as I mourn his loss has been deeply appreciated. Quite frankly, I simply don't know how I could have handled his loss without your love and concern.

As I venture into 2012, I am excited to introduce to you our new Parish Associate: **Rev. Louis Stoker.**

For our long time members you will remember Louis as the first member of the North Presbyterian congregation to be ordained into the ministry. (See article)

On a personal note, Pastor Stoker and myself go all the way back to 6th grade where he was my teacher and basketball coach. His enthusiasm for life and his willingness to let me shoot the basketball whenever I was open, endured him to me for life. I am excited for us to bring him on as a Parish Associate and look forward to the many gifts he will bring to our church.

2012 offers us a variety of exciting opportunities in the coming year. Come join us as we serve and worship our Lord with enthusiasm and joy.

See ya in church,
Pastor Scott

Youth Choir: 8:45 AM Sunday (School year only)
Sunday School: 9:00 AM Sunday (School year only)
Sunday Worship: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Nursery Care: 10:00 AM September through May

JANUARY, 2012 VOLUNTEERS

January 1

Greeters: Noreen Twite; Paula Paulus
Ushers: Jim Darnell; Ben Skogen; Laura Walters; **1 VOLUNTEER**
Coffee Hour Hostesses: Nanette Harter, Patty Hauser & Lori Peterson
Coffee Hour Sponsor: Jan Quinn
Tribune Sponsor: **NEED VOLUNTEER (\$10)**
Liturgist: Brian Akey
Counters: Jon Schuster & Peggy Opland
Communion Servers: Cindy Adams, Jim Taylor; Peggy Opland; Laura Walters

January 8

Greeters: Dave & Donna Swanke; Rae Daffinson
Ushers: Wes & Maureen Tabbert; Roger & Nancy Reader
Coffee Hour Hostesses: Ernst Family; Sandy Halderson
Coffee Hour Sponsor: **BIRTHDAY SUNDAY-Dick Mulder 80th Birthday**
Tribune Sponsor: Noreen Twite
Liturgist: Tiffany Bean
Counters: Kelly Ostrem; Peter Taylor

January 15

Greeters: Wes & Maureen Tabbert
Ushers: Dick & Lyn Palm; Bill & Sue Leathen
Coffee Hour Hostesses: Rob Bean Family; Barb Akey
Coffee Hour Sponsor: Jan Quinn
Tribune Sponsor: **NEED VOLUNTEER (\$10)**
Liturgist: Heather Church
Counters: Laura Walters; Donna Berry-Swanke

January 22

Greeters: Justin, Jackie and Sawyer Stakston
Ushers: Bill Druliner; Patty Peppers; Brian & Barb Akey
Coffee Hour Hostesses: Dick & Lyn Palm; Joyce Shanks
Coffee Hour Sponsor: Jan Quinn
Tribune Sponsor: **NEED VOLUNTEER (\$10)**
Liturgist: Kevin Colburn
Counters: Sue Leathen; Maureen Tabbert

January 29

Greeters: Bill & Ellen Soper
Ushers: Dave Molling; Sharon Opitz; Ron & Jean Seitz
Coffee Hour Hostesses: Winnie Miller; Laura Walters; Deb Harmening
Coffee Hour Sponsor: Sharon Sugg
Tribune Sponsor: **NEED VOLUNTEER (\$10)**
Liturgist: Nancy Ernst
Counters: Lisa Colburn; Jayne Bissen

ALL CHURCH SLEDDING PARTY!!



WHEN: Sunday, January 29th

TIME: 2:00—4:00 P.M.

WHERE: Coulee Golf Bowl (end of Main St.; Onalaska)

Hot chocolate and treats will be provided!!

DEACONS CORNER

Hospital Callers (January):

Gundersen: Sandy Halderson
Mayo Health Clinic: Jerry & Kathy Runice

Communion Preparers:

January 1, 2011: Jim & Julie Rasmusson
Sandy Halderson

Next Meeting:

Combined Session/Deacon Meeting on Wednesday, January 11
Pot-luck starting at 6:30 p.m.

