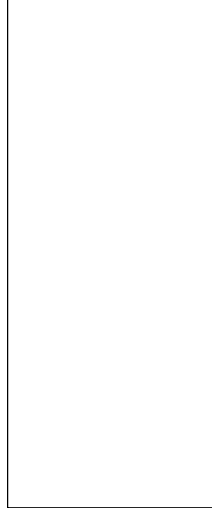


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NORTH STAR NEWS

From

*North Presbyterian Church of La Crosse, WI.
"Sharing God's love since 1870"*



Pastor Scott's Scripts:

A couple of years ago I was going through some old stuff, when a card fell from the pile onto the floor. As I scooped down to pick it up I noticed that it was a thank you card written and signed by Seth Phillips. (As many of you know Seth was a teenage member of my church in Yorktown who died tragically in an automobile accident)

As I opened the card and saw Seth's handwriting and his signature so many wonderful memories of Seth flooded my soul. The card stopped me in my tracks and I treasured this moment of remembrance. And then something inspired me to send that card to Seth's Mom & Dad. I hoped they would appreciate a simple sampling of remembrance this card offered.

To my delight, Seth's Mom, Susan, wrote me back the nicest thank you card. It meant the world to her to see Seth's writing (Susan was an English teacher so she really treasured Seth's writing skills) But even more than that, both Dennis & Susan enjoyed having a part of Seth back just for a moment. It meant the world to them that I was willing to share a part of Seth with them even if it was just a simple thank you card from days gone by.

On Sunday, February 19th, North Presbyterian Church, at our 10:00 worship will take a moment to remember loved ones who have passed away in 2011. There will be special music, a special sermon and a special rose presentation when we remember by name your loved one.

On this Sunday of Remembrance, let us gather in the spirit of comfort, kindness, encouragement and grace. Remember what Thomas Campbell once said, "To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Dear friends, I know your hearts are full of passionate memories. On this Sunday of remembrance we give a voice to your memories as we pause not only to acknowledge the sorrow you still feel but also to embrace the special person that continues to live in your heart.

God's Peace,
Pastor Scott

FEBRUARY, 2012 VOLUNTEERS

February 5

Greeters: Karen Smith & Hazel Tyler
Ushers: Don & Darla Severtson; Kevin & Lisa Colburn
Coffee Hour Hostesses: Judy Loomis; Karen Hansen; Laurie Every
Coffee Hour Sponsor: **NEED VOLUNTEER—\$25**
Tribune Sponsor: Ruth Williams
Liturgist: Bill Leathen
Counters: Dave Schroeder; Rob Bean
Communion Servers: Laura Walters; Lance Jurgensen; Bill & Sue Leathen

February 12

Greeters: Ron & Jean Seitz
Ushers: Russel & Peggy Opland; Jeff Alexander; Sharon Opitz
Coffee Hour Hostesses: Jayne Bissen; Diane Loomis; Esther Rybolt
Coffee Hour Sponsor: Winnie Hubing—Birthday Sunday
Tribune Sponsor: Winnie Hubing
Liturgist: Sue Leathen
Counters: John Crayton; Don Malmo

February 19

Greeters: Esther Rybolt & Joyce Shanks
Ushers: Bill & Ellen Soper; Ken Kintzel; Linda Betsinger
Coffee Hour Hostesses: Ann Turk; Judy Johnston; Mary Hauser
Coffee Hour Sponsor: Winnie Hubing
Tribune Sponsor: Winnie Hubing
Liturgist: Peggy Opland
Counters: Debby Skogen; Laura Walters

February 26

Greeters: Mary Friske; Pat Markos
Ushers: Russell & Peggy Opland; Dave Schroeder; Karen Keim
Coffee Hour Hostesses: Dorothy Balfany; Nancy Reader; Sue Leathen
Coffee Hour Sponsor: **NEED VOLUNTEER—\$25**
Tribune Sponsor: Winnie Hubing
Liturgist: Darla Severtson
Counters: Gene McNurlen; Joyce Shanks

If you are unable to do any assigned duties please call Rosie (781-5690) so a replacement can be found.

Thank you!



**NORTH PRESBYTERIAN SKI DAY AT
MT. LACROSSE**

Our church will be having their annual ski trip to Mt. La Crosse.

The information is as follows:

DATE: SUNDAY, February 26th
TIME: Noon—5:00 p.m.
COSTS: Lift Only: \$15
Ski rental/Lift: \$20
Lift / Snowboard Rental: \$30

All costs include a lunch ticket and a lesson, if needed. Mt. La Crosse requires that we pre-register and pre-pay for this event. For further Information, please contact Debby Skogen at debbys@metcohq.com or by telephone at (608) 498-0487.

**2012
LENTEN SERIES**

Wednesday, February 22.....Ash Wednesday
Service at 7 p.m., NPC

**The following services begin with
dinner at 6:00 p.m. and service at 7:00 p.m.**

February 29.....North Presbyterian Church
March 7.....Bangor Presbyterian Church
March 14.....New Amsterdam Presbyterian Church
March 21.....Mindoro Presbyterian Church
March 28.....North Bend Presbyterian Church

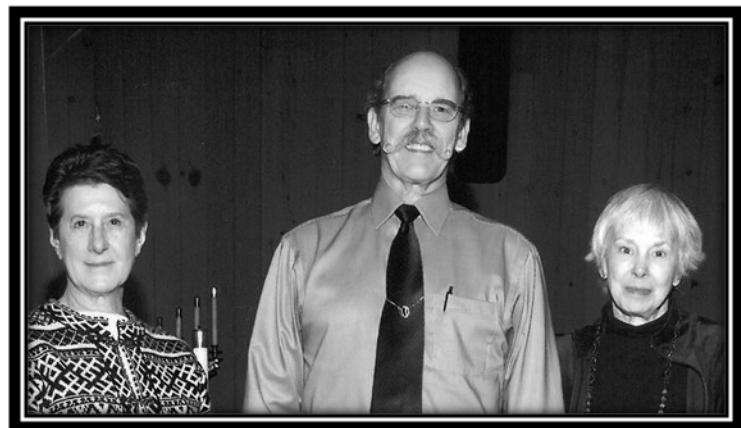
Please plan on attending as this is a great time to
worship with your fellow Presbyterians!!

WELCOME OUR NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS



ELDERS

Peggy Opland; Dave Schroeder; Joyce Shanks



DEACONS

Helen Herlitzka; Russel Opland; Sandy Halderson

PER CAPITA

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.

The Per Capita amount for North Church members is \$28. "Members" includes everyone who has been confirmed as an active member.

"Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus."

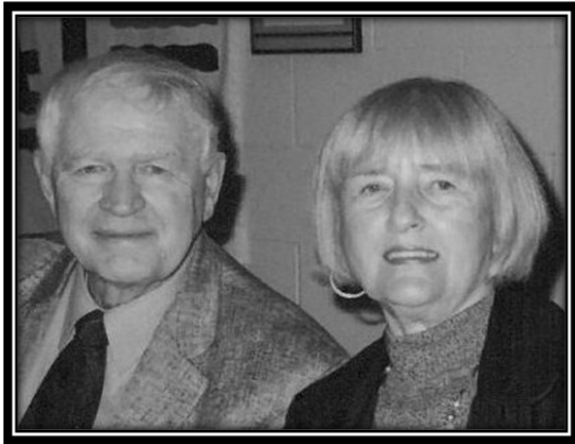
Mother Theresa



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

- 1 Megan Ostrem
- 2 Mary Snider
Dan Mills
Alma Darnell
Erin Banasik
- 3 Joan Johnston
- 4 Rev. Scott Skogen
Jon Schuster
- 6 Jessica McWain
- 7 Paul Ernst
- 8 Laura Lee
- 9 Andrew Springer
Chloe Zielke
Ken Kintzel
- 13 Kim Gavin
- 15 Kathy Runice
- 16 Steven Christiansen
- 17 Donald Kibler
- 18 Joan Peterson
- 19 Scott Haag
Mike Burkhardt
Heather Molling
- 21 Peggy Opland
- 23 Scott Bouffleur
Margie Otto
Jean Kintzel
- 25 Zachary Hauser
Jill Ender
- 26 Kara Paulus
- 27 Kevin Johnston
- 28 Neil Molling

WELCOME OUR PARISH ASSOCIATE



Rev. Louis & Ella Stoker

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday, **February 19**, North Church will pause to remember friends and family who have passed away in 2011.

On that Sunday we will remember fondly:

Buzz Miller	Ed Furtwangler	Kristin Hoeschele	Michael Stoker
Steve Hoppens	Bing Skogen	Doris Opland	Dick Riley
Verna Raymer	David Church	Vi Betz	George Swenka
Matthew Keefe	Luella Williams	Clayton Palmer	

If you have lost a loved one and want them remembered on this day, please call the church office (781-5690) so we can also honor them on the 19th.

Our Memorial service is a gift from the church to let you know we still care and that we know you still feel the sadness of your loss. Please join us on the 19th as we pause to remember our brothers and sisters who forever remain in our hearts and memories.

FUN BUNCH

WHEN: Tuesday, February 28th
TIME: Noon
WHERE: North Presbyterian Fellowship Hall
SERVING: Joan Johnson will be serving chicken & biscuits

All adults are welcome to attend.
Please bring a dish to share!

DEACONS CORNER

Hospital Callers (February)

Gundersen: Helen Herlitzka
Mayo Health System: Jerry & Kathy Runice

Communion Preparers:

February 5, 2012: Sandy Halderson; Helen Herlitzka
Russel Opland

Save Your Grocery Receipts: All area Festival Foods stores apply. Original receipts only, no duplicate receipts are accepted. Please drop the receipts in the box outside of the Sanctuary. Currently, the Deacons are collecting Festival receipts for January, February, and March, with the last drop off for these months on April 8, 2012.

Festival Foods Grocery Receipt Program

Thank you to all who have contributed their Festival Foods grocery receipts in 2011. This is a very successful fundraiser for the Deacon's Mission Fund to help those in our community in need. In 2011, the Deacons received \$780.00 from the program.

How does the grocery receipt program work? Festival Foods accept receipts for their current fiscal quarter. For example: currently, Festival is in their first quarter of 2012 and are accepting all January, February, and March receipts. The grocery receipts are added together and Festival pays 1% of the total dollar amount to the Deacons. Festival does not accept duplicate receipts.

Please continue to donate your Festival Foods grocery receipts and place them in the marked box on the table in the narthex. With your help, we can make this another successful year for the Deacon's Mission Fund.

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 Christiansen.....786-3784
Dave Molling.....317-0076
Thor Riedesel.....779-5445

2012 NPC DEACONS

Sandy Halderson783-0106
Russel Opland779-4623
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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February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 CONFIRMATION 5:30	2	3	4
5 COMMUNION SUNDAY	6	7	8 CONFIRMATION 5:30 SESSION MEETING 7	9	10	11
12 BIRTHDAY SUNDAY NEW MEMBER MEETING - 11 A.M.	13	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	15 CONFIRMATION 5:30	16	17	18
19 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10:00 SERVICE	20	21	22 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 SERVICE CONFIRMATION 5:30	23	24	25
26 MT. LACROSSE SKI DAY NOON-5:00	27	28 FUN BUNCH (Chicken & Biscuits)	29 LENTEN SERIES AT NORTH CHURCH 7 P.M. CONFIRMATION 5:00-5:45			