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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.

Sunday Worship:
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
Virtually - Sunday at 8am on our Facebook Page or Website

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NORTHSTAR NEWS
North Presbyterian Church of La Crosse, WI.
“Sharing God’s love since 1870”



Pastor Scott’s Scripts:

When I was in kindergarten at Pertzsch Elementary, Mrs. Melby, our music teacher, taught us this song:
“Who’s behind that false face. Nobody knows but me. Who’s behind that false face. Nobody knows but me. I won’t tell you...You will have to guess. If your guess is right. I will answer yes.”

As we enter the month of October, “false faces” and masks will become popular choices for Halloween. Our youth will put on masks and costumes and march around the Onalaska Care Center singing to the residents and bringing to them and us great joy and cheer. So...I’m all for “false faces” and the spirit in which they are shared in this season.

What is an even bigger challenge is that we don’t fall prey to the temptation of being a “false self.” Thomas Merton expressed his concern of this in his book “New Seeds of Contemplation” where he writes, “Every one of us is shadowed by an illusory person. A false self. This is the person I want myself to be but who cannot exist because God does not know anything about him. My false and private self is the one who wants to exist outside the reach of God’s will and God’s love outside of reality and outside of life. And such a life cannot help but be an illusion. Therefore, there is only one problem on which all my existence, my peace, and my happiness demand...to discover myself in discovering God. If I find Him, I will find myself and if I find my true self, I will find God.”

The search for our true self requires what one has called “An honest self-love.” Love of self is not selfishness but a humble recognition of our lives as true good and beautiful. So, in this season of costumes and “false faces”, it’s okay to sing and dress up, but let’s always remember to resist the allure to our “false self”. Let us be searching to be true to ourselves and in so doing, we will be searching for God because when we find our true self, we find God as well.

See you in church,
Pastor Scott



Middle School & High School News

Pastor Scott would love to spend more time and be more connected with our middle and high school aged youth. We will be offering different social and community service opportunities to get together.

Our first gathering was a pizza meal here at the church.

Our next opportunity is for everyone to participate in the Hunger Walk together.

(Specific information on this is also included in this newsletter)

We will also be planning an afternoon at the waterpark so look for that information soon!

A summer mission trip to Colorado is also being explored

***Also remember...there is a Middle School class that gathers on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:50 a.m.

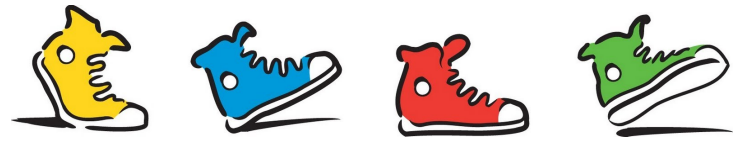
All are welcome!



HEARING ASSIST DEVICES NOW AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

We have a table set-up outside of the sanctuary doors that hosts hearing assist equipment for anyone who may find this helpful.

There are several different options, so choose what works best for you! If you'd like to know more about how any of this works or would like assistance trying them out, please let us know.



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

Meet at the Myrick Park main shelter.
Registration is from 12:30-1:30 p.m.
The walk begins at 1:30 p.m.

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

Register to walk or donate online at couleeregionhungerwalk.org
(designate North Presbyterian Church as your team).

All money raised supports those in our area with 25% going to Wafer, 25% to the Hunger Task Force and 50% of the donations our team brings in going toward our own Little Food Pantry.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27th
All Youth Pre-school through 7th grade are welcome to wear costumes!

Sunday School Hour
We will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Onalaska Care Center. We'll sing through the halls in our costumes to bring some Halloween happiness to the residents.

Following the 10am service, the youth will be **TRUNK or TREATING** in the parking lot.

Please come prepared with treats in your trunk so kids can go from car to car, or feel free to donate candy if you cannot attend.

Join Us on Sunday, October 20th for “A Helping of Hotdish”

Following the 10:00 Service

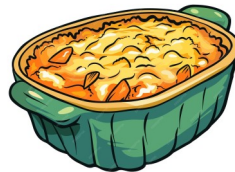
In honor of Pastor Scott’s love of a good hotdish, we are hoping many of you will bake your favorites and bring them to church on the 20th for all of us to try. Even better would be for you to bring the recipe to share!

Even if you aren’t a hotdish baker, please join us and enjoy a taste of hopefully a good variety of different dishes.

We’ll collect donations which we will be using to purchase gift cards for the family of Dawn & Roger Kast’s great-niece, Adisyn, who is 11 years old and was in a car accident that will see her on a long journey to full recovery.

There will be a sign-up in the Narthex for hotdishes (you don’t need to designate what kind), and a few desserts.

We’re looking forward to this delicious day!



NPC Little Food Pantry Current Needs:

- Ready to eat meals
- Vienna Sausages
- Flavored Rice
- Shelf stable milk



HAPPY BIRTHDAY OCTOBER

2	Allen Macha	17	Fred Kautz
3	Carolyn McNurlen	18	Mike Leathen
6	Tess Molling		Tucker Banasik
8	Karen Weigel	19	Sue Crayton
11	Debbie Harmening		Barb Hegenbarth
12	Wes Tabbert	20	David Schroeder
14	Jayne Bissen	22	Janelle Conder
	Jacob Peterson		Landon Molling
	Kathy Bahr	24	Ann Turk
15	Mark Hauser	25	Alexandra Burelbach
	Evan Gamoke	26	Julia Hauser
	Olivia Gamoke	27	Shirley Lesky
16	Jagger Banasik		Bonna Tauscher
	Judy Bouffleur	31	Tom Cramer



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Fun Bunch Lunch

**Tuesday, October 29th
@ Noon here at NPC**






**Pastor Scott will provide a
“hotdish surprise”**

**Please bring a dish of your
choice to share as we
enjoy our fellowship
together!**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 KNIT/CROCHET GROUP 10:00-NOON 	3	4	5
6 DEACON MEETING 11:00 A.M.	7	8	9 SESSION MEETING	10	11	12
13 COULEE REGION HUNGER WALK @ MYRICK PARK 	14	15	16	17 Halloween Costume Giveaway Event	18	19
20 A Helping of Hotdish Following the 10:00 service 	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:00 A.M. KIDS MEET @ ONALASKA CARE CENTER 11:00 A.M. Trunk or Treat 	28	29 Fun Bunch Lunch Noon Fellowship Hall 	30	31		