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Sunday Worship: 8:00 AM (Indoors) 10:00 AM (Back Lawn Weather Permitting) Virtually - Sunday at 8am on our Facebook Page or Website

Please contact us at: 608-781-5690 office@npclax.org Office Hours M-Th 9am-2pm

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# NORTH STAR NEWS

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### Pastor Scott's Scripts:

Dame Cicily Saunders, founder of the first modern hospice once shared: "You matter because of who you are. You matter to the last moment of your life and we will do all we can not only to help you die peacefully, <u>BUT</u> also to help you live until you die."

Hospice care is a special kind of care that focuses on the quality of life for people experiencing an advanced life-limiting illness. Hospice care provides compassionate care for people in the last phases of an incurable disease so that they may live as fully and as comfortably as possible.

On Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, I flew to Texas to spend the day with Coach and Jane Hickerson. Jane is under hospice care. She is also under the care of her devoted husband (my UMHB Golf Coach) and their children, grandchildren, and extended family.

For those who do not know, it was coach and Jane who hired me as the youth director at First Presbyterian Church Belton, Texas which set in motion my call and my lifelong passion of perish ministry. I literally am the pastor I am today because of their support, their guidance, and the faith they had in me.

As I left Jane on Tuesday night after I prayed, I gently shared with her to live... really live... "one day at a time." Jane assured me she would and based on our visit, I know she and her family are doing everything to make each day as good as possible.

In Psalm 118 we hear: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Let us all make an extra effort to truly enjoy the gift we call today. Let us pray for Jane and all like Jane who find themselves under hospice care and let us be so thankful for hospice and for all that they do to make each day special for all who receive their care.

See you in church! Pastor Scott

### 2022—MOBILE MEALS

We need volunteers to deliver Mobile Meals (Route 2) on the following dates in October: **24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, & 30th** 

Please help those less fortunate by delivering meals!!

PICK UP WHERE

Mayo Clinic Hospital on Market St., between 10th & 11th

#### PICK-UP TIME

10:50—11:00 AM

## Please Call the Church Office to sign up 608-781-5690

#### September 14, 2022 Session Meetings Highlights:

Yearly financial reports totals from August 31, 2022: Total income \$197,733.80 Total expense \$173,893.92 Net ordinary income \$23,839.88 Net income -\$13,131.78 due to investment changes Cash and Investments \$600,513.87 Checking account balance \$141,425.95 (as of 9/14/22)

The memorial trees were dedicated on September 4 at the 10:00 service outside.

Rally Sunday for the start of Sunday School was September 11. This year Sunday School will focus on the "Foundations of Faith and Bible Virtues." Each grade level will have proficiency goals.

The session members voted to donate \$1500 to the Tanzanian hospital and \$1500 to the Boys and Girls Club/Scott Erickson Guardian Angel Fund.

Session members voted to purchase a new memorial tree and dirt/grass seed to fix the potholes in the lawn.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY OCTOBER



- 2 Allen Macha
- 3 Carolyn McNurlen Jeanna Conder
- 6 Tess Molling
- 8 Karen Weigel
- 11 Debbie Harmening
- 12 Wes Tabbert
- 14 Jayne Bissen Jacob Peterson Kathy Bahr
- 15 Mark Hauser Evan Gamoke Olivia Gamoke
- 16 Jagger Banasik Judy Bouffleur

- 17 Fred Kautz
- 18 Mike Leathen
- Tucker Banasik
- 19 Sue Crayton Barb Hegenbarth
- 20 David Schroeder
- 22 Janelle Conder
- Landon Molling
- 24 Ann Turk
- 25 Alexandra Burelbach
- 26 Julia Hauser
- 27 Shirley Lesky
- Bonna Tauscher
- 31 Ron Cramer





## Never Alone Dinner

Sponsored by the Deacons Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Coulee Golf Bowl

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. Sign-up in the Narthex or contact the church office if you'd like to attend.

## **Women's Fellowship Outing**

Join us on Thursday, October 20th for a tour of St. Rose Chapel/Convent

We'll meet at the church at 11:30 to carpool to the Spirituality Center for lunch at noon followed by our tour.

## Sign-up in the Narthex or contact the church office





Last year, you were able to give us a <u>very</u> generous donation. This helped us create 12 grief bags for our students when they lose someone special in their lives. I know they will benefit greatly from these extra resources/ support! Thank you so much for making this happen for our students and families. We are so lucky to have you and your support in our community!

Sincerely, Courtney Arneson & Northside/Coulee Montessori School



Hello!

FUN BUNCH LUNCH Join us at the church on Tuesday, October 11th at noon Pastor Scott will grill brats & hot dogs Please bring a dish to pass

Sign-up in the Narthex or contact the church office



SUNDAY OCTOBER 30th All Youth Pre-school through 5th grade are welcome to wear costumes!

Sunday School Hour 9-10:00 a.m. we'll do some fun crafts and activities in the classrooms

Following the 10am service, the youth will be TRUNK or TREATING in the parking lot.

Please come prepared with treats in your trunk so kids can go from car to car, or feel free to donate candy if you cannot attend.

#### **REMINDER:**

We are ALWAYS accepting donations for our little food pantry. Here is a list of items that seem to move out quickly:

Tuna Vienna Sausage Spaghetti Os Chef Boyardee Canned Items (pull top are nice) Fruit Cups Ready to Serve Meals (Hormel Completes) Microwave Mac & Cheese Peanut Butter & Jelly Cereal (small boxes are great) Ramen – (microwave cups) Baked Beans Instant Rice & Pasta Instant Potatoes (packages)

Items can be dropped off at the food pantry or the church office.



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9	10 Never Alone Dinner	11 Fun Bunch	12	13	14	15
16 Kids Sing @ 10:00 Service	17	18	19	20 Women's Fellowship Outing- St. Rose Chapel	21	22
23	24	25	26 Session Meeting	27	28	29
	Mobile Meals	Mobile Meals	Mobile Meals	Mobile Meals	Mobile Meals	Mobile Meals
30 Trunk or Treat <b>Mobile Meals</b>	31					