

November, 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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Karla Korish

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Reggie Lezpona

ORGANIST & ADULT CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Ruth Mashak

FIRST SERVICE MUSICIAN:

Judy Bouffleur

MAINTENANCE:

Joel Cloutier



North Presbyterian Church of La Crosse, WI.

Pastor Scott's Scripts:

As we enter into the Thanksgiving season, once again we are reminded to be thankful and to share appreciation for others.

In an article titled "The Importance of Gratitude on your Well-being", the author writes, "In many ways as a society, we've lost touch with the true meaning of gratitude"...And that's understandable as gratitude requires reflection and stillness; two things that can be difficult in our busy, overstimulated, everyday lives. As a result, we are also missing out on the benefits of gratitude, which may be greater than many people realize.

The effects of gratitude improve our mental health, improve our physical health, create stronger social bonds, and finally gratitude helps us refocus on positive emotions. Gratitude inspires an optimistic, solution-oriented approach to the challenges that we encounter in life.

In the spirit of thanksgiving, I would like to express the church's gratitude to Sally Killian for her years of service playing at our 8:00 service. Sally is retiring from her role as our 8:00 organist/pianist. She has generously shared her time and her incredible talent to create a positive worship experience for our 8:00 service. On behalf of the church, I simply say thank you to Sally for her faithful service to our church.

In addition, I would also like to thank Judy Bouffleur for her gift to our 8:00 worship service. I would like to thank Ruth Mashak for her special talent at the organ and her gifts creating unique special music opportunities for worship.

I want to thank Karla Korish, Reggie Lezpona, and Joel Cloutier for all they do in helping our church through their generous and faithful service.

But most of all, I want to thank each and every member of North Church for the special opportunity I have been given to be your pastor. I'm beginning my 23rd year as your pastor and I am so thankful for each and every one of you.

See you in church and Happy Thanksgiving!
Pastor Scott

2022 COOKIE WALK Saturday, December 10th



On Saturday, December 10th we will be holding our annual Cookie Walk at North Presbyterian Church. We would like to ask everyone to participate in this fun filled event!

Ways you can help to make this event a success:

- * Home-baking and decorating 5 to 10 dozen colorful Christmas Cookies. The more cookies, the more we raise for church projects.
- * Making candy (fudge, divinity etc.....)
- * Donations for Tribune and Onalaska Life ads
- * Donations for miscellaneous expenses: gloves, napkins, plastic wrap and materials
- * Setting up on Friday, December 9th
- * Serving at event, December 10th
- * Clean up after event, December 10th

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex

Holiday Shut-in Gift Bags

The Deacons are asking members & friends of the church to donate **CANDY & SNACKS** for the traditional holiday shut-in gift bags.

Thanks for considering a donation to fill these baskets and spread the love this holiday season!



Please have the items to
the church
by December 4th



JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH 3-6:00 P.M.

Meet at the church with fellowship following at Erin Goggin's home on the northside of La Crosse



SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

The Salvation Army has asked us to donate **Spaghetti Sauce** for their Christmas food baskets this year.

If you'd like to donate, please have the items to church by November 27th.
Thank you!



Christmas Poinsettias

Please order by November 27th!

It's not too early to be thinking about decorating our church with Christmas Poinsettias. This year we will be ordering from La Crosse Floral. Please fill this slip out and return with your check made out to **NPC-Poinsettia Fund.**

La Crosse Floral

\$18 Pizzazz Poinsettia Red White Pink

\$28 Brilliance Poinsettia Red White Pink

Please circle the **SIZE** of plant you wish to purchase and the **COLOR** and fill out the information below:

Given by: _____

Given in Memory of: _____

Given in Honor of: _____

Some color substitutions may be necessary due to availability!

My check is included for: _____ (qty) \$ _____ = \$ _____

NOVEMBER HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



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|----|--------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Jane Hulke | 14 | Sharon Opitz |
| | Joan Halverson | | Ruth Williams |
| 2 | Joan Kautz | | Lucy Richgels |
| | Dave Lezpona | 17 | Jeff Holmquist |
| 3 | Mike Markos | 18 | Tyler Church |
| 4 | Aaron Ottum | | Evan Koxlien |
| | Carmen Adams | | Mike Hutson |
| 5 | Judy Loomis | 20 | Heather Church |
| | Maureen Tabbert | 22 | Elias Johnson |
| | Justin Stakston | | Paul Miller |
| | Bennet Hutson | | Paul Church |
| 6 | Liz Mansky | 23 | Darla Severtson |
| 7 | Brad Ostrem | | Kathy Patros |
| | Cortney Molling | 25 | Yvonne Wilson |
| 8 | Rob Bean | 27 | Joan Schilling |
| | Isabella Burelbach | 28 | Karon Carpenter |
| 9 | Reggie Lezpona | 29 | Roger Reader |
| 11 | Paula Paulus | | Konrad Ernst |
| | | | Vincent Bahr |

Women's Fellowship – November 17th at Noon

Christmas Gift Making for Shut-Ins

Meet at the church at noon for a casual luncheon and then we'll enjoy crafting together

We'll provide the craft supplies



HOLIDAY GIVING TREE!

