

March, 2024

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:

It’s been said that “sunrise marks the beginning of a brand-new day. It gives us new hopes and wishes. Every sunrise marks a new day. Every day is a brand-new day and every day we can always set out to start something great and new.”

In Lamentations 3: 22-23 we hear: “And God promises that with each morning sunrise...God offers mercies anew and love unending.”

The Easter Sunrise Service in America began when the Moravians in 1732 held a service in a local cemetery and sang hymns of thanksgiving as the sun rose. Christians around the world followed the Moravian example and have been greeting the sunrise on Easter morning ever since.

The poem “The Dash” is a poem about the “–” between our birth date and our day of death. It represents our life and all the experiences we have had from birth to death. It’s a story of life... and making a difference with the time we’ve been gifted.

Once again, we as a church and a community will gather at Dash Park in Onalaska on Easter morning for an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. To add meaning to our dash and to build upon the hope of Easter, once again this year’s offering will go to support what we are now calling “the Dash of Sunrise Scholarship”. The scholarship is given to a student who might not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue a college/technical college opportunity. Working closely with Jared Schaffner, the principal in Onalaska, we honor an individual with this scholarship to offer them a “Dash of Sunrise” and a gift of hope. Both wonderfully align with the core message of Easter.

Please join us at 6:30 at Dash Park in Onalaska. Let’s celebrate the resurrection while at the same time offering a “Dash of Sunrise” through our gifts and our love.

See you in church!
Pastor Scott

Women's Fellowship Outing to the Shrine

Thursday, March 14th

Meet at Schmidty's
for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Travel to the Shrine for the
"Shroud of Turin" Replica Exhibit
and a tour

Sign-up in the Narthex or contact the
church office



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 \$583 which will help our
neighbors dealing with food insecurity through purchasing items
needed for our own Little Food Pantry.



**And the "BEST BITE 2024"
winner is....#4
White Chicken Chili
Congratulations!**



EASTER GARDEN ORDER FORM

Please order by March 17th, 2024

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

Please choose from the following:

EASTER LILLIES\$16.00
MUMS.....\$17.00
HYDRANGEAS.....\$24.00

Given by: _____

Given in Memory of: _____

Given in Honor of: _____

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

Make check payable to: NPC and write

"Easter Garden" on the memo line

2024 Lenten Services

“Good Enough”

Devotionals by Kate Bowler & Jessica Richie

North Presbyterian Church

6:30 Worship

Date

March 6th

March 13th

March 20th

Preaching Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jeff Japinga

Pastor Larry Olson

Pastor Scott Skogen

A simple dinner will be served, offering a time of fellowship, prior to services at 5:45 p.m.

The main dish will be provided.
Please bring a dish to pass.

March 6th: Pulled Pork Sandwiches

March 13th: Chicken & Biscuits

March 20th: White Barbeques



Easter Breakfast



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!!!

We will need:

Breakfast casseroles, Milk, Pastries, Orange juice, Fruit

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY (MARCH 28TH)

6:30 P.M. @ NPC

GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 29TH)

9:45 A.M. @ ONALASKA CARE CENTER

Congregation and Public are welcome!

6:30 P.M. @ NPC

**EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 31ST**

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

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



Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, March 31st @ 9:30 a.m.

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 March 25th.

We'd love the Middle School and High School youth to help with the event! We'll need people here early to get the yard ready to go and helpers during the hunt. Contact the office by phone or email if you can help.

MOBILE MEALS

Monday, March 25th— Sunday, March 31st

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

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.



SHARING EASTER JOY WITH OUR SHUT-INS

Our Deacons will once again be delivering Easter joy to our shut-ins during their visits over Holy Week. If you would like to donate items to include in these gift bags, here are some suggestions:

- 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 18th



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March, 2024

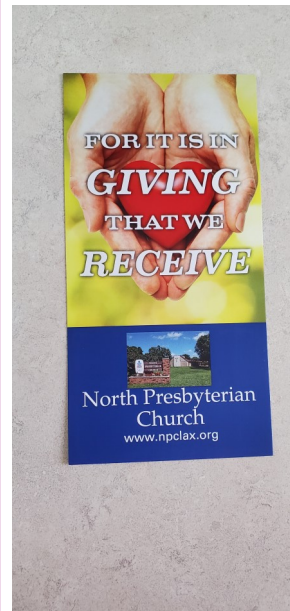
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2 Bonnie Roth	Brian Banasik
Lisa Ottum	Ruthann Bahr
4 Dorothy Balfany	18 Sarah Kennedy
Samantha Harter	21 Keith Wilson
6 Mark Plumer	24 Tom Banasik
Maddie Arenz	25 Brody Huth
7 Pat Schuster	Barb Stanek
10 Dianne Holte	26 Jackie Stakston
11 Stella Kennedy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

Supporting North Church is easy!

Just look for these informational cards in the pews.

These cards overview all the ways you can give, from placing your weekly envelope in our beautiful, hand-crafted offering boxes to electronic funds transfer options which work really slick for the church.

You can always visit our website and check out the “Giving” tab for more information.



FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER GRIEF RESOURCES



Listening Together: A Monthly Grief Support Group meets 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the **second Monday of the month**. Laurie Swan facilitates. Free to attend. No registration is necessary.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Please remember to “Spring” ahead
by turning your clocks
ahead before you go to sleep on
Saturday, March 9th

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has been so generous with your time setting up, cleaning up, and serving for our funeral luncheons. Thank you also to everyone who generously donates salads and desserts. This is such a wonderful gift we can offer to families in their time of loss. If you're not already on the call list and are interested in being contacted to help or to bring food, please let the office know.

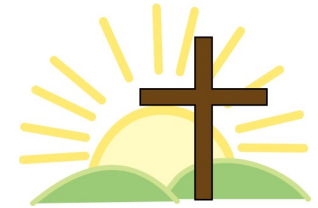


Join us on Sunday, March 24th
at the 10:00 a.m. worship service
for a special
Palm Sunday processional.

Our kids will be donning costumes as
they wave their palm branches, sing songs,
and share a bit about this special day
leading up to Easter



2024 MARCH



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6 Knit/Crochet Group 10:00 @ church Lenten Supper 5:45 Worship 6:30	7	8	9  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SET YOUR CLOCK FORWARD!
10	11	12	13 Lenten Supper 5:45 Worship 6:30	14 Women's Outing to Shrine & Schmitdy's Easter Flower Orders Due	15	16
17 EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE 	18 SHUT-IN BASKET ITEMS DUE 	19	20 Lenten Supper 5:45 Worship 6:30	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday Children's Processional 10:00 Service 	25 MOBILE MEALS	26 MOBILE MEALS	27 MOBILE MEALS	28 Maundy Thursday Service @ NPC 6:30 p.m. MOBILE MEALS	29 Good Friday 9:45 a.m. @ Ona Care Center 6:30 p.m. @ NPC MOBILE MEALS	30 MOBILE MEALS
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