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NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1327 North Salem Road

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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

10:00 AM

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

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

Pastor Scott's Scripts:

On Saturday, September 30th, my daughter Annie officially moved to New York City. Ever since Annie was little, she always dreamed of living in the "Big Apple" and enjoying all that it had to offer. Annie will be living right in the heart of Manhattan. I am proud of Annie for taking this leap of faith and for not being afraid to make her dream a reality.

When I was in seminary pondering my future in the ministry, I was asked my ministry hope. I shared that I wanted to be a small church pastor in a small town or city. For the first nine years of my ministry, I served a small church in a rural community and loved every minute of it. For the last 23 years, I have served the "Small Church with a Big Heart" here on the far north end of La Crosse. I never have dreamed, hoped, or even wanted to be a big church pastor, always preferring the family style church where everybody knows and loves and cares for each other.

I share this to remind us that even in a relationship as strong as I share with my daughter Annie, people have different hopes, different aspirations, different needs, different gifts, and different dreams. And that is okay. God made us different. In Corinthians, Paul writes, "Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it". We all have different gifts and different ways of expressing and living our faith. Paul says that the most excellent way to be the church is to love others and to respect our differences. That is what World Communion Sunday is all about and it is what the church is called to be. A group of faith-filled people sharing their unique gifts from their unique perspective.

Annie and I have different needs, from a where we live perspective, but we love each other enough to let each other dare to dream and to live our chosen lives as God has called us. I'm a small-town guy. Annie is a big city girl. But most of all, we are family, and we love each other enough to respect the fact that we are different. A great lesson for the church to learn and practice.

See you in church,
Pastor Scott

Women's Fellowship Group

The Women's Fellowship Group met in September for a delicious lunch and planning meeting.

The group will plan to meet on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month from noon– 1:30 p.m. This may be adjusted occasionally to accommodate events or outings that fall on specific dates.

The next meeting will be on October 10th at the church. The plan for the day is to work on a few projects around the church such as pew cleaning and refurbishing the kids' busy bags.

Please bring a sack lunch to enjoy together.
All Women of the church are encouraged to join us!



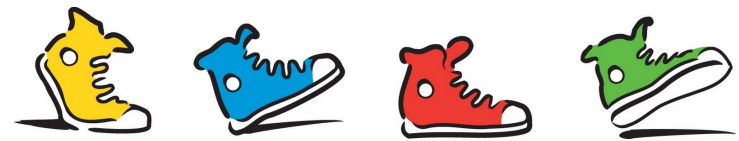
Pizza with your Pastor



Attention all High School and Middle School Students:
Pastor Scott is inviting you to join him for pizza at Pizza Ranch on Sunday, October 15th at 5:00 p.m.

We will enjoy pizza and fellowship...Pastor Scott's treat!
Pastor Scott just wants to enjoy quality time with our youth in an informal opportunity.

Call or email the church to sign-up and join Pastor Scott for a Pizza with Your Pastor fun night!



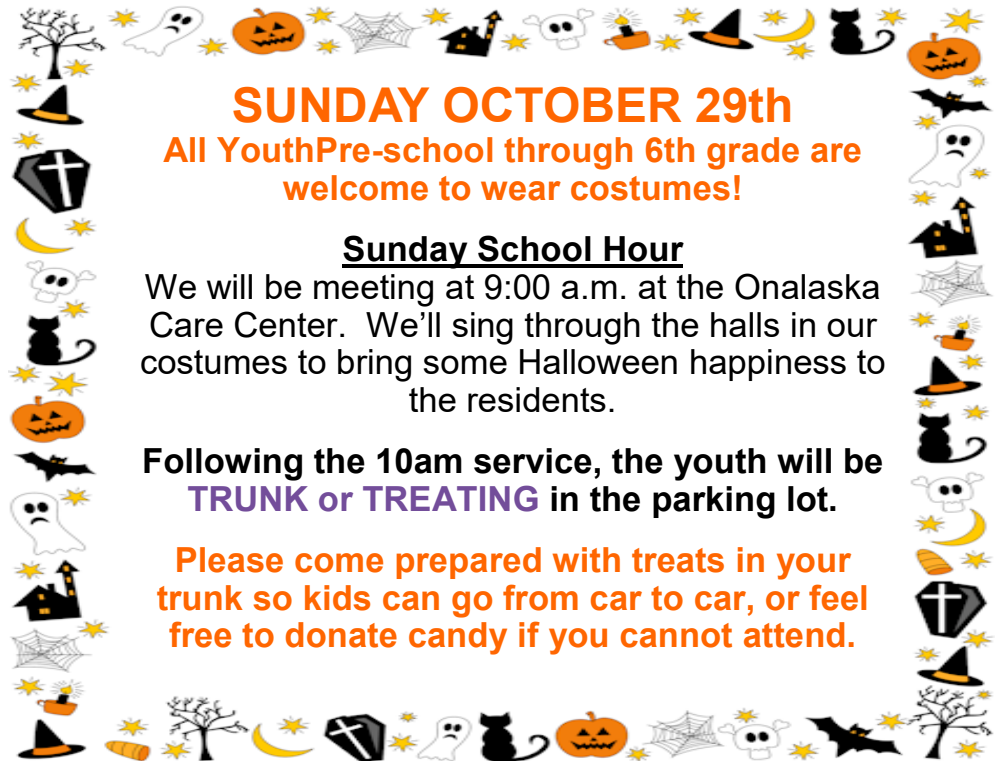
Join us on Sunday, October 8th for the Coulee Region Hunger Walk!

