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NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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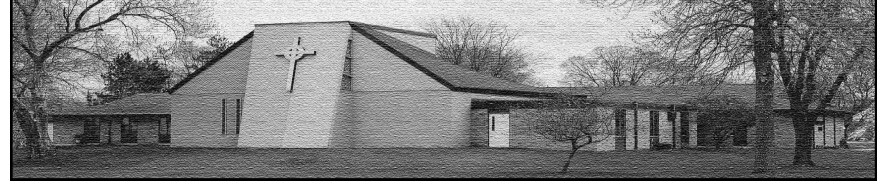
Sunday Worship: 8:00am & 10:00am
Virtually - Sunday at 8am on our Facebook Page or Website
Sunday School: 9am

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“Sharing God’s love since 1870”



Pastor Scott’s Scripts:

On July 27th, 2024, I went to Shopko Optical to have my eye checked...and from that moment, my right eye has been the “Focus” of my attention! Two surgeries, 12 eye injections, multiple eye exams, and a pending surgery on March 12th defines much of my “focus” in the last six months.

So...when it came time to “focus” on a Lenten series this year, I couldn’t help but turn my attention to a series titled, “Eyes on Jesus”. During this Lenten season, we will focus on Peter’s denying eyes, the disciples’ sleepy eyes, Judas’ betraying eyes, Jesus’ forgiving eyes, as well as others.

As people near Jesus witnessed his journey to the cross, the question we ask is, “What did they see?”

Come to our Wednesday night Lenten services to see for yourself!

See ya in church on Wednesday and Sunday!

Pastor Scott

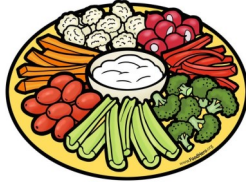
To lead us into the Lenten season and celebrate with our take on “Fat Tuesday”, we will be hosting

Munchies in March

on Sunday, March 2nd following the 10:00 Service



Bring your favorite appetizers and finger foods while enjoying great conversation and fellowship



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 \$456 which will help our neighbors dealing with food insecurity through purchasing items needed for our own Little Food Pantry.



Cream Soup

And the “BEST BITE 2025” winner is....
White Chicken Chili
Congratulations!



EASTER GARDEN ORDER FORM

Please order by Tuesday, April 1st

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

Please choose from the following:

- EASTER LILLIES\$17.00
- MUMS.....\$18.00
- HYDRANGEAS.....\$25.00

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

EASTER SUNDAY April 20th

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

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



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS



*Please remember to “Spring” ahead
by turning your clocks
ahead before you go to sleep on
Saturday, March 8th*

Easter Breakfast



We will need:

Breakfast casseroles, Milk,
Pastries, Orange juice, Fruit

**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!!!**

Easter Egg Hunt

**Easter Sunday, April 20th @ 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 April 13th.**



**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.**

About Our Funeral Luncheons First...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 are unfamiliar with this ministry, when we have funerals at our church, we offer to host a luncheon following the service in our Fellowship Hall. Congregation members help put the luncheon on and provide the meal. The main dish is provided and Karla calls church members about donating a salad or a dessert. You don't need to make enough for the entire luncheon. We contact multiple people so we have a variety of salads and sweets to offer. Desserts are things such as bars or cookies. Salads can be any kind from lettuce, pasta, or fruit. We generally provide coleslaw along with the main dish. We are in the process of updating this call list, so if you'd like to have your name added, sign-up in the Narthex or call the office at (608)781-5690.

You can sign-up to help, just bring desserts, just bring salads, all three or any combination you'd like!

Homemade and store-bought are all welcome!





2025 Lenten Services
“Eyes on Jesus”
North Presbyterian Church
6:30 Worship

A simple dinner will be served, offering a time of fellowship, prior to services at 5:45 p.m.
(No Dinner Ash Wednesday)
The main dish will be provided.
Please bring a dish to pass.

Ash Wednesday, March 5th: “Eyes on Jesus”
 Hebrews 12: 1-13

March 12th: “Denying Eyes”- Rev. Larry Olson
 Mark 14: 27-31, 66-72

March 19th: “Sleepy Eyes”
 Mark 14: 32-42

March 26th: “Betraying/Lying Eyes”
 Mark 14: 10-21

April 2nd: “Murderous Eyes”
 Mark 14: 1-2, 53-65

April 9th: “Mocking Eyes”
 Mark 15: 16-20

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
MAUNDY THURSDAY- April 17th:

“More than Meets the Eye”
 Mark 14: 22-25

GOOD FRIDAY- April 18th:
9:45 A.M. @ ONALASKA CARE CENTER
Congregation and Public are welcome!
6:30 P.M. @ NPC
“Forgiving Eyes”

