

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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: 8:00am & 10:00am

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

Sunday School: 9am

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Pastor Scott's Scripts:

This past week, I stumbled on a prayer that really spoke to me as the calendar makes its way to 2024:

Dear God, You have given us life; the gift of time-decades, years, weeks, days, hours; a lot of time to become what we can, to do what we can. You ask us to honor that gift by receiving it gratefully and by using it responsibly. We have decided to use this hour to worship you; to join our voices, our hopes, our faith in your praise. Now speak to each of us the word you have for us today. Startle us with your truth, and silence in us any voice but your own. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

This prayer, shared by John Buchanan as he began worship in the New Year, reminds us that time is special and it is something we never feel we have enough of. But the truth is, time is constant and consistent. Time never changes. Clocks tick. Calendars move from one month to the next...one year to the next. We can't control the amount of time. What we can control is how we spend it!

In 2024, let us make an effort to include our faith, our church and the needs of others in our gift of time. We have enough time to do what's most needed and what brings us the most joy if we simply choose to spend our time wisely.

In 2024, I pray that loving God and loving others will be pushed to the top of our priority list and that we will take the time to make a difference in the heart of our faith and in the lives of those we serve.

See ya in church!
Pastor Scott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January, 2024

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

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

(Blue Envelope)

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 2024 is \$36**

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



Come and enjoy some flapjacks and fellowship!

A pancake breakfast , sponsored by the 2024 confirmation class, will be held between worship services from 9:00- 10:00 on Sunday, January 21st

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



Thank you for making this Christmas extra special!
The Marshalls (A Giving Tree Christmas Present Recipient)

Dear NPC,
Thank you for your gift to St. Clare Health Mission! You are a cherished partner in our work to improve the lives of our uninsured community members. New additions this year made possible by these donations include: a new Rotary Mobile Clinic and programming, a licensed mental health therapist, and community health workers. St. Clare Health Mission served over 19,000 total clients and will remain open to ensure everyone has access to traditional healthcare. NPC, thank you for being a vital part of this mission. Jason Larson

To Everyone at North Pres-
There are no words big enough to tell you how much your donation means to the seniors at Harry J Olson Senior Center. The donation will be put to good use for developing more senior programming for this much needed, well-loved group of people. We have a wide range of activities, events, fundraisers, and just plain fun. Your donation will help us continue with mission, goal, and purpose. Thankyou! Thank you! Thank you! Erin Goggin, Executive Director, Harry J Olson Senior Center

Thank You!

On behalf of Debby and Ben, Gwen, Annie and AJ, I would like to thank my church family for your very generous Christmas gift to our family.

As I begin my 24th year in ministry here at North Church, I continue to feel honored to be your pastor and to be invited into all of your different life experiences. We've laughed, we've cried, we've worried, we've prayed, and together we have grown!

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your kindness to me and my family and for your faith and trust in me. With Love, Pastor Scott

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The ordination/Installation service will be held Sunday, January 7th, at the 10 a.m. Worship Service. Please join us as we welcome:

Class of 2026 Elders:

Amy Zimmer, Paul Wells, and Brad Mills

Class of 2026 Deacons:

Reegan & Nick Jensen-Shafer (continuing)

Nancy Dotz and Ben & Gwen Skogen

Coming Super Bowl Sunday...

The North Church
Chili & Soup Cookoff

Sunday, February 11th
@ 11:00 a.m.



A Sign-Up Sheet will be in the Narthex for those who would like to make a crockpot of their favorite to share.
The more we have the yummiier!!!

And don't worry, if you are not a chili/soup cooker, we'd love to have you sign-up to bring a dessert if you'd like.
Or simply join us for fellowship and tasting them all!

2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 28, 2024 right after the 10:00 a.m.

Worship service. Please plan on attending as all the churches finances are reviewed.

Thank you to everyone who has helped over the last few weeks to make the Christmas Season here at NPC so very special. Each and every year we join together in the spirit of Christmas in so many varied and meaningful ways: 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 fellowship and fun together, 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! We are truly blessed!

THANK
YOU

2024 MOBILE MEALS **Delivery days Monday—Sunday**

(Mon.) February 19— (Sun.) February 25
(Mon.) March 25— (Sun.) March 31
(Mon.) July 15— (Sun.) July 21
(Mon.) September 30 — (Sun.) October 6
(Mon.) December 23— (Sun.) December 29

PICK UP WHERE

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

PICK-UP TIME

10:30 AM

SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX

Or email or call the church office. 608-781-5690 or
office@npclax.org



If you have any questions on the process or would like to try this ministry opportunity, please contact Karla at the Church office for more information.



2024 JANUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 Knit/Crochet Group 10:00-Noon	4	5	6
7 Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons 10:00	8	9	10 Joint Elder/Deacon Session Meeting 6:00 Potluck Dinner Meeting Following	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Pancake Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m.	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Annual Congregational Meeting– Following 10:00 Service	29	30	31			