Meet at the Myrick Park main shelter.
Registration is from 12:30-1:30 p.m.
The walk begins at 1:30 p.m.

If you're not able to walk that day, please consider making a donation to the NPC church team.

This can be done at church or online at couleeregionhungerwalk.org
(designate North Presbyterian Church as your team).

All money raised supports those in our area with 25% going to Wafer, 25% to the Hunger Task Force and 50% of the donations our team brings in going toward our own Little Food Pantry.



SUNDAY OCTOBER 29th

All Youth Pre-school through 6th grade are welcome to wear costumes!

Sunday School Hour

We will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Onalaska Care Center. We'll sing through the halls in our costumes to bring some Halloween happiness to the residents.

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.



NPC IS HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS DURING THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON

WE ARE PARTNERING WITH THE SALVATION ARMY TO CREATE THEIR ANGEL GIVING TREE FOOD BASKETS

These baskets ensure children and their families receive a food basket during the Christmas season.

We are challenging ourselves to collect **500 jars/cans of spaghetti sauce** as this is how many baskets are distributed. There is a basket in the Narthex to place your donations and we'll be tracking our progress by filling in our thermometer as we work toward our goal. Monetary donations will also be collected and we will purchase spaghetti sauce with these donations.

Thank you for helping to make someone's holiday a little easier!

Donations will be collected through November 26th



Join us on **Sunday, October 22nd** for a Potluck lunch following the **10:00 a.m. worship service**. Pastor Scott will provide the main dish.

Please bring a dish to pass of your choice to share.

NPC Little Food Pantry Current Needs:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly (no glass jars please)
- Canned Vegetables/Baked Beans
- Oatmeal Packets
- Instant Rice/Potatoes

*Keep in mind pull-top cans work best folks that don't have can openers



HAPPY BIRTHDAY OCTOBER

2	Allen Macha	17	Fred Kautz
3	Carolyn McNurlen	18	Mike Leathen
	Jeanna Conder		Tucker Banasik
6	Tess Molling	19	Sue Crayton
8	Karen Weigel		Barb Hegenbarth
11	Debbie Harmening	20	David Schroeder
12	Wes Tabbert	22	Janelle Conder
14	Jayne Bissen		Landon Molling
	Jacob Peterson	24	Ann Turk
	Kathy Bahr	25	Alexandra Burelbach
15	Mark Hauser	26	Julia Hauser
	Evan Gamoke	27	Shirley Lesky
	Olivia Gamoke		Bonna Tauscher
16	Jagger Banasik	31	Tom Cramer
	Judy Bouffleur		



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Fun Bunch Lunch

**Tuesday, October 31st
@ Noon here at NPC**

We will provide the main dish

Please bring a dish of your choice to share as we enjoy our fellowship together!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Knit/Crochet Group @ Church 10:00-Noon	5	6	7
8 Coulee Region Hunger Walk 12:30 Registration @ Myrick Park 	9	10 Women's Fellowship @ Church- Noon	11 Halloween Costume Event 4-6:00 p.m.	12	13	14
15 Pizza with Pastor for Middle & High School Students 5:00 p.m. Pizza Ranch	16	17	18 Session Meeting	19	20	21
22 Potluck Lunch After 10:00 Service	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:00 a.m. Kids meet At Onalaska Care Center  Trunk or Treat	30	31 Fun Bunch Lunch 12:00 @ NPC				