MOBILE MEALS

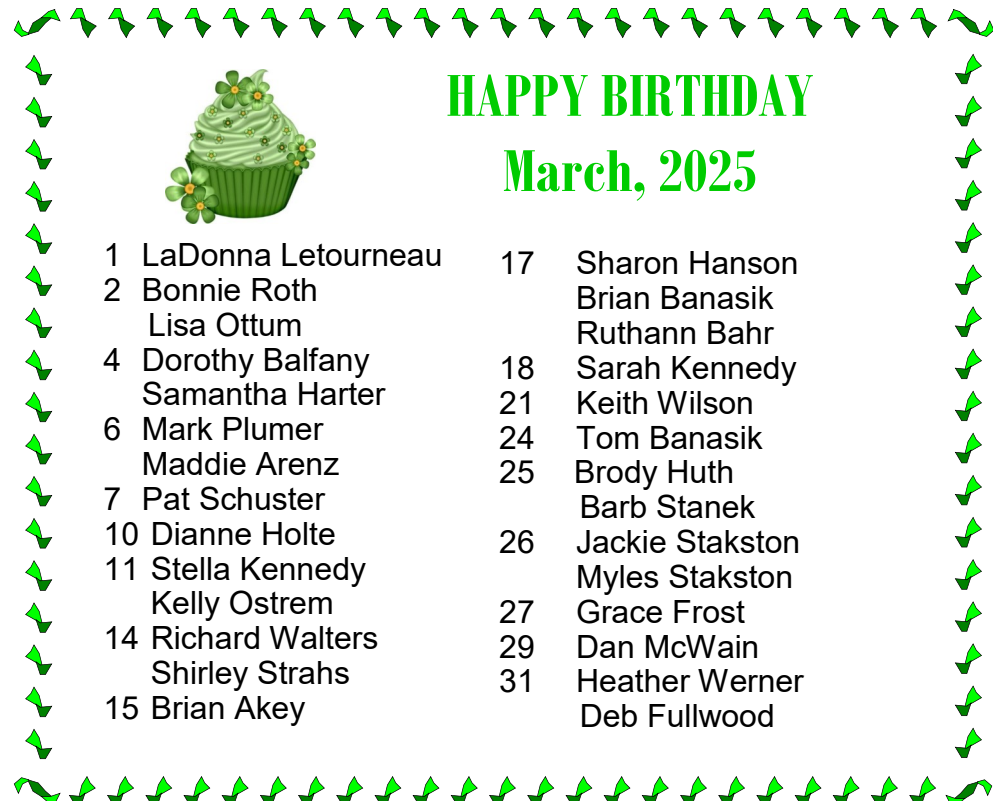
Monday, March 17th— Sunday, March 23rd

PICK UP WHERE—NEW LOCATION!
 Mayo Clinic Hospital on Mississippi St. between Walgreens and the new hospital building.

PICK-UP TIME
 10:30 A.M.

SIGN-UP SHEET 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 be paired with someone who has delivered before to learn the process, please contact Karla at the Church office for more information.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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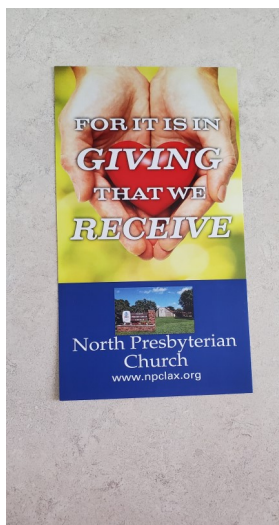
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| 1 LaDonna Letourneau | 17 Sharon Hanson |
| 2 Bonnie Roth | Brian Banasik |
| Lisa Ottum | Ruthann Bahr |
| 4 Dorothy Balfany | 18 Sarah Kennedy |
| Samantha Harter | 21 Keith Wilson |
| 6 Mark Plumer | 24 Tom Banasik |
| Maddie Arenz | 25 Brody 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



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 April 6th

Thank you to everyone who generously donates food items to stock our Free Little Food Pantry!

Our shelves are looking pretty good right now. Items that are low include (but we'd gladly accept any items you may want to bring!):

- Ready to Serve Meals such as Hormel Completes
- Tuna Packets
- Vienna Sausage
- Muffin or Pancake Mix (just add water)
- Powdered Milk or shelf stable milk (I've found this at the Dollar Store)
- Tortillas
- Instant Rice & Pasta

**** Keep in mind our neighbors using the pantry often don't have additional ingredients to prepare items like Mac & Cheese that require butter and milk so instant options that just need water to prepare or come complete are best.**

We also create hygiene kits to put in our pantry. If you are traveling and accumulate too many of the small, travel-size shampoo, lotion, soap, toothpaste, etc., we can definitely use them in these kits. We DO NOT put razors or any sharp items in the pantry.







Thank you again for your kindness in sharing these necessities with our neighbors!





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2  FELLOWSHIP MUNCHIES IN MARCH FOLLOWING 10:00 SERVICE	3	4	5  KNIT/ CROCHET GROUP 10:00 + ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 6:30 P.M.	6	7	8
9	10	11	12  LENTEN SUPPER 5:45 P.M. SEVICE 6:30 P.M.	13	14	15
16  COULEE REGION GOSPEL CHOIR @ NPC 3:00 P.M.	17  HAPPY St. PATRICK'S DAY MOBILE MEALS	18 MOBILE MEALS	19 LENTEN SUPPER 5:45 P.M. SERVICE 6:30 SESSION MEETING MOBILE MEALS	20 MOBILE MEALS	21 MOBILE MEALS	22 MOBILE MEALS
23 MOBILE MEALS	24	25	26  LENTEN SUPPER 5:45 P.M. SERVICE 6:30 P.M.	27	28	29
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