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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.

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NORTH STAR NEWS

North Presbyterian Church of La Crosse, WI.
“Sharing God’s love since 1870”
THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART!!

Pastor Scott’s Scripts:

As you receive this newsletter, we as a church family just completed a very emotional Holy Week. We waved palm branches, shared a special foot washing ceremony, met different characters of the cross, and listened to their stories anew. We also celebrated the resurrection at sunrise, shared two special services at the church, shared breakfast and watched our children hunt Easter eggs! It was a festive day after an emotion-filled week.

Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!
Hallelujah! Amen!!

So, now what? What do we do with resurrection? How does it change us? In the Gospel of Luke we hear, “Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus. They were talking with each other and as they talked, Jesus himself (The resurrected Jesus), came up and walked along with them. The two men were devastated mourning the loss of Jesus. When the three of them arrived at Emmaus, they broke bread together and when they did, they recognized him. Then Jesus disappeared from their sight. The two men raced back to Jerusalem to tell the others. It is true! The Lord has risen.

What’s next after the resurrection? People are changed. They are transformed. Mary...Peter...John...the two fellas walking with Jesus to Emmaus. When they all get a glimpse of the resurrected Christ, their lives were completely transformed, and they all take off running eager to tell the world and share with the world “Resurrection Hope”. Each of them gained strength to move from sadness to hope...from brokenness to being alive again.

So...what’s next for us? We, too, have this glorious opportunity to live like they did, as resurrected people. We can transform this world with hope. On Easter, we celebrated resurrection. Now it’s time for us to live, really live, as resurrected people. Transforming the world with Christ’s everlasting love!

In closing, I’d like to leave you with a few words from the song, “There is Hope.” As you read them, I pray your heart glows with resurrected hope.

*There is a hope that stands the test of time
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine
When I behold His face
When sufferings cease and sorrows die
And every longing satisfied
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul
For I am truly home.*

See you in church,
Pastor Scott



Please join us as we celebrate our confirmands on Sunday, April 7th at the 10:00 a.m. service!

*Preston McHugh
Charlie Milner
Evy Milner
Lucy Richgels
Justin Yehle
Mason Zimmer*

We will be reserving six pews for their families as we celebrate their faith journey thus far.

“Love God, Love Others”



REMEMBER as you are doing your spring cleaning, we'd love to take those decluttering items off your hands for our 2024 rummage sale. You can bring items to the church during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9am-2pm, or on Sunday mornings. This year our sale will be held in August, so you have extra time to find those items you no longer need that will become a treasure to someone else! Thank you!

MILITARY



Do you have someone actively serving in the military that you'd like our Deacons to be aware of so they can correspond and/or keep in their prayers?

If so, please provide their information to the office and we'll be sure they are included.

We are so very proud and grateful for our veterans!



North Presbyterian Church would like to congratulate and recognize the 2024 High School Graduates this spring.

Please call or email the church office if you have a graduate you'd like recognized.

We will need the following information:
Name and photo of the graduate, parent's names, name of the school they are graduating from, and name of the school they will be attending or what their future plans are.



