

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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La Crosse, WI 54603

January, 2025

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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Pastor Scott's Scripts:

Just the other day I was sitting in the parking lot at the grocery store. I was enjoying lunch in my car when I started thinking...why is New Year's Day a holiday? It seems odd to me that we take a day off just to celebrate the calendar turning from one year to the next.

But as Daniel Flucke notes, "I suspect (we celebrate New Year's Day) because a new year offers a new beginning...the chance to start fresh. There's a reason January is the most important month of the year for gyms and weight loss programs...because it seems like a fresh chance to start again to improve ourselves."

The church can also be a place where we celebrate new beginnings and fresh starts. In his second letter to the Corinthian church Paul writes, "So...if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away. See, everything has become new!"

In seeking fresh starts and new beginnings in the new year, let's resolve to worship regularly...connecting with people, hearing the Good News proclaimed, responding by putting our love in action. Let us resolve to be kind and patient, building bridges of understanding rather than walls of division. Let us resolve to let go of our worry and anxiety. Let us be the change we hope to be. Life has a tendency to take the path of least resistance. Have the courage to change.

Finally, let us resolve to "Carpe Diem" ...Seize the Day. Each day is a gift. Let us embrace it and live fully in it. So, in the New Year, let us embrace the gift of a fresh start and a new beginning and let us create healthy habits that will make 2025 more joyous for all.

See ya in church!
Pastor Scott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January, 2025

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| 1 | Megan Wilhelm | 11 | John Crayton |
| | Pat Walters | | Lloyd Kennedy |
| 2 | Brunner Hanabarger | 12 | Gretchen Burns |
| 3 | Dave Molling | 14 | Bob Patros |
| | Chris Butler | | Arlone McCabe |
| 4 | Jeanne Holmquist | 15 | Emma Gamoke |
| | Benji Zimmer | 17 | Tracy Doyle |
| | Trish Ruetten | 18 | Nick Jensen-Schafer |
| 5 | Helen Herlitzka | 19 | Betty Macha |
| | Rob Sturgis | 20 | Don Wilhelm |
| 6 | Karen Smith | | Megan Jurgensen |
| | Nanette Harter | 23 | Mason Zimmer |
| | Karen Schultz | | Evy Milner |
| 8 | Linda Betsinger | | Peggy Mageland |
| | Rae Daffinson | 25 | Dave Hagenbarth |
| | Brian Mansky | 26 | Mary Mills |
| | Cody Feehan | | Andrew Peterson |
| | Maureen Colburn | 27 | Jo Ann Fink |
| 10 | Hazel Stakston | 30 | Brandon Hanabarger |
| | | | Suzy Zenker |

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on
Sunday, January 19th following the
10:00 worship service for

JUNK FOOD in JANUARY!

Bring your favorite “Junk Food”:
Appetizers, dips, wraps, snack mix,
finger foods, etc. and we’ll share
in good food and fellowship together!



North Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for supporting our families with holiday giving. Families that have benefited from your generosity are forever grateful. We appreciate your support in making a family’s holiday brighter. Merry Christmas!

Love, Northside/Coulee Montessori Elementary School



To Presbyterian Church,

Me and my family would like to take this time to thank the Presbyterian Church and all the church members for making this Christmas one of the best years. And also, the past years, too. The kids will enjoy their gifts and are very blessed for having generous churches like Presbyterian Church in this community. Me and my husband love to see our kids smiles that we witnessed throughout the years and especially this year as they open their gifts, their faces light up, their eyes sparkle with big smiles and laughter in the house. We are truly blessed and happy. Many thanks!
Long Xiong & Mai Yang

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Words cannot adequately convey my gratitude for everything the church has meant to me this year. I want to thank you for your generous support and understanding as I've battled through my various eye surgeries and procedures. Your prayers of healing and comfort have been heartfelt and tenderly received.

On behalf of my family, I also want to thank you for your generous Christmas gift to us this year. Your generosity simply knows no bounds! Thanks again for your kindness, your generosity, and your love. Looking forward to a special new year together. God's blessings for a healthy and happy 2025! Pastor Scott

Once again the NPC family engaged in so many ways to share the true spirit of Christmas within our walls and out into our community. We baked and bought cookies, we caroled at a variety of care facilities, we rang bells for the Salvation Army, we delivered meals to our neighbors, we shared our Fellowship Hall with those needing a place to gather for a Christmas meal, we bought gifts for the Northside Elementary School children, and provided trinkets and goodies that our Deacons could assemble into gift bags to deliver to many.

What a wonderful time of the year to be part of the North Church family and celebrate the birth and gift of our Savior together! We are truly blessed!

THANK YOU

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The ordination/Installation service will be held Sunday, January 5th, at the 10 a.m. Worship Service. Please join us as we welcome:

Class of 2027 Elders:

Rob Sturgis, Scott Turnbull, and Brenda Feehan

Class of 2027 Deacons:

Amber Gentry and Courtney Molling



Just a reminder that the hospitals DO NOT contact us when our NPC family members are hospitalized. Pastor Scott would definitely want to know when this occurs so please contact him or the church office at (608)781-5690 to let us know. You can then also let us know if we can add you to our prayer list and announcements. Thank you!

2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26, 2025 right after the 10:00 a.m. Worship service. Please plan on attending as 2024 happenings and all the churches finances are reviewed.

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT (Blue Envelope)

Per Capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission: and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians.

COLLECTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

The Per Capita amount for North Presbyterian members for 2025 is \$40

“Members” includes everyone who has been confirmed as an “Active Member”

2025 MOBILE MEALS

Delivery days Monday—Sunday

- (Mon.) February 17— (Sun.) February 23
- (Mon.) March 17— (Sun.) March 23
- (Mon.) May 26— (Sun.) June 1
- (Mon.) August 25 — (Sun.) August 31
- (Mon.) November 10— (Sun.) November 16

PICK UP WHERE

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

PICK-UP TIME

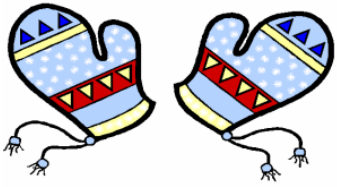
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SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX

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 try this ministry opportunity, please contact Karla at the Church office for more information.



JANUARY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	 OFFICE CLOSED 1	2	3	4
ORDINATION/ INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS 10:00 A.M. SERVICE 5	6	7	JOINT MEETING OF ELDERS & DEACONS 6:00 POTLUCK MEETING FOLLOWING 8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
JUNK FOOD IN JANUARY!!! 11:00 A.M.  19	20	21	22	23	24	25
ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING 10:00 SERVICE 26	27	28	29	30	31	1