

## **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: 8:00am & 10:00am**

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

**Sunday School: 9am**

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**PASTOR:**

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**ORGANIST: Ruth Mashak**

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**Judy Bouffleur**

**ADULT CHOIR DIRECTOR:**

**Ruth Mashak**

**MAINTENANCE:**

**Joel Cloutier**

**January, 2023**



## **January 2023 North Star News**

### **Pastor Scott's Scripts:**

Dear Family and Friends of North Church,

Last week I went to Texas to visit Sophie Meyers. Sophie is declining rapidly from the ravaging effects of cancer. Her request was to see her pastor. I was honored to go and shared a tender moment with Sophie and her family.

To be able to visit Sophie, I was totally dependent on my college roommate and teammate Darren. Darren drove 3 ½ hours to Austin to pick me up. He drove back to Dallas so I could see Sophie. Darren was also gracious enough to stop at my college golf coach's house so I could wish Coach a Happy New Year. He also drove me to visit our good friend Dan who is going through health concerns as well.

It was an impactful 24 hours, all made possible by the generosity of a great, great friend. When Darren picked me up at the airport, I at first didn't recognize him. He pulled up in a brand new 2023 pickup. When I opened the door, I was greeted with that "new car" smell. The fresh off the lot aroma that smells wonderful and expensive!

As we enter 2023, New Years provides that "new car smell" moment for all of us. Our resolve is to make 2023 different than last year... We are going to worship more regularly, pray more frequently, read the Bible more diligently. And then the "smell" of the new wears out and we go back to our old routines.

In this coming year, let us resolve to be more kind...more understanding... more respectful of others. Let us resolve to spend more time in church, helping others, being a better person, and a better friend.

In a few weeks, Darren's new truck smell will wear off, but the impact his friendship had on me and my ministry will be appreciated and last long after.

In Proverbs we hear..."A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity."

That was my friend Darren to me and in this New Year, I resolve to be like Darren and to be a friend like him.

Happy New Year! See ya in church!  
Pastor Scott

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## January, 2023

1 Megan Wilhelm	11 John Crayton
Pat Walters	Lloyd Kennedy
2 Brunner Hanabarger	12 Gretchen Burns
3 Dave Molling	14 Bob Patros
Chris Butler	15 Emma Gamoke
4 Jeanne Holmquist	17 Tracy Doyle
Benji Zimmer	18 Nick Jensen-Schafer
Trish Ruetten	19 Betty Macha
5 Helen Herlitzka	20 Don Wilhelm
Rob Sturgis	Megan Jurgensen
6 Karen Smith	23 Mason Zimmer
Nanette Harter	Evy Milner
8 Linda Betsinger	Peggy Mageland
Rae Daffinson	Dave Hagenbarth
Brian Mansky	25 Mary Mills
Cody Feehan	26 Andrew Peterson
Maureen Colburn	Jo Ann Fink
10 Hazel Stakston	27 Brandon Hanabarger
.	30 Suzy Zenker

### December 2022 Session Meetings Highlights:

- The session completed the budget planning for 2023.
- The session approved donations of \$1,000 each to La Crosse Jail Ministry, Wafer, Thanksgiving Dinner, JKP Medical Debt Relief, Northside Elementary School, Harry J. Olsen Sr. Center, and WINN., as well as \$2,000 to St. Clare Health Mission and \$2,100 to One Great Hour of Sharing.
- December financial reports:
  - Total income \$281,681.35
  - Total expense \$237,027.94
  - Net ordinary income \$20,661.60
  - Net income \$20,690.52



## Come and enjoy some flapjacks and fellowship!

A pancake breakfast will be held between worship services from 9:00- 10:00 on Sunday, January 22nd.

Donations received will be put towards our upcoming youth mission trip.

Sign-ups will be in the Narthex if you could help by bringing sausages, syrup, butter, milk, juice, or fruit

*thank you!*

Dear sisters and brothers,  
Thanks so much for your generous donation. The mission of the Jail Ministry is to help inmates move from a troubled past to a more hopeful future. Thanks for your support of that mission.

La Crosse Jail Ministry

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Thank you for your very generous gift to WINN, Inc. We are serving a record number of people outside, seven days a week. We have served hot meals in addition to other emergency items. We appreciate your kindness and compassion. God bless you.

Sue Graf, Executive Director, WINN, Inc.

On behalf of my entire family, I would like to thank my church family for your very generous gift this Christmas. It is very humbling and so deeply appreciative to receive such a generous gift from all of you.