Coulee Region Giving Hearts Choir Spring Concert

Friday, April 19th
10:00 a.m. @ NPC

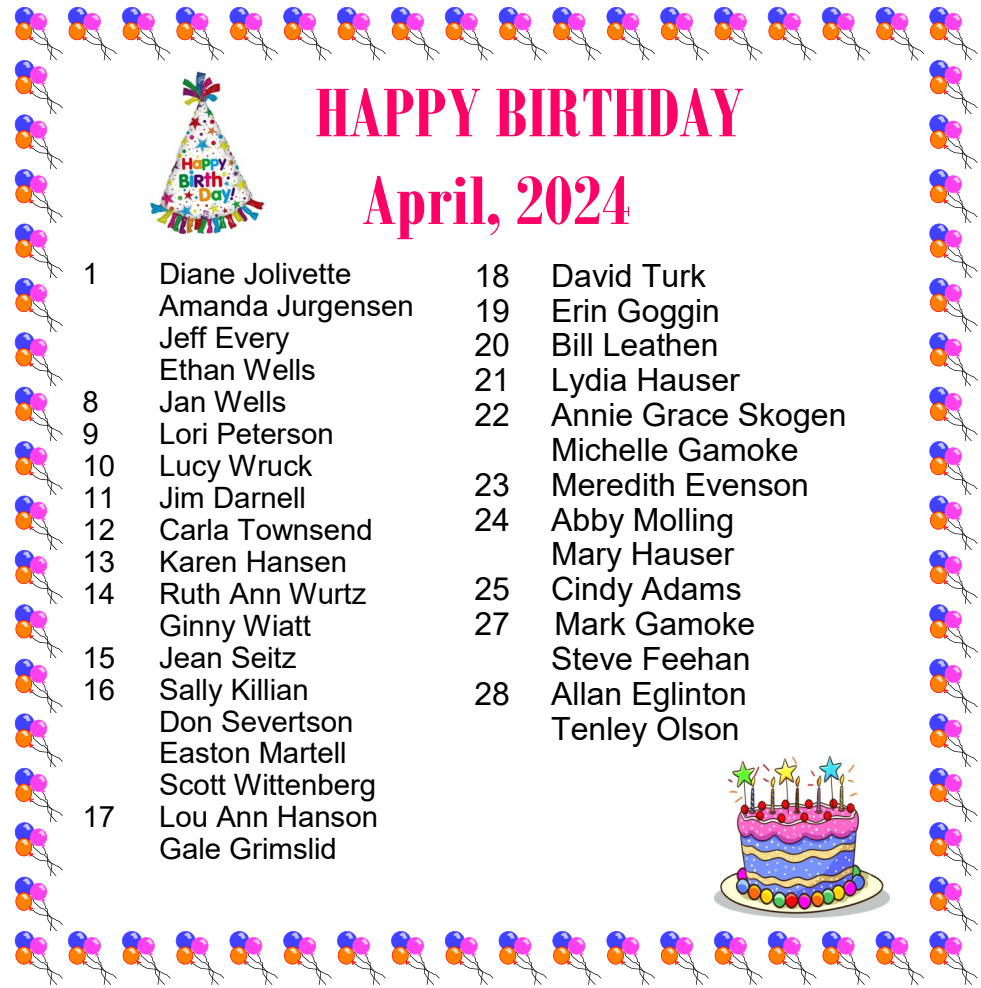
Come enjoy the wonderful songs and music this amazing group shares! They rehearse in the Fellowship Hall Friday mornings and always bring smiles!



Thank you to everyone that helped make the Lenten journey a special one!

Thanks to everyone that attended worship on Wednesday evenings, setting the tone and preparing for the Holy Week to come.

Thanks to those that enjoyed the Lenten suppers together bringing a fantastic assortment of dishes to share and for all of the help setting up and cleaning up after these meals. We have a wonderful community!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April, 2024

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|----|------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Diane Jolivette | 18 | David Turk |
| | Amanda Jurgensen | 19 | Erin Goggin |
| | Jeff Every | 20 | Bill Leathen |
| | Ethan Wells | 21 | Lydia Hauser |
| 8 | Jan Wells | 22 | Annie Grace Skogen |
| 9 | Lori Peterson | | Michelle Gamoke |
| 10 | Lucy Wruck | 23 | Meredith Evenson |
| 11 | Jim Darnell | 24 | Abby Molling |
| 12 | Carla Townsend | | Mary Hauser |
| 13 | Karen Hansen | 25 | Cindy Adams |
| 14 | Ruth Ann Wurtz | 27 | Mark Gamoke |
| | Ginny Wiatt | | Steve Feehan |
| 15 | Jean Seitz | 28 | Allan Eglinton |
| 16 | Sally Killian | | Tenley Olson |
| | Don Severson | | |
| | Easton Martell | | |
| | Scott Wittenberg | | |
| 17 | Lou Ann Hanson | | |
| | Gale Grimslid | | |



FUN BUNCH



Join us on Tuesday, April 16th at Noon in the Fellowship Hall for an Italian pasta dish surprise!

We always enjoy this fellowship time together!





Bring a dish to share if you'd like.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.



2024 APRIL



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--------|---|---|----------|---|----------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 Knit/Crochet Group 10:00-Noon @ NPC  | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7  Confirmation Sunday 10:00 Service | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 Fun Bunch Lunch 12:00 Fellowship  | 17 | 18 | 19 Giving Hearts Choir Concert 10:00 a.m.  | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |