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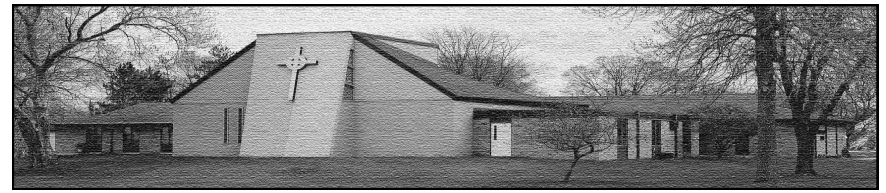
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**NORTH STAR NEWS** is a non-profit publication containing information and concerns of members and friends of North Presbyterian Church of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

**Sunday Worship: 8:00am & 10:00am**  
**Virtually - Sunday at 8am on our Facebook Page or Website**  
**Sunday School: 9am**

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## **NORTH STAR NEWS February, 2024**

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

Here at North Presbyterian Church, everyone is welcome and is “Good Enough” to join us at the table to receive the spiritual nourishment of Holy Communion. Like I’ve said before, “the church at its best is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints”. In other words, the church is the place where we bring our imperfections, our brokenness, our anxieties, our worry and are given the healing graces of love, kindness, and inclusion.

Our Lenten Series this year is titled “Good Enough”. Our series will be based on Kate Bowler’s devotional book “Good Enough...40ish Devotionals for a life of imperfection”.

As Marcia McFee observes, “We live in a culture bent on definitions of a good life as continuous upward mobility-climbing ladders of prosperity with increasingly fabulous experiences that we can post to ever-more-likeable social media accounts. We may comb the shelves of the self-help section in search of just the right formula to gain success. Perhaps we even gravitate towards spiritual leaders who promise great rewards if we only do “the right thing.” But life happens, right? Most times we are not moving upward but trying to repair the rung we’ve just slipped from. So what if we stopped climbing and started fertilizing, watering, and blooming right where we find ourselves? Welcome to a Lent of affirming a faith in which we are blessed, regardless, and where we can lean into embracing our “good enough” lives.

Please join us as we begin our “Good Enough” series on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. In a world that is eager to judge, criticize, and find fault, come this Lent to hear that we are all “Good Enough” in the eyes of our Gracious Savior.

See ya in church this Lent!

Pastor Scott



## Souper Bowl Sunday

February 11th

The North Church

## Chili & Soup Cookoff

Sign-up in the Narthex to bring your favorite chili or soup for us all to try. The more we have, the more fun for our tastebuds!

And don't worry, if you are not a chili/soup maker, we'd love to have you sign-up to bring a dessert, crackers, or cornbread if you'd like.

This event will support hunger in our community. We continue to find that our little food pantry is well-utilized by our neighbors. We will "vote" for our favorite(s) by putting money into corresponding donation jars. Monetary donations will be used to purchase items we may need to supplement the pantry when items get low.

Donations of food items are also greatly appreciated! See the Little Food Pantry article for suggestions.

Thank you for your support!

### **FEBRUARY donation/offering opportunity: "One Great Hour of Sharing"**

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

On Sunday, February 25th during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, we will gather as a church to honor and to lovingly remember our brothers and sisters who have passed on to eternal glory in 2023.

There will be songs of reflection and hope, the sermon that day will focus on comfort and remembrance. We will also share a special time of remembrance where we present a rose to a family member in memory of your loved one.

Please contact the church office if you would like your loved one to be included in the remembrance. Also, please let us know if you will be worshipping with us that day so we can present you with a remembrance rose.

### **MOBILE MEALS**

**Monday, February 19— Sunday, February 25**

#### **PICK UP WHERE**

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

#### **PICK-UP TIME**

10:30 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 or would like to be paired with someone who has delivered before to learn the process, please contact Karla at the Church office for more information.

## February Women's Fellowship Outing

This month, we will be heading to the International Owl Center in Houston, Minnesota and enjoying a lunch together along the way.

We'll meet at church at 10:15 a.m. to be in Houston by 11:00 a.m. for the program at the Owl Center. Lunch will be on our way home at the Farmhouse in Caledonia. We have a 1:30 p.m. reservation. Please sign-up in the Narthex or contact the office and join us for this fun day together!

## Ash Wednesday

February, 14th

6:30 p.m.

(No Dinner)



## 2024 Lent Series— Good Enough

February 21st- "Being Honest About Disappointment"

February 28th- "When We Are Exhausted"

March 6th- "Ordinary Lives Can Be Holy"

March 13th- "We Are Fragile"

March 20th- "A Group Project"



Dinner at 5:45 p.m.

Main dish will be provided unless otherwise announced.  
Please bring a dish to pass.

Worship 6:30-7:00 p.m.

March 28th- Maundy Thursday- 6:30 p.m. service

March 29th- Good Friday- 6:30 p.m. service

**Easter Sunday:** Sunrise Service @ Dash Park 6:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. Worship



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY February, 2024



|   |                            |    |                  |
|---|----------------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Megan Ostrem               | 9  | Ken Kintzel      |
| 2 | Erin Banasik               |    | Kim Gavin        |
| 3 | Mary Snider                | 13 | Kathy Runice     |
| 3 | Mary Wruck                 | 17 | Don Kibler       |
| 4 | <b>Pastor Scott Skogen</b> |    | Heather Molling  |
|   | Jon Schuster               | 21 | Peggy Opland     |
|   | Scott Turnbull             |    | Avery Werner     |
| 5 | Elizabeth Burelbach        |    | Margie Otto      |
|   | Dick Wardwell              | 23 | Jean Kintzel     |
| 6 | Tim Wells                  |    | Zach Hauser      |
| 7 | Paul Ernst                 | 25 | Jill Ender       |
|   | John Burelbach             |    | Ken Cvikota      |
|   | Terry Thomas               | 26 | Neil Molling     |
|   | Nancy Armstrong            | 27 | Megan Redenbaugh |
| 8 | Laura Lee-Fugina           |    |                  |

We are **ALWAYS** accepting donations for our little food pantry. These items seem to move out quickly and can be put out during the winter:

Ready to Serve Meals (Hormel Completes)  
Individual snacks like granola bars, fruit snacks, and Poptarts  
Microwave Mac & Cheese  
Peanut Butter & Jelly (in plastic container)  
Cereal (small boxes are great)  
Ramen or Dry Soup such as Lipton Noodle  
Muffin or Pancake Mix (just add water)  
Crackers/Popcorn/Nuts  
Powdered Milk  
Tortillas  
Instant Rice & Pasta  
Instant Potatoes (bags or small boxes)





**\*\* Keep in mind our neighbors using the pantry often don't have additional ingredients to prepare items like Mac & Cheese that require butter and milk so instant options that just need water to prepare or come complete are best.**



# 2024 FEBRUARY



| SUNDAY   | MONDAY             | TUESDAY            | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY           | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY           |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|---|--------------------|
|  |                    |                    |  | 1                  | 2   | 3                  |
| 4  | 5                  | 6                  | 7<br>Knit/Crochet Group<br>10:00– Noon<br>  | 8                  | 9   | 10                 |
| 11<br> | 12                 | 13                 | 14<br><br>Ash Wednesday<br>Service 6:30 p.m. | 15                 | 16<br>Women's<br>Fellowship<br>Outing<br> | 17                 |
| 18   | 19<br>MOBILE MEALS | 20<br>MOBILE MEALS | 21<br>MOBILE MEALS<br><br>Lenten Supper 5:45<br>Worship 6:30   | 22<br>MOBILE MEALS | 23<br>MOBILE MEALS  | 24<br>MOBILE MEALS |
| 25<br>MOBILE MEALS<br><br>REMEMBRANCE<br>SUNDAY– 10:00                                   | 26                 | 27                 | 28<br><br>Lenten Supper 5:45<br>Worship 6:30   | 29                 |   |                    |