

September, 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:**

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

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

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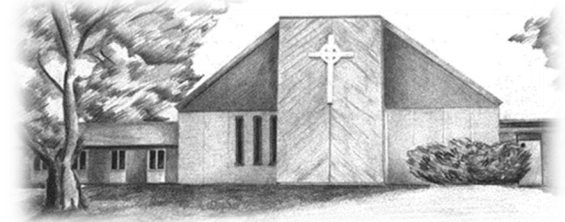
Ruth Mashak

**FIRST SERVICE MUSICIAN:**

Judy Bouffleur

**MAINTENANCE:**

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**NORTHSTAR NEWS**

*North Presbyterian Church of La Crosse, WI.  
"Sharing God's love since 1870"*

**Pastor Scott's Scripts:**

"This is a sad moment right here for all of us. And there ain't nothing I can say, standing in front of you that can take that away...But please do me this favor, will you? Lift your heads up and look around this locker room, yeah? Look at everybody else in here. And I want you to be grateful that you're going through this sad moment with all these other folks. Because I promise you, there is something worse out there than being sad and that is being alone and being sad. Ain't nobody in this room alone. Let's be sad now. Let's be sad together."

In this scene, Coach Lasso tries to get his team out of being sad before he recognizes that sadness is part of being human. He then leans into the sadness and gives them permission to feel...reminding them that their sadness is being shared with others. This scene reminds me of what we in the church should aspire to. Everybody will confront sadness. It's just a reality of living. But as a church family, we do sadness together. We do worry together. We do grief together because in this church, we aspire to be a family where no one is ever alone.

With that being said, please contact the church when you are feeling sad...when you're struggling...I and others in our church are eager to share our time with you...eager to share our connection with you.

On Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> during our outdoor worship, we as a church family are going to celebrate the unsung heroes in our lives who forever remind us that we are never alone. We are going to share "The Blessing of our Pets" as well as share a moment of silence for our beloved pets who still live lovingly in our memory.

Life is full of unique connections that help us cope with our sadness. Our pets are some of God's greatest gifts who do just that. They deserve a blessing and our gratitude.

See ya in church...the place where we can be sad, but never alone.

**Pastor Scott**

P.S. As I continue my recovery from eye surgery, I want to thank all of you for your cards, your prayers, your treats...I certainly wasn't alone in my recovery and I will forever be grateful.

**CHEESE!**



## UPDATED NPC FAMILY PHOTO BOARD COMING SOON!!!

**As many of us have noticed, the pictures of our friends and family on the wall in the Narthex are in need of an update (although some of us may be okay looking a tad younger!).**

**We have decided to keep this a bit more casual, so if you have a favorite photo of you and/or your family, please email it ([office@npclax.org](mailto:office@npclax.org)) or bring it to the church office at your convenience and we'll use it as we re-create the photo wall.**

**If you don't have a "favorite" photo, we will be having someone here this fall to take pictures of those who need one. These are solely for the wall so no need for extensive prepping as you all look beautiful already! We'll let you know in the announcements when this will occur.**

**Our goal is to have the board updated by the end of the year.**

### FIVE-WEEK SERIES

#### GRIEF CIRCLE (IN-PERSON)

SEPTEMBER 18, 25; OCTOBER 2, 9, 16  
Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.

**Facilitators:** Karna Marks and Sarah Hennessey, FSPA

**Investment:** \$70 for the series

We are able to offer a discounted rate of \$35 to anyone who would like financial help to participate. Please enter the code GRIEF50 when you register online or call 608-791-5295.

**Registration deadline:** September 9

Limited to 7 participants.

This group is for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. Many people who are grieving feel pressure to keep their grief to themselves. This is a place to share your thoughts, feelings and experiences—where you can talk about your loss with other people who are also grieving. Sometimes, friends and family, although well-intentioned, may not understand the meaning of your loss and the depth of your pain. The support of others on the same journey can bring a great deal of comfort and healing.

**Note:** To create a circle of trust for our work together, please commit to attending all five sessions. The first session is especially important.

**Karna Marks and Sarah Hennessey, FSPA,** are spiritual directors on staff at the FSC.



## Join us on Sunday, October 13th for the Coulee Region Hunger Walk!

Pastor Scott, Karla and hopefully many of you will walk to help those dealing with food insecurity in our community.

Last year we really enjoyed the leisurely walk through the neighborhood having great conversations along the way!

**If you're not able to walk that day, please consider making a donation to the NPC church team.**

This can be done online at [couleeregionhungerwalk.org](http://couleeregionhungerwalk.org) (also where you can register as a walker)

The day of the walk, we will meet at the Myrick Park main shelter. Registration is between 12:30-1:30 p.m.

The walk begins at 1:30 p.m.

When making a donation, you will be able to select that 50% of your donation should go to the North Presbyterian Little Food Pantry. We will also collect donations after services as the event gets closer.

THANK You!

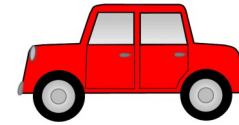
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

In August, North Church hosted our annual Rummage Sale and our first ever Mission Golf Tournament.

Because of the support of many, our Rummage Sale made over \$2,000 and the Mission Golf Tournament raised more than \$20,000. WOW!!!

Proceeds from the golf tournament will be split between two “missions”: The John Kennedy Scholarship that offers financial assistance to young people pursuing education in the trades and to Northside Elementary School to allow all children the opportunity to participate in educational field trips.

It is our hope to continue the golf tournament on an annual basis and support the various “missions” of our community.



**MOBILE MEALS**

We need volunteers to deliver Mobile Meals

**Monday, September 30th-  
Sunday, October 6th**

**PICK UP WHERE**

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

**PICK-UP TIME**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Please Call or email the Church Office to sign up  
(608)781-5690 or office@npclax.org**

**(If you'd like to try this ministry opportunity, we can arrange for you to ride along with one of our experienced drivers)**

**NPC Little Food Pantry**

**September Donation Suggestions:**

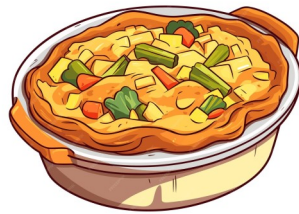
\*\*\*of course all donations are welcome, these items are those we are low on at this time

- Oatmeal packets or cups
- Crackers (if you purchase boxes with sleeves of crackers, we open the box and put individual sleeves out to make our supplies last longer)
- Microwavable cups of mac & cheese that need water only to make
- Instant Potatoes
- Peanut Butter
- Poptarts

Thank you very much for your contributions to this ministry! Our pantry is well utilized and assists people every day.



Do you have a delicious hotdish recipe you make? Maybe a long-time family favorite?



A date has not been set yet, but keep your ears open for

## A “Helping” of Hotdish Sunday!

One of the Sundays in October we will be hosting this event after the 10:00 service. That day, you will have the opportunity to taste a variety of hotdishes made by our very own NPC family! And maybe go home with a new recipe or two! Any donations given by “tasters” that day will go towards a cause yet to be determined. That’s the “Helping” our hotdishes will do!

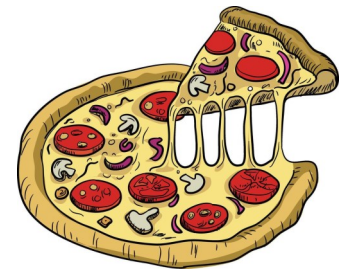
So get your ovens ready and put your tastebuds on notice...  
this will be fabulous!

## Hey Middle & High Schoolers!

Join Pastor Scott on  
Sunday, September 29th @ 5:00 p.m.  
for a pizza party here at the church!!!

He misses seeing all of you and would like to find a way to stay connected. Part of the time will be talking about how to make that happen in your very busy schedules.

He’ll also share information about a potential mission trip to Colorado next year.



Hoping you all can make it!

“Registration” is not required, but if you do know you’ll be coming, please call or email the church and let us know so we have an idea of how much pizza to order.

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Phone: (608)781-5690



Let’s get together for

## FUN BUNCH!

Tuesday, September 24th @ Noon  
in the Fellowship Hall

Pastor Scott will grill some brats & kraut.  
Please bring a “German” or American side dish  
as we prepare for Oktoberfest 2024



# Rally Day

SEPTEMBER 8th, 2024  
9:00 A.M.

We are so excited to be coming back together to start a new year with our youth as we learn and grow in our faith together!

We will resume our journey through the Bible highlighting the many animals we hear about in the scriptures.

We will also continue “2nd Sundays” each month. On the second Sunday of each month we look to connect with our church, our neighbors, our communities, and the greater world through service and conversations.

