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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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North Presbyterian Church of La Crosse, WI.

Pastor Scott's Scripts:

In this season of gratitude, I want to highlight two cards that I was given that were incredibly special to me.

A couple of days ago, Rob Malmo dropped off a card and shared these words: "Dear Scott, Just wanted you to know you're a wonderful person. October was always Pastor Appreciation month to me. Thank you for all the sheep you tend to. Thanks for all the places you visit. Thanks for your family that keep you going. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for being a friend." And perhaps my personal favorite, "Thanks for being a golfer. Thanks for being you. Thanks for your smile." As I read Rob's beautiful expressions of gratitude, it reminded me of what Paul shared in his letter to the Colossians, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him...rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith you were taught and overflowing with thankfulness." Rob's overflowing thankfulness came from his sincere faith in Christ, and his appreciation meant the world to me.

A second card I received is actually one that I wrote to Ruth Richards in 1989. In that card I wrote, "Dear Ruth, I just wanted you to know that you have been a wonderful person to me this past year and I'll always have a place in my heart for you and your family. We both went through a really difficult time and I am thankful you helped me so much! Thanks again. Love, Scott." Ruth kept that card for 36 years. It was clear that we both appreciated each other and the difference we made in each other's lives.

I believe Mister Rogers said it best, "I believe that appreciation is a holy thing. So in loving and appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something sacred."

In this season of thanksgiving, I pray our hearts will be overflowing with thankfulness. Thanks Rob and Ruth for showing such heartfelt gratitude and for your sincere Thanks "living".

See ya in church!

Pastor Scott

2025 COOKIE WALK

Saturday, December 13th



On Saturday, December 13th we will be holding our annual Cookie Walk at North Presbyterian Church. We would like to ask everyone to participate in this fun-filled event!

Ways you can help to make this event a success:

- * Home-baking 5 to 10 dozen cookies (or more!) The more cookies, the more we raise for church projects.
- * Making candy (fudge, truffles, bark, divinity etc.....)
- * Donations for miscellaneous expenses: gloves, napkins, plastic wrap and materials, advertising
- * Setting up on Friday, December 12th
- * Serving at event, December 13th
- * Clean up after event, December 13th

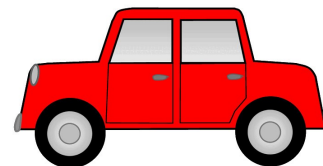
Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th: 3-6:00 P.M.

We meet at the church and then caravan to various

SAVE THE
DATE!



MOBILE MEALS

Mobile Meals Volunteers
Needed!

**Monday, November 10th-
Sunday, November 16th**

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 new hospital)

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)

Thank you for volunteering to assist our neighbors in getting healthy meal!

LET OUR LIVES
BE FULL OF
thanks
&
giving



Christmas Poinsettias

Please order by November 16th!

It's not too early to be thinking about decorating our church with Christmas Poinsettias. This year we will again be ordering from La Crosse Floral. Due to unforeseen circumstances, our orders are due early this year.

Please fill this slip out and return with your check noting "Flowers" on the memo line.

\$19- Small Pizzazz Poinsettia Red White Pink

\$29- Large Brilliance Poinsettia Red White

Please circle the **SIZE** and **COLOR** of the plant you wish to purchase and fill out the information below:

Given by: _____

Given in Memory of: _____

Given in Honor of: _____

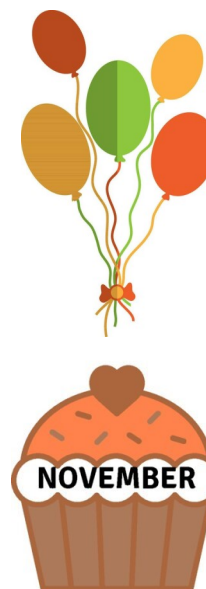
Some color substitutions may be necessary due to availability!

My check is included for: _____ (qty) \$ _____ = \$ _____

- 1 Jane Hulke
- 2 Joan Kautz
Dave Lezpona
- 3 Chuck Nick
- 4 Aaron Ottum
Carmen Adams
- 5 Judy Loomis
Maureen Tabbert
Justin Stakston
Bennet Hutson
- 6 Liz Mansky
- 7 Brad Ostrem
Cortney Molling
- 8 Rob Bean
Isabella Burelbach
Zoey Ottum
- 9 Reggie Lezpona
- 11 Paula Paulus
- 14 Ruth Williams
Lucy Richgels
- 17 Jeff