As I begin my 23<sup>rd</sup> year as your pastor, I consider it an honor to be here at North Presbyterian. I have received so much joy in my years as your pastor and I look forward to sharing more meaningful and joyful experiences in 2023.

Thanks again! With the deepest gratitude, Pastor Scott

*Thank You!*

Reggie and Karla would like to thank everyone who has helped over the last few weeks to make the Christmas Season here at NPC so special. We had so many people participate bell ringing, caroling, cookie and candy baking and selling, giving tree and shut-in basket shopping, donating and compiling, gathering for the Christmas and women's luncheons for festive fellowship, decorating the church and purchasing poinsettias to make our space exceptionally beautiful for the season, ushering, and so much more!

What a wonderful time of the year to be part of the North Church family and celebrate the birth and gift of our Savior together!



Family Snow Tubing at  
Whitetail Ridge Ski Area  
Fort McCoy

DATE: Sunday, January 29th

TIME: 1:30—4:00

COST: \$10/per person

(Includes Hot Chocolate and Pizza in the Chalet)

5 Tubing Runs & Tow Ropes  
Check out Whitetail Ridge Ski Area  
Website

<https://mccoy.armymwr.com/programs/whitetail-ridge-ski-area>

If a child needs a ride, please contact Reggie for  
transportation arrangements.  
608-386-8614

**WE NEED YOU TO SIGN UP!**  
Please email or call the church to sign up.  
608-781-5690 / [office@npclax.org](mailto:office@npclax.org)

### 2023 NPC ELDERS

Lloyd Kennedy.....317-8709  
Terry Thomas.....449-3537  
Jayne Bissen.....784-3252  
Rosie Gilman.....780-5599  
Brian Akey.....799-0889  
Erin Goggin.....715-523-9048  
Scott Turnbull.....507-459-6175  
Dan Ender.....799-2867

### 2023 NPC DEACONS

Sharon Sugg.....786-4000  
Kelly Ostrem.....385-6499  
Suzy Zenker.....397-0671  
Karen Hansen.....385-9546  
Nick & Reegan Jensen-Shafer.....385-3519  
Paul Paulus.....787-0817  
Deb Harmening.....385-0903  
Jan Wells.....507-895-8564  
Kathy Scott.....507-450-1651

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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

**Class of 2024 Elder:**  
**Scott Turnbull**

**Class of 2025 Elders:**  
**Dan Ender and Erin Goggin**

**Class of 2025 Deacons:**  
**Jan Wells and Kathy Scott**

### 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 29, 2023 right after the 10:00 a.m. Worship service. Please plan on attending as all the churches finances are reviewed.

### PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

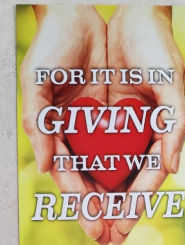
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Per Capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission: and of performing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

### **COLLECTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

**The Per Capita amount for North Presbyterian members for 2023 is \$35**

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



If in the new year you're looking for the easiest way to support North Church, just look for these informational cards in the pews.

These cards overview all the ways you can give, from placing your weekly envelope in our beautiful, new offering box to electronic funds transfer options.

You can always visit our website and check out the “Giving” tab for more information.



Coming Super Bowl Sunday...

# The North Church Chili Cookoff

Sign-up as an individual or create a  
“Chili Dream Team” to bring your best  
chili concoction to our tastebuds.

A Sign-Up Sheet will be in the Narthex

Then, on Sunday, February 12th  
following the 10:00 service, we'll enjoy  
taste-testing them all. One is sure to be  
your favorite!

And don't worry, if you are not a chili cooker, we'd love to  
have you sign-up to bring a dessert if you'd like.



May God be with you through the New Year,  
And fill your life with comfort, love, and  
cheer.

May this day and the days ahead,  
Hold many blessings for you and yours.

Happy New Year!



## **2023 MOBILE MEALS** **Delivery days Monday—Sunday**

(Mon.) February 27— (Sun.) March 5  
(Mon.) April 24— (Sun.) April 30  
(Mon.) July 17— (Sun.) July 23  
(Mon.) September 18 — (Sun.) September 24  
(Mon.) November 20— (Sun.) November 26

## **PICK UP WHERE**

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

## **PICK-UP TIME** 10:50—11:00 AM

**SIGN-UP SHEET IN NARTHEX**  
**Or email or call the church office.**  
**608-781-5690 or [office@npclax.org](mailto:office@npclax.org)**

If you have any questions on the process,  
please contact Karla at the Church office for more  
information.



# January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons	9	10	11 Session Meeting	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Flapjacks and Fellowship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Congregational Meeting  Snow Tubing at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area- Fort McCoy	30	31				