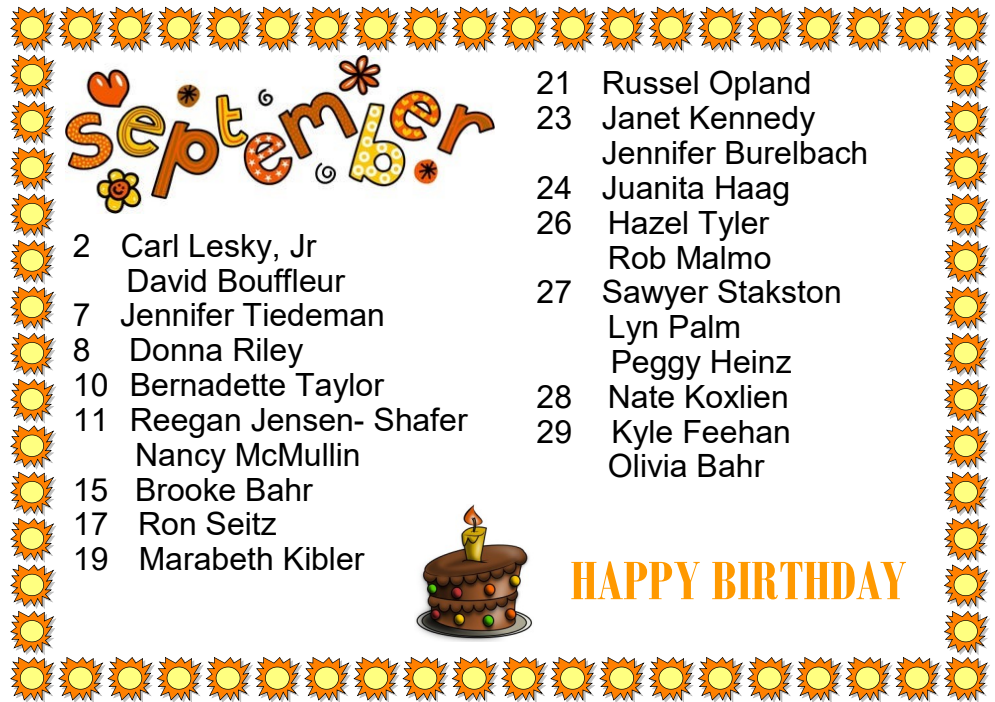
Music will be back in full swing.  
We will once again be singing on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the 10:00 service.



Join us on Sunday,  
September 15th

following the 10:00 service for grilled hot dogs! Enjoy a bite to eat and wonderful fellowship together!

We will provide hot dogs & chips. If you'd like to bring something additionally, you certainly may!



## September

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| 21 | Russel Opland                              |
| 23 | Janet Kennedy<br>Jennifer Burelbach        |
| 24 | Juanita Haag                               |
| 26 | Hazel Tyler<br>Rob Malmo                   |
| 27 | Sawyer Stakston<br>Lyn Palm<br>Peggy Heinz |
| 28 | Nate Koxlien                               |
| 29 | Kyle Feehan<br>Olivia Bahr                 |
| 2  | Carl Lesky, Jr<br>David Bouffleur          |
| 7  | Jennifer Tiedeman                          |
| 8  | Donna Riley                                |
| 10 | Bernadette Taylor                          |
| 11 | Reegan Jensen- Shafer<br>Nancy McMullin    |
| 15 | Brooke Bahr                                |
| 17 | Ron Seitz                                  |
| 19 | Marabeth Kibler                            |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Last Outdoor Worship Service of 2024 will be Sunday, September 8th @ 10:00 a.m.




Join us on the beautiful back lawn one more time as we enjoy God's creation and each other!

This service will also include a “Blessing of the Pets” so bring your furry, four-legged, or special family member along! If your pet is unable to come with you, bringing a photo is an option as well.



\* Please have all pets on a leash or in a carrier. Thank you!

# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	 <b>HAPPY LABOR DAY</b> OFFICE CLOSED	3	4 Knit/Crochet Group 10:00 Fellowship Hall 	5	6	7
8 LAST OUTDOOR WORSHIP 10 A.M. "BLESSING OF THE PETS"  <b>RALLY SUNDAY!!!</b> <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS</b>	9	10	11  SESSION MEETING	12	13	14
15  After 10:00 Service	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 FUN BUNCH NOON 	25	26	27	28
29  MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PIZZA PARTY 5:00 PM	30					