

March, 2023

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



Pastor Scott's Scripts:

In response to Covid and to minimize the spread, we as the church made the decision to stop passing the offering plate. I'm not gonna lie...that decision concerned me. I wasn't sure we as a church could survive financially without the actual passing of the plates. I was wrong! The church has been amazing in its generosity. So much so that we will continue to collect our offerings in the offering boxes in the Narthex of the church. I do want to say a heartfelt thank you to Steve Feehan and Brad Hubing for creating homemade, wooden offering boxes that provide our giving opportunity a more permanent feel.

Even though we won't be returning to passing of the offering plates, I would like to bring back the Offertory, the Doxology, and the Prayer of Dedication. Offering is an act of worship. It is an opportunity to give of ourselves in gratitude and to the glory of God. During the Offertory, the musical selection, we are encouraged to think about ways we can give of ourselves in service to God and in love for others. The Doxology is an opportunity to praise God for letting us have use of all the resources the land has provided us and to praise God for the opportunity to give and serve. The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication is a prayer we offer to thank God for our gifts and dedicating them for use in God's Kingdom.

In these unprecedented times, I just cannot thank you enough for your generous spirit and your loving commitment to the church. As we go forward, please join me in worship and let us pause to say thank you, let us pause to praise God, and let us pray to dedicate our lives and our offerings to further God's Kingdom.

See you in church!
Pastor Scott

FELLOWSHIP/ COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



It is a fun and easy opportunity that includes the wonderful opportunity to mingle and chat with fellow worshippers on Sunday mornings!

The coffee is already made. It is greatly appreciated if you can provide the snacks, but we can have those available if needed. Usually 3-4 dozen. Clean-up after and that's it!
Sign-up in the Narthex

THANK YOU!

Our Chili/Soup cookoff was a tremendous success!

Thank you to everyone who made the wonderful soups and chilis for everyone to sample. Each and every one of them was delicious!

Thank you as well to everyone who voted for their favorite with a monetary donation. We collected over \$600 which will help our neighbors dealing with food insecurity through purchasing items needed for our own Little Food Pantry and making a donation to Wafer.

We also want to thank everyone who brought in food items for our pantry. Our shelves look much better thanks to your generosity.



And the "BEST BITE 2023" winner is....#2
Bean Soup by Rosie Gilman
Congratulations!



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Please remember to "Spring" ahead
by turning your clocks
ahead before you retire on **Saturday, March 11th**

PACK THE PACK N PLAY

(Located in the Narthex)

**DIAPERS & WIPES DRIVE
BENEFITTING**



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH THROUGH
SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH**

The Parenting Place is a non-profit organization whose mission is to Support and Empower a Community of Adults Who Nurture Thriving Children.

A crucial service they provide is a Diaper Bank, which provides diapers for those in need. The greatest need are the larger-sized diapers, pull-ups and overnight diapers (though they will take all sizes), and any wipes will do.

If you'd prefer to make a monetary donation, the Deacons will gladly do the shopping for you!

So, let's Pack the Pack N Play full of diapers and wipes in support of their mission and to help families in need in our community!

To learn more about the Parenting Place, visit their website at:

<https://www.theparentingplace.net/>

Thank you for your support!

Fun Buch and Women's Fellowship will
resume in April following the
Lenten Season

a jelly bean prayer

red is for the blood He gave.

green is for the grass He made.

yellow is for the sun so bright.

orange is for the edge of night.

black is for the sins we've made.
white is for the grace He gave.

purple is for His hour of sorrow.

pink is for the new tomorrow.

