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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

Please contact us at:

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Office Hours M-Th 9am-2pm

PASTOR:

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“Sharing God’s love since 1870”*

PASTOR SCOTT’S SCRIPTS

It’s been said that busyness can be defined as “full of activity” and this activity can be full of meaning and joy.

As I begin my 26th year of ministry here at North Church, I am as “busy” as ever. I am called to share weddings, funerals, hospital visits, prayer requests for people inside and outside the church... Yes, I am busy. But I feel I am busy being productive, busy being pastoral, busy representing this church in the surrounding community, busy doing what I love to do.

Kristin Brown in a devotion titled “When being busy makes your feel valued” writes, “God gave each of us unique gifts and talents. God also offers opportunities for us to use these gifts to serve the world around us. When we put our skills into action, we can laser focus on that purpose.” And then she adds a line that is good for me and all of us to hear... “But we need to be careful of only thinking we have value when others need us.” In other words, we can make a “god” of our busyness by attaching too much value to our busyness!

I love what I do. I find a great sense of purpose comforting people in their struggles, walking them through their grief, celebrating their loved one’s life, sharing in their special moments. Yes, I am busy doing what I love to do and sharing it with a church I love. But I and all of must always remember, as much as we love doing good things for others, God is more interested in God’s work in us.

In Ephesians, Paul writes, “for we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” And as Kristen Brown notes, “The above verse reminds us that even though God created us for good works, our worth is found in who we are through him when we remain in that truth our good works will shine with the goodness of Christ.” I love being busy doing ministry. I just have to be careful that my busyness is for God’s glory and not my own. And, yes, I need to remember that Jesus rested and so must I.

As I begin my 26th year with you, let’s be busy together doing the good works God calls and needs us to do. Ane when our busyness helps others live better, what a wonderful gift “busy” can be.

See ya’ in church!

Pastor Scott





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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Mason Bean | 18 Kay Banasik |
| 2 Dan Ender | 19 Laura Walters |
| Dawson Dill | 20 Ruth Richards |
| 3 Adrian Wruck | Jeff Peterson |
| 5 Payton Crowley | 23 Bob Burns |
| 6 Jon Martell | Shelly Wolf |
| Charlie Milner | Brittany Albitz |
| 7 Rusty Adams | 24 Adam Bissen |
| Scott Arenz | Kathy Kennedy |
| Mike Abraham | 25 Florann Graf |
| 8 Steven Sierp | 26 Connie Hauser |
| Gene McNurlen | 27 Marion Eglinton |
| 9 Maggie Zimmer | Maverick Gentry |
| 13 David Lubinsky | 27 Dawn Taylor |
| Marty Gora | Patty Roberts |
| 14 Katie Wilhelm | 29 James Harter |
| Margie Larson | 30 Rosie Milner |
| 15 Taylor Lee | 31 Lori Peterson |
| David Snyder | |
| Peter Taylor | |

Confirmation Meeting

There will be a confirmation meeting between services on Sunday, August 24th (9:00 a.m.) for all of our young people entering 7th and 8th grade. Pastor Scott will provide information on the upcoming year.

THE MISSION GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY AUGUST 9TH 2025

AT COULEE GOLF BOWL

REGISTRATION FEE: \$50 PER PLAYER
2 PERSON SCRAMBLE, TEE TIMES
STARTING AT NOON

Proceeds will benefit this year's mission projects:
Entertainment at Hillview Health Care Center
and the Rev. Louis Stoker Family Scholarship.

Following golf, join us for a band
sponsored by Coulee Golf Bowl for
an evening of entertainment!

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

QUESTIONS? THEMISSIONNPC@GMAIL.COM

Registration:



- Cereal
- Instant rice/Potatoes (single-serve)
- SpaghettiOs/Vienna Sausages
- Fruit Cups
- Crackers (We do divide if in sleeves)
- Shelf Stable Milk



Fun Bunch— Tuesday, August 19th

Noon at the Church

Come enjoy a great lunch and even better conversation!

We will be having our **summer salad luncheon** so bring your favorite salad to share or anything else you think will compliment what is always a nice variety or deliciousness!



Just a reminder to contact us here at the church if you will be having surgery or find yourself in the hospital. The hospitals DO NOT contact us when NPC members are hospitalized. Pastor Scott always appreciates the awareness and wants to provide pastoral support and care in these circumstances. You can 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.

Large print bulletins and hearing assist devices are available in the Narthex

If either of these would be helpful to you, we have a table set-up outside of the sanctuary doors that hosts the hearing assist equipment as well as the larger Sunday bulletins. There are several different options for hearing devices, so choose what works best for you!

MOBILE MEALS

Mobile Meals Volunteers Needed!



**Monday, August 25th-
Sunday, August 31st**

PICK-UP TIME
10:30 a.m.

PICK UP WHERE

New pick-up location: Due to construction, pick-up and drop-off are in the same spot. The "Equipment Drop Off" door on the corner of Mississippi St. and 11th St. will be used (between Walgreens and Mayo)

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)

Hey NPC Kids!



Join Pastor Scott for a fun morning golfing at Coulee Golf Bowl!

Meet at the golf course at
8:00 a.m.
on Thursday, August 7th

He'd love to see you there!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Knit/Crochet Group 10:00-Noon Fellowship Hall 	7 Kids golf with Pastor Scott @ Coulee Golf Bowl 8:00 a.m. 	8	9 <div>THE MISSION GOLF TOURNAMENT EST. 2024</div> Coulee Golf Bowl
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Fun Bunch Lunch Noon 	20 Session Meeting	21	22	23
24 Confirmation Meeting Between Services (9 a.m.)	25  Mobile Meals	26  Mobile Meals	27  Mobile Meals	28  Mobile Meals	29  Mobile Meals	30  Mobile Meals
31  Mobile Meals						