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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

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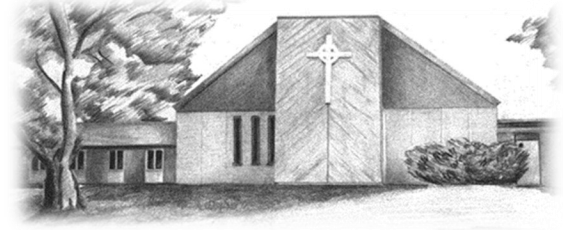
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*North Presbyterian Church of La Crosse, WI.
“Sharing God’s love since 1870”*

Pastor Scott’s Scripts:

On Sunday, September 21st I am going to make my way into the pulpit wearing my familiar “Mr. Rogers Cardigan Sweater” and ask his most famous question... “Won’t you be my neighbor?”

Before I do that, I plan on actually being in Mr. Rogers neighborhood in the Pittsburgh area to film my virtual service. In the world we find ourselves living in today, a large dose of neighborliness is always a good prescription for our souls.

Denise Robinson highlights a fascinating point when she writes, “The word neighbor is found 145 times in the Bible. For most of us, our definition of a neighbor is either someone who looks like us and shares our cultural values and beliefs or someone who literally lives next to us. But Scripture takes the definition of “neighbor” much deeper. At first, the definition is often “one of your people” as opposed to one of “those” people, but then as time passes, it includes the foreigner, the hired help, the poor, the sick, the widow, the unclean, the slave...and even the enemy. Who is your neighbor? Everyone. Anyone. The greatest among us, the least among us. People we don’t especially like. People who don’t especially like us.”

After asking “Who is my neighbor?”, we are then challenged to ask ourselves “Am I being a good neighbor? Am I being kind? Am I being helpful? Am I advocating for the marginalized, feeding the hungry, caring for the struggling and not just to those who look, act, or believe like me, but all people? Am I being a good neighbor and if not, why?”

I have a hunch Mr. Rogers asked that of himself...with every person he met...and with every child he tried so hard to inspire.

In a world so full of division, so full of needless violence, so full of people searching for a place to belong, perhaps the best question we, too, can ask is this... “Won’t you be my neighbor?” And when we do, we’ll just know Mr. Rogers is smiling down on us. It’s a beautiful day in the neighborhood.

See ya in church!
Pastor Scott

THANK You!

FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

On August 9th, North Church hosted our 2nd annual Mission Golf Tournament.

Because of the support of many, our Mission Golf Tournament raised about \$20,000. WOW!!!

Proceeds from the golf tournament will be split between two "missions": The Louis Stoker Family Scholarship that offers financial assistance to young people pursuing careers in education and to Hillview Health Care to additionally fund entertainment and enrichment opportunities for their residents.

It is our hope to continue the golf tournament on an annual basis and support the various "missions" of our community.

Our Nursery, "Riley's Room" Welcomes back our kids Sunday, Sept. 14th!

This room is available on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 worship service. All children are welcome.



If you are new or unfamiliar with the nursery, at our 10:00 service Pastor Scott typically shares a Children's Sermon connected to his message of the day. Following this, kids can remain in church or go into the nursery for supervised time of quiet play, activities, crafts, etc.

Come see this wonderful space for our kids!



Let's get together for

FUN BUNCH!

Tuesday, September 23rd @ Noon
in the Fellowship Hall

Pastor Scott will grill some brats & kraut.

Please bring a "German" or American side dish to share if you'd like as we prepare for Oktoberfest 2025

Confirmation Classes Begin Wednesday, September 17th

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to join Pastor Scott for Confirmation which is a time to explore and develop your faith, while hopefully building a stronger relationship with God, Pastor Scott, your church community, and your friends!

Come for dinner Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.
Class goes from 5:30-6:30 p.m.



Love God! Love Others!

Free! Christian Yoga Practice, September 7, 4-5pm

Enjoy a gentle, relaxing yoga practice of stretching, breathing and relaxation which includes a passage from Isaiah for reflection and inspiration. This practice is accessible to beginners and older students. You must be able to get down and up from the floor but chairs may be used as needed for the seated postures. Bring a towel (or a yoga mat) to lie on and another towel for support for your neck or knees.

This class is taught by Dawn Summers, who has been teaching yoga for forty years, has trained yoga teachers and is a yoga therapist. She teaches in a style called Viniyoga which adapts postures to the level of the students.

NPC Little Food Pantry September Donation Suggestions:

***of course all donations are welcome, these items are those we are low on at this time.

* Peanut Butter, Poptarts, Breakfast Cereal, Instant potatoes or rice

Thank you very much for your contributions to this ministry! Our pantry is well utilized and assists people every day.





Rally Day

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2025
9:00 A.M. – Fun on the back lawn

We are so excited to be coming back together to start a new year with our youth as we learn and grow in our faith together!

**This year, we will be breaking down
 “The Lord’s Prayer”**

**We will be learning more about its meaning
 and about prayer in general.**

**We will also be learning more about the
 Heifer Project and how it helps people both
 locally and around the world. We will be
 designating our Sunday School offering to
 this cause and will be planning ways for our
 members to help support the kid’s efforts
 throughout the year as well.
 Stay tuned!**

**Music will be back in full swing.
 We will once again be singing on the
 3rd Sunday of each month at the
 10:00 service beginning in October.**

We can’t wait to see everyone!

September

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| 21 | Russel Opland |
| 23 | Janet Kennedy
Jennifer Burelbach |
| 24 | Juanita Haag |
| 26 | Rob Malmo |
| 27 | Sawyer Stakston
Lyn Palm
Peggy Heinz |
| 28 | Nate Koxlien |
| 29 | Kyle Feehan
Olivia Bahr |
| 2 | Carl Lesky, Jr |
| 7 | Jennifer Tiedeman |
| 8 | Donna Riley |
| 10 | Bernadette Taylor |
| 11 | Reegan Jensen- Shafer
Nancy McMullin |
| 15 | Brooke Bahr |
| 17 | Ron Seitz |
| 19 | Marabeth Kibler
Ashlie Cahoon |



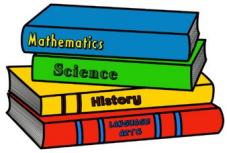
**Last Outdoor Worship Service
 of 2025 will be
 Sunday, September 14th
 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Join us on the beautiful back lawn one more time as we
 enjoy God’s creation and each other!**

**This service will also include a
 “Blessing of the Pets”
 so bring your furry, four-legged,
 or special family member along!
 If your pet is unable to come with
 you, bringing a photo is an option
 as well.**



*** Please have all pets on a leash or in a carrier. Thank you!**



September 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4	5	6
7 Free Yoga Class 4-5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall 	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 RALLY SUNDAY/ BLESSING OF THE PETS @ 10:00 SERVICE 	15	16	17 Confirmation Begins 5:15 Dinner 5:30-6:30 Class Session Meeting 7:00	18	19	20
21	22	23 Fun Bunch Lunch Noon  OKTOBERFEST	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				