Grocery Receipts: Please have Oct., Nov., and Dec. receipts in no later than Sunday, Jan. 8th.

MONDAY'S MEALS

The new Mondays Meals dates have arrived. North Presbyterian Church is responsible for the following dates: **January 23rd; March 12th; May 14th; July 23rd; Sept 24th; November 5th**

Please contact Rosie Gilman at 781-5690 if you are able to help!

2012 ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 29th right after the 10:00 a.m. Service. Please plan on attending as all the churches finances are reviewed.

“PER CAPITA”

Every year around this time Presbyterians hear the words “Per Capita.” This is followed by a question, “What is Per Capita?”

Per Capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the cost of coming together and being a connected Church.

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 11,000 congregations and governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are connected and participate in the work of the wider church.

Because it is rooted in the connectional and covenantal nature of the Presbyterian Church, as affirmed by the ordination vows taken by elders and ministers of the Word and Sacrament, per capita could be called the Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund.

The official definition: “Per Capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission: and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians” (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995).

It’s been said that just as a train cannot move without an engine, our governing bodies (Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly), require a power source to enable them to provide services which support our mutual mission as the body of Christ.

The Per Capita amount for North Presbyterian members for 2012 is \$28.

“Members” includes everyone who has been confirmed as an “Active Member”

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The Ordination/Installation service will be held Sunday, January 8th, at the 10 AM Worship Service. Please join us as we welcome:

New Elders: Dave Schroeder, Peggy Opland, Joyce Shanks

New Deacons: Helen Herlitzka, Russel Opland, Sandy Halderson

GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Coulee Region Gospel Choir invites you to join in preparation for their spring concerts under the direction of Steve Koch. Rehearsals are at Sand Lake Wesleyan Church, Sundays starting Jan. 8 at 3:00. Concerts will be during the month of March and Palm Sunday afternoon. All singers are welcome. Please contact Ruth Ann Granum, 526-2218 or email crgc@centurytel.net.

MOBILE MEALS

Thank you to everyone who so willingly donated their time to deliver Mobile Meals. Without your support, we would not have such a successful volunteer program for those who are in need of meals. If any new volunteers are interested but apprehensive about a first time, a veteran meal deliverer will ride along with you.

2012 Dates:

January 22-28

April 22-28

August 12-18

September 30—Oct. 6

December 16-22

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

Tax Tips

IRS regulations require that all contributions for 2011 be dated and/or postmarked by December 31, 2011. Any contributions received in the church office AFTER January 10, 2012 will be considered a donation for 2012.

If you have had an address change in 2011 please let the church office (781-5690) know so your Contribution Statement can be sent to the correct address.

Peggy Opland
NPC Treasurer

January Birthdays!

- 1 Megan Wilhelm
Patricia Walters
- 2 Bruner Hanabarger
- 3 Dave Molling
- 4 Patricia Ruetten
Jeanne Christiansen
- 5 Helen Herlitzka
Annie Mach
- 6 Karen Smith
Nanette Harter
- 7 Tim Schulz
- 8 Linda Betsinger
Lori Bolden
Rae Daffinson
Brian Mansky
Cody Feehan
- 9 Lisa Plumer
Richard Harris
- 10 Beverly Bice
- 11 John Crayton
Lloyd Kennedy, Jr.
- 12 Joseph Farmer
Gretchen Burns
- 14 Bob Patros
- 15 Kara Bissen
Dick Mulder
Emma Gamoke
- 16 Emma Sierp
- 17 Jeffrey Lubinsky
- 18 Jane Blank
- 19 Betty Macha
- 20 Curtis Kang
Don Wilhelm
Megan Jurgensen
- 25 Joan Johnson
- 26 Andrew Peterson
- 27 Brandon Hanabarger
Donald Meyer
- 30 Suzy Zenker
Leona Paisley

THANK YOU!