Handfuls of jelly beans, colorful and bright, a
prayer, a promise of a brand new life.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March, 2023

1	LaDonna Letourneau	17	Sharon Hanson
2	Bonnie Roth		Brian Banasik
	Lisa Ottum		Ruthann Bahr
4	Dorothy Balfany	18	Sarah Kennedy
	Samantha Harter	21	Keith Wilson
6	Mark Plumer	24	Tom Banasik
	Maddie Arenz	25	Brody Huth
7	Patricia Schuster	26	Jackie Stakston
10	Dianne Holte		Myles Stakston
11	Stella Kennedy	27	Grace Frost
	Kelly Ostrem	29	Dan McWain
14	Richard Walters	31	Heather Werner
	Shirley Strahs		Deb Fullwood
15	Brian Akey		

February 2023 Session Meetings Highlights:

Totals for the year as of January 31, 2023:

Total income \$25,170.51

Total expense \$21,911.67

Net ordinary income \$3,258.84

Net income \$3,403.87

Cash and Investments \$616,868.11

Checking account balance \$90,388.74

Session approved \$3,500.00 to Presbyterian Disaster

Assistance to assist victims in Turkey

Session approved \$500.00 to NPC Deacons for their
assistance with The Parenting Place



We will need:
Breakfast casseroles, Milk, Pastries
Orange juice, Fruit

Easter Sunday Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:45 a.m.
Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex for breakfast items,
help with serving, and clean up!!!

EASTER BASKET DELIVERY TO SHUT-INS

It's that time of year again. We will be asking Sunday School students and MEMBERS to donate items for the Easter Baskets for our shut-ins that will be delivered during Holy Week.

- Baskets
- Candy
- Snack size cookies or crackers
- Trial size lotion
- Playing cards
- Small word search books
- Anything suitable for our elderly.....



Please have items to the church by March 26th

2023 Lenten Services “Meeting Jesus at the Table” Cynthia M. Campbell & Christine Coy Fohr North Presbyterian Church 6:30 Worship



<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>
March 1st	Eating with Tax Collectors Pastor Larry Olson
March 8th	Surprised by Grace Pastor Allen Hanson
March 15th	Empty Chairs Pastor Scott Skogen
March 22nd	Breaking Bread Pastor Jeff Japinga
March 29th	Making Room at the Table Pastor Allen Hanson

A simple dinner will be served, offering a time of fellowship, prior to services at 5:30 p.m.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex if you would like to bring something for these meals.

March 1st: Tater Tot Hotdish
March 8th: Hot Dogs
March 15th: Soup
March 22nd: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham
March 29th: Barbeques



EASTER GARDEN
ORDER FORM

Please order by March 26th, 2023

La Crosse Floral will once again be supplying
the flowers for our Easter Garden.

Please choose from the following:

EASTER LILLIES\$15.00

MUMS.....\$15.00

HYDRANGEAS.....\$23.00

Given by: _____

Given in Memory of: _____

Given in Honor of: _____

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

Make check payable to: NPC / Easter Garden



Easter Egg Hunt

Following the 10am Service on
Easter Sunday, April 9th. The eggs will be
hidden outside.

If you would like to contribute eggs and/or candy, please have them
dropped off at the church by April 2nd.

We'd love the Middle School and High School youth to help with the
event!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**MAUNDY THURSDAY (APRIL 6TH)
6:30 P.M. @ NPC**

**GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 7TH)
9:45 A.M. @ ONALASKA CARE CENTER
6:30 P.M. @ NPC**

EASTER SUNDAY

**6:30 A.M. @ DASH PARK
MAIN STREET, ONALASKA**



**8:00 A.M. @ NPC
10:00 A.M. @ NPC**





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30 LENTEN MEAL 6:30 LENTEN SERVICE MOBILE MEALS	2 MOBILE MEALS	3 MOBILE MEALS	4 MOBILE MEALS
5 MOBILE MEALS	6	7	8 5:30 LENTEN MEAL 6:30 LENTEN SERVICE SESSION MEETING	9	10	11 
12	13	14	15 5:30 LENTEN MEAL 6:30 LENTEN SERVICE	16	17 	18
19	20	21	22 5:30 LENTEN MEAL 6:30 LENTEN SERVICE	23	24	25
26 RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS EASTER GARDEN FLORAL ORDERS DUE	27	28	29 5:30 LENTEN MEAL 6:30 LENTEN SERVICE	30	31	