We will be sponsoring children again this year from the Northside Elementary School

Ornament Tags will be available for pick-up on:
Sunday, November 27th

Gifts with Ornament Tag attached must be returned to church by:
Sunday, December 11th

October 26, 2022 Session Meetings Highlights:

Yearly financial reports totals from September 30, 2022:

Total income \$217,947.76

Total expense \$191,643.81

Net ordinary income \$26,303.95

Net income -\$24,885.28 (due to stock market and investments)

Cash and Investments \$590,004.70

Checking account balance \$143,427.00 (as of 10/26/22)

Session members began work on the 2023 church budget.

The children's Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 10:00.

Christmas Eve services will be at 3:00 and 5:00. Christmas day service will be at 10:00.

Pastor Scott and Debbie will hold a Fun Bunch lunch on December 6. The church's

Christmas trees will be put up the Sunday before Thanksgiving for later decoration.

Christmas caroling will be on Sunday, December 4. The deacons will gather on Monday, December 12 to make Christmas bags for shut ins.

The Cookie Walk will be on December 10. The women's fellowship Christmas party will be on December 15.

The Mission Committee is making plans for donations for the rest of the year.



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE!!

Hosted by: Pastor Scott & Debby

Pastor Scott & Debby invite you to join us on Tuesday, December 6th for our Annual Christmas Open House!

TIME: 12 Noon

WHERE: North Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

WHAT TO BRING: Hors d'oeuvres, desserts, or sides
Pastor Scott & Debby will be providing pulled pork.

Let us join together for a little Holiday cheer!
Everyone is invited!!



3RD GRADE BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

On Sunday, November 20TH, our 3rd Graders will receive their Bibles at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

The Children's Choir will also be singing so plan to attend this special morning!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Please remember to set your clocks
BACK one hour
before you go to bed on

Saturday, November 5th!

Mark your calendars!

NPC will be bell ringing for the Salvation
Army Red Kettle Campaign on
Tuesday, December 13th

Location: Onalaska Festival Foods

Grab a Friend & Volunteer!

There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex or call the church
office to participate.

Make it extra fun by singing Christmas Carols and dressing in
festive holiday wear!



2023 Giving Envelopes Now Available!

2023 offering envelopes are now available in the Narthex. You will find several “extra” envelopes along with your weekly offering envelopes to make your giving easy.

- Initial Offering Envelope: Helps defray the cost of the box of envelopes. Suggested contribution is \$5.00.
- Blue Per Capita Apportionment Envelope: Per Capita is “the tie that binds” - annual giving that unites the entire church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the Office of the General Assembly, the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and benefits every congregation and every mid council ministry. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the office of the General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit’s leading for the future. **The Per Capita amount for North Presbyterian confirmed, active members for 2023 is \$35.00.**
- Pink Building Fund Envelope: Helps offset our building and maintenance costs.
- Blue and White “One Great Hour of Sharing” Envelope: This February offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.
- Purple “Christmas Joy Offering” Envelope: November offering that provides financial assistance to individuals and families that have dedicated their lives to the church and supports education and leadership development for students attending Presbyterian related schools and colleges.

Online giving also includes these offering opportunities. If you are not currently utilizing the online giving option, please consider doing so. It is easy to do and assists in making our financials run smoothly.

To set up contributions on-line, please visit our website (www.npclax.com) and select the “giving” tab for a variety of options.


NPC Little Food Pantry Suggestions for November

- Instant Potatoes
- Baked Beans
- Spaghettios/Chef Boyardee items
- Canned meats such as Tuna & Chicken
- Powdered Milk



November 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Session Meeting	17 Women's Fellowship Noon @ Church	18	19
20 3rd Grade Bible Distribution & Children's Choir Sings 10:00 a.m.	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27 Poinsettia orders due Giving Tree Tags Available Spaghetti Sauce Donations Due	28	29	30			