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

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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:

Later this month I will make my annual trek to the "Beer Cave" in Onalaska to film my virtual Easter service from the "Empty Tomb". I want to thank Karen Weis and Mark Weis for the original idea to take my virtual Easter service on location to the cave and for their inspiration to continue to take my virtual services to different locations.

The resurrection is the central theme to our Christian faith. We profess in the resurrection of Jesus, and we pledge to live as resurrected people. But do we really know what that means? Do we fully grasp what it means to live as Easter people?

In the song "Live to Rise" we hear: "Like the sun we will live to rise. Like the sun we will live to die. And then ignite again. Like the sun we will live to rise."

In this season of Lent, we have witnessed how Jesus has suffered when friends and authorities looked at him with cruel eyes. Some of those eyes were murderous, some were lying, some were mocking, some were denying. Jesus' journey to the cross has its fair share of cruelty and suffering. In her book "God in Pain", Barbara Brown Taylor writes, "Christianity is the only world religion that addresses a God who suffers. It is not always popular. We prefer a God who prevents suffering; a God who wins. As Neil Ellis points out, "what the cross teaches us is not the power to force human choice and end human pain. It is instead the power to pick up the shattered pieces and make something holy out of them."

The people came to the tomb shattered by the death of Jesus. They came to mourn his loss. What they found was an empty tomb. Jesus is risen...He is risen indeed! From the moment they realized Jesus was alive, again, they lived as resurrection people. Their lives and their hopes were restored. Much like Mary and Peter and the others, we, too, must move forward. We must run from the Easter tomb transformed by the resurrection to leap forward into a new life.

Because like the sun, we will live to rise. We will ignite again. We will live to rise. Jesus has transformed our hopes. Let us then live as transformed and resurrected people.

See you in church,
Pastor Scott



EASTER SUNDAY April 20th

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

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



8:30-9:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast

Sign-up in the Narthex to bring:
an egg bake/breakfast casserole, sausage, fruit, or pastries

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn

Candy donations are due by April 13th

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
- Anything suitable for our elderly



**Please have items to the church
by April 6th**

**SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE NARTHEX TO
GREET, DISTRIBUTE BULLETINS, AND HOLD
THE DOOR FOR THE 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE.
WHAT A GREAT WAY TO START THE DAY!**



REMEMBER... as you are doing your spring cleaning, we'd love to take those decluttering items off your hands for our 2025 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 June 12th (3-7 p.m.) and 13th (7-11 a.m.), so find those items you no longer need that will become a treasure to someone else! Thank you!



North Presbyterian Church would like to congratulate and recognize the 2025 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April, 2025



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|----|------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Diane Jolivet | 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 Severtson | | |
| | Easton Martell | | |
| | Scott Wittenberg | | |



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"








Coulee Region Giving Hearts Choir Spring Concert

Friday, April 4th
 11:00 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!



April 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1  Easter Flower Orders Due | 2 Knit/Crochet Group 10:00  5:45 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Service | 3 | 4  Giving Hearts Memory Choir Concert- 11:00 a.m. | 5 |
| 6 Items Due for Shut-in Baskets | 7 | 8 | 9  5:45 p.m Dinner 6:30 p.m. Service Session Meeting | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Items Due for Egg Hunt | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17  6:30 p.m. Service | 18  6:30 p.m. | 19 |
| 20 EASTER! 6:30 A.M. Dash Park 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. @ NPC 8:45 Breakfast 9:30 Egg Hunt  | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |