

November, 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:**

8:00 AM (Indoors)

10:00 AM (Back Lawn Weather Permitting)

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

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Judy Bouffleur

**MAINTENANCE:**

Joel Cloutier



**North Presbyterian Church of La Crosse, WI.**

**Pastor Scott's Scripts:**

A few years ago, Henri Nouwen wrote a book, "Letters to Marc about Jesus." The book is actually a collection of letters that Henri wrote to his nephew, Marc, a young, upwardly mobile professional. In one of his letters, Henri shared this observation: "Increasing prosperity has not made people more friendly toward one another. They're better off, but that new-found wealth has not resulted in a new sense of community. I get the impression that people are more preoccupied with themselves and have less than when they didn't possess so much. There's less opportunity to relax, to get together informally, and enjoy the little things in life. Success has isolated a lot of people and made them lonely. And the higher up you get on the ladder of prosperity, the harder it becomes to be together, to sing together, to pray together, and to celebrate life together in the spirit of thanksgiving."

The point that Henri is trying to make is that we are so busy trying to make more of a living that we neglect actually living a life. We are so busy climbing the ladder of success that far too often we forget to enjoy the journey.

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul writes, "I thank God every time I remember you!" Ellicott, the theologian once said that "It is a lovely thing when remembrance and gratitude are bound up together." In our personal relationships, it is a special thing to have happy memories. In this season of thanksgiving, I think it would do all of us well to slow down and appreciate our blessings, our connections to others, and our opportunities to come. In this season let us also be thankful for our memories of special loved ones in our lives...special people who continue to touch our hearts as we remember our special moments with them.

In my 23 years as your pastor, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve you. I am thankful for the many "saints" in this church who made so many sacrifices so that we can continue to be a beacon of light on the Northside as we strive to be the "Little Church with a Big Heart".

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Pastor Scott

## 2023 COOKIE WALK Saturday, December 9th

On Saturday, December 9th 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!

If you are unfamiliar with our Cookie Walk, there will be an informational meeting on Sunday, November 12th at 9:15 a.m. to share a bit more about this event and how everyone can help!

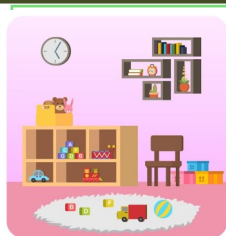
### Ways you can help to make this event a success:

- \* 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 advertising
- \* 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

Our Nursery renovation is nearing completion! We will be dedicating this wonderful new space on Sunday, November 19th.

We look forward to our children using this space to grow in their faith together as they play and take advantage of all our new nursery has to offer.



### Holiday Shut-in Gift Bags

The Deacons are asking members & friends of the church for donations for the traditional holiday shut-in gift bags.

Items they'll be including are:

- \* Nuts
- \* Pretzels
- \* Popcorn
- \* Mints
- \* Chocolate
- \* Peppermint Patties
- \* Cookies
- \* Chex Mix
- \* Flavored Crackers



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

Please have the items to the church  
by Sunday, December 3rd



## JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd  
3-6:00 P.M.

Meet at the church to caravan to our locations.  
We'll meet after caroling for fellowship together.

## SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

We're well on our way to reaching our goal of collecting 500 jars/cans of **Spaghetti Sauce** for The Salvation Army Christmas food baskets.

If you'd like to donate, please have the items to church by November 26th. We're also collecting monetary donations and will buy the sauce for you if you'd like! Thanks for your support!





## Christmas Poinsettias

**Please order by December 3rd!**

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:

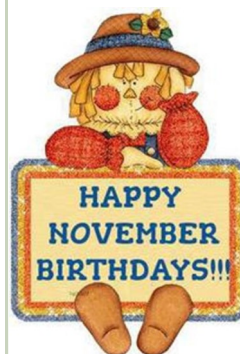
Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Some color substitutions may be necessary due to availability!

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



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



**Women's Fellowship**

**November:** We will be assisting the Deacons with the shut-in baskets. Details will be in the announcements

**December:** Christmas luncheon at Ardie's Flipside  
Tuesday, December 12th @11:30 a.m.  
Food, fun, and fellowship.

A sign-up will be in the Narthex

This is also the day North Church rings bells at Onalaska Festival Foods. The Women's Fellowship Group would like to participate by ringing bells from 10:00-11:00 a.m. before the luncheon



## HOLIDAY GIVING TREE!

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

**Ornament Tags will be available for pick-up on: Sunday, November 19th**

Gifts with Ornament Tag attached must be returned to church by:  
**Sunday, December 10th**

## MOBILE MEALS



We're looking for volunteers to deliver Mobile Meals



**Monday, November 20th– Sunday, November 26th**  
Please help those less fortunate by delivering meals!!

### PICK UP WHERE

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

### PICK-UP TIME

**10:30 a.m.– Please note new time!**

Please Call or email the Church Office to sign up  
office@npclax.org



Hosted by: Pastor Scott & Debby  
Pastor Scott & Debby will be providing pulled pork.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 28th

**TIME:** 12 Noon

**WHERE:** North Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

**WHAT TO BRING:** A dish to share of your choice such as salads, fruit, Hors d'oeuvres, or desserts

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

Do you knit or crochet?  
Please join us here at the church the first Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m.– Noon to work on whatever you are creating or maybe learn a new technique while enjoying some wonderful fellowship with other crafters!



## 3RD GRADE BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

On Sunday, November 19<sup>TH</sup>, 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 4th!**

## Mark your calendars!

NPC will be bell ringing for the  
Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign

**Tuesday, December 12th**  
**from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Location: Onalaska Festival Foods

Grab a Friend & Volunteer!

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

Shifts will be one hour to get lots of people involved!

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



## 2024 Giving Envelopes Now Available!

2024 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 2024 is \$36.00.**
- 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](http://www.npclax.com)) and select the “giving” tab for a variety of options.**

### NPC Little Food Pantry Suggestions for November

- Instant Potatoes/Rice
- Cereal/Oatmeal Packets
- Ramen Noodles
- Tuna Packets (switching away from cans for winter)
- Crackers/Microwave popcorn
- Granola Bars/Fruit Snacks



# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Knit/Crochet Group 10-12:00 @ church  Confirmation	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Confirmation	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Cookie Walk Information Meeting @ 9:15	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Session Meeting  Confirmation	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 3rd Graders Receive Bibles @ 10:00 Service  Giving Tree Tags Available	<b>20</b>  Mobile Meals	<b>21</b>  Mobile Meals	<b>22</b>  Mobile Meals	<b>23</b>  Mobile Meals	<b>24</b>  Mobile Meals	<b>25</b>  Mobile Meals
<b>26</b> Spaghetti Sauce Donations Due  Mobile Meals	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Confirmation	<b>30</b>		