Dear North Church Family & Friends,
On behalf of Debby, Ben and Annie, I would like to thank you for the many different cards, gifts and well wishes you extended to us this Christmas. Your generosity is extraordinary and very much appreciated. God's Blessings to all in the New Year and again **Thank You So Much!!**
Scott, Debby, Ben and Annie

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who not only made my Christmas joyful but to everyone for making my first year as your secretary the best ever!!
Rosie

FUN BUNCH – 2012

Fun Bunch is an adult fellowship group that meets once a month (usually the last Tuesday) for a noon meal. Fun Bunch is just what its title describes, we are a fun bunch of people sitting around a table enjoying each others company while enjoying a meal usually prepared by Pastor Scott and all guests bring a dish to share.

2012 FUN BUNCH SCHEDULE:

- January 31.....Turkey
- February 28.....Joan Johnson's chicken & Biscuits
- March 27.....Rosie's hamburger gravy
- April 24.....Pasta Bar
- May 29.....Grilled Chicken Sandwiches
- June 26.....Maid Rite Sandwiches
- JulyOFF
- August 28.....Salad Days
- September 18(**note: Day change**) FIELD TRIP to Basilica in Winona, Minn.
- October 30.....Scott Hauser's famous Chili
- Nov / Dec.....OPEN HOUSE – Fellowship Hall
Given by Pastor Scott & Debby
Hors d'oeuvres

Please join us for Fun Bunch—the more the merrier!!!



STARS OF THE YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A big thank you to all the youth who made the 2011 Christmas Program one of the best ever!!

If anyone would like a DVD of this Christmas Program, Jim Taylor would be happy to make you a copy. Please let the church office know at 781-5690. The charge will be \$5.00 and Jim Taylor will donate this money to our Deacons.

Rev. Louis Stoker

Louis and his wife, Ella, had five children; the late Michael; John, Karl, Jane and Mary. Louis served parishes in Cresco, Davenport, and Marshalltown, all in Iowa and in Milwaukee, Sparta, and Bangor in Wisconsin.

Louis also taught in the Onalaska School System for 29 years. Following his retirement, he and Ella moved to Montana where Louis served as Interim and Stated Supply in the churches of Cut Bank, Whitefish and Seeley Lake.

In November, the Stokers moved into our former manse and will be making their home with us.

Please join us on Sunday, January 8th during the 10:00 a.m. worship service as we install Pastor Stoker as our Parish Associate.

2012 NPC SESSION

Bob Burns.....782-3665
Rosie Gilman.....780-5599
Peggy Opland.....779-4623
Joyce Shanks.....782-8892
Dave Schroeder.....792-1283
Jim Taylor.....783-3125
Jeanne Christiansen786-3784
Dave Molling.....317-0076
Thor Riedesel.....779-5445

2012 NPC DEACONS

Sandy Halderson783-0106
Russel Opland.....779-4623
Jeff Alexander.....(507) 450-0426
Arch & Cathy Harris.....781-2395
Jim & Julie Rasmusson788-8605
Bill & Sue Leathen.....783-3133
Jerry & Kathy Runice783-4214
Bernadette Taylor.....782-2332
Helen Herlitzka.....782-4479

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January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Communion Sunday</i>	2	3	4 <i>Confirmation 5:30</i>	5	6	7
8 <i>Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons</i> <i>Installation of Pastor Louis Stoker</i>	9	10	11 <i>Joint Meeting of Elders & Deacons 6:30 Potluck</i> <i>Confirmation 5:30</i>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <i>Confirmation 5:30</i>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <i>Confirmation 5:30</i>	26	27	28
29 <i>Annual Meeting Right After 10:00 Service</i> <i>All Church Sledding Party 2-4</i>	30	31 <i>Fun Bunch</i>				