

September, 2022

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1327 North Salem Road

La Crosse, WI 54603

NORTH STAR NEWS is a non-profit publication containing information and concerns of members and friends of North Presbyterian Church of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Sunday Worship:

8:00 AM (Indoors)

10:00 AM (Back Lawn Weather Permitting)

Virtually - Sunday at 8am on our Facebook Page or Website

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Office Hours M-Th 9am-2pm

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Ruth Mashak

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Sally Killian, Judy Bouffleur

MAINTENANCE:

Joel Cloutier

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NORTHSTAR NEWS

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

Pastor Scott's Scripts:

Martin Luther the Great Reformer is purported to have said, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree."

In essence what I hear Martin Luther saying is that wherever and whenever life takes us, we have no excuses to doing what is good and what makes the world better.

A.P. Vishal, a lifelong Lutheran who studied Luther for over three decades writes, "What Luther meant is that the future is uncertain, and everything is in God's hands. Therefore, we should live out our vocations (fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, educators, businesspersons, farmers...) each day without worry for what will happen tomorrow...or anytime in the future."

Ultimately as followers of Christ and because of his work in and through all of us, we have nothing to fear in the future...not even our own death.

Emboldened with this gift of hope, we as a church will gather on our back lawn for worship and Holy Communion on Sunday, September 4th, dedicating 9 special trees given in memory and in honor of loved ones. I do want to mention Steve, Joan, and Tara Zielke who inspired our tree plaques with one they placed in memory of their daughter and sister Chloe in the beautiful tree that sits just outside my office.

In the future, all these trees will provide beauty, shade, and bear special "fruit" for our faith family to enjoy.

So please join us in the backyard on Sunday, September 4th (Labor Day Sunday), as we dedicate these special additions to our church and the special people they will forever honor.

See you in church,
Pastor Scott

We'd like to **THANK YOU** all for your support, donations, and assistance in making the Boys & Girls Club of Greater La Crosse School Supply Drive a huge success!

Your generosity is helping to get some of our neighborhood kids off to a great start!

THANK
YOU!



Sign-up to Host Fellowship/Coffee Hour Following the 10:00 Service

This is a time to gather with old and new friends alike! Simply set out beverages and snacks and clean-up after. Reggie and/or Karla would be happy to show you the ropes!

August 2022 Session Meetings Highlights:

Yearly financial reports totals from July 31, 2022:

Total income \$181,261.15

Total expense \$149,768.59

Net ordinary income \$31,492.56

Net income -\$5,495.48 (due to change in market/investment values)

Cash and Investments \$606,312.26

Checking account balance \$143,508.88 (as of 8/3/22; some of this money will be put into investments)

Vacation Bible School went very well. Plans are underway for the new Sunday School year.

This year's church music will be performed in small groups or soloists instead of a full choir.

The Sunday School children will perform once a month.

New members will be accepted into our church congregation on August 7.

All the new trees planted the past year-and-a-half will be dedication at the outdoor service on

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!

PREPARE FREEZER MEALS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

These meals will primarily be delivered as Pastor Scott goes on visits to those experiencing health-related issues or other life difficulties where a meal would express our care and concern and just make things a bit easier.

Volunteers will become part of a contact list for this ministry and will receive an email, text, or phone call as meals are needed for the freezer.

If this is something you'd be interested in learning more about, please sign-up in the Narthex or contact the church office and additional information will be provided.



Never Alone Dinner

We are tentatively planning a Never Alone Dinner sponsored by the Deacons on Monday, October 10th, 2022.

Never Alone is a ministry of our church for those who have lost a loved one or are experiencing loneliness. This is an opportunity for fellowship with those who are experiencing similar feelings and situations. Please mark you calendars and look for more information to follow.



Fun Bunch

Will resume in October!



Rally Day

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

9:00 A.M.

Meet your teachers, bounce house, games, prizes, and a "Build Your Own" Sundae Bar

We are excited about this year's Sunday school program and activities! Every month we will be sending out music, activities, and curriculum information.

This year music is back, and we will be singing once a month at the 10:00 service.

The curriculum this year is "Foundations of Faith and Bible Virtues" Understanding the bible stories and how it can apply to their young lives will help them build a strong faith foundation.

Curriculum Schedule:

September 18th: "God the Creator"

September 25th: "God's Covenant, Noah's Ark"

October 2nd: "Abram, Father of All"

October 9th: "the Story of Moses"

Proficiency Goals:

K-2: The Lord's Prayer and 1st Five Commandments

3-5: The Ten Commandments, Books of the bible, and the Apostles Creed



HAPPY BIRTHDAY September

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Carl Lesky, Jr | 23 Janet Kennedy |
| David Bouffleur | Jennifer Burelbach |
| 4 Rev. Allan Townsend | 24 Juanita Haag |
| 7 Jennifer Tiedeman | Kathleen McConnell |
| 8 Donna Riley | 26 Hazel Tyler |
| 10 Bernadette Taylor | Robert Malmo |
| 11 Reegan Jensen- Shafer | 27 Sawyer Stakston |
| Nancy McMullin | Lyn Palm |
| 15 Brooke Bahr | Peggy Heinz |
| 17 Ron Seitz | 28 Nate Koxlien |
| 19 Marabeth Kibler | 29 Kyle Feehan |
| 21 Russel Opland | Olivia Bahr |
| 22 Piper Johnson | |



NPC Little Food Pantry September Donation Suggestions:

- Canned Fruit or Fruit Cups
- Canned Meat (Vienna Sausages, Chicken, Tuna)
- Canned Soup
- Powdered Milk or Shelf-Stable Milk



September 15th at Noon

Reggie's Boathouse
Lunch Provided

(West Side Boat Club #10)

Please call or email the church office to sign up.

September 2022

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 Mobile Meals	2 Mobile Meals	3 Mobile Meals
4 Outdoor Service <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Mobile Meals	5 Office Closed	6	7	8	9	10
11 Rally Sunday	12	13	14 Session Meeting	15 Women's Fellowship Lunch	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	