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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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“Sharing God’s love since 1870”



Pastor Scott’s Scripts:

I remember the day well. I was just beginning my ministry in Yorktown, Texas when Leona McGee stopped while shaking hands at the end of the service and asked, “Pastor, could you give me a ride to Nixon so I can visit my sister in the nursing home?” Nixon was 30 miles away and Leona didn’t drive so she struggled to find rides to see her sister. I said “yes” I would be glad to give her a ride, but it was a “yes” followed with a fair share of trepidation. Let me explain. The car I was driving was a 1970’s Pontiac Grand Prix. Its air conditioning didn’t work and the cloth on the ceiling had ripped, and little particles of insulation would fall as I drove. On the day I picked up Leona, she was so incredibly appreciative. The air conditioner situation didn’t bother her at all. She grew up without air conditioning. As we were driving, I noticed part of my ceiling had fallen in her hairdo that she had just had done. Every now and then, a particle would fall on her lap and she would quietly brush it away. We arrived in Nixon. Leona and her sister had a wonderful visit. When we arrived back in Yorktown, we laughed about my car and she gave me a big hug and thanked me for the ride.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, we hear that the Samaritan stopped to help the beaten man, he bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine and then in verse 34 we hear, “Then the Samaritan put the man on his donkey and took him to an inn to take care of him.” In other words, he gave his neighbor a ride to the inn!

In a world that is increasingly more dependent on automobile transportation, when a person is told they cannot drive any more, it creates a very stressful burden. I can’t think of many things worse than wanting to come to church for worship and not being able to because you cannot drive to get there!

As a church, we have several members who love to attend worship and who are dependent on others to give them a ride. We have generous volunteers who already provide transportation. We just need more volunteers who would be willing to provide transportation periodically. We would like to organize a list of volunteers so that when we get calls asking for a ride, we could just go to our list and make the arrangements.

The man left for dead appreciated his ride to the inn. Leona was so thankful for her ride that she barely noticed the car literally falling apart on her!

When we give our neighbors a ride, we give them a chance to live, to love, and to worship.

Please join our “Drive to Church” team and as always...

See you in church,
Pastor Scott

Wheels to Worship

We invite you to consider becoming a “Wheels to Worship” driver helping members of our church family who do not drive attend Sunday morning worship services.

Drivers can make a commitment at whatever level works for you:

- ♦ Provide consistent rides weekly
- ♦ Share a ride schedule with another driver
- ♦ Be a substitute driver for times a regular driver isn't available

Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex or contact the church at (608)781-5690 or email office@npclax.org if you are interested.

Thanks for considering being part of this new ministry!



Annual
Halloween Costume Giveaway
to be held at NPC on
Sunday, October 12th
from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

To help kids enjoy the fun of Halloween, families can come and receive one free costume per present child. Pass the word!

If you or anyone you know has costumes they would like to donate, we always appreciate having more for the kids to choose from!

Trunk or Treat



SUNDAY OCTOBER 26th

Following the 10am service, the youth will be TRUNK or TREATING in the parking lot.

Please come prepared with treats in your trunk so kids can go from car to car, or feel free to donate candy if you cannot attend.

Attention all Sunday School Kids!

On
SUNDAY OCTOBER 26th,
All Youth Pre-school through 6th grade are welcome to wear costumes!

Sunday School Hour
We will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Onalaska Care Center.

We'll sing through the halls in our costumes to bring some Halloween happiness to the residents.

Join us for Fall Fellowship on
Sunday, October 19th
after the 10:00 worship service!

Breakfast will be provided.

This is a free event, **HOWEVER**,
any donations received will be going into our
“**New Carpet Fund**”
for the Narthex and hallways.



New Member Information Class
Sunday, November 2nd @ 11:00 a.m.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a
member, please join us!

NPC Little Food Pantry October Suggestions:

- Nuts
- Cereal
- Saltine Crackers (or other crackers that come in sleeves)
- Flavored Noodle Bags



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2	Allen Macha	17	Fred Kautz
3	Carolyn McNurlen	18	Mike Leathen
5	Joan Halverson		Tucker Banasik
6	Tess Molling	19	Sue Crayton
8	Karen Weigel		Barb Hegenbarth
11	Debbie Harmening	20	David Schroeder
12	Wes Tabbert	22	Janelle Conder
14	Jayne Bissen		Landon Molling
	Jacob Peterson		Bill Pence
	Kathy Bahr	24	Ann Turk
15	Mark Hauser	25	Alexandra Burelbach
	Evan Gamoke	26	Julia Hauser
	Olivia Gamoke	27	Shirley Lesky
16	Jagger Banasik		Bonna Tauscher
	Judy Bouffleur	29	Roger Thornton
	Justin Yehle	31	Tom Cramer

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Fun Bunch Lunch

**October 28th@ Noon
here at NPC**

The main dish will be provided

**Please bring a dish of your
choice to share as we
enjoy our fellowship
together!**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Knit/Crochet Group 10:00-Noon Fellowship Hall 	2	3	4
5 Deacon Meeting 11 a.m.	6	7	8 Session Meeting 7 p.m.	9	10	11
12 Halloween Costume Giveaway Event 4-6:00 p.m. 	13	14	15	16	17	18
19  Following 10:00 Worship Service	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Kids Meet @ Ona Care Center @ 9 a.m. to sing in costume. Trunk or Treat after 10:00 Service 	27	28  Fun Bunch Lunch Noon-Fellowship Hall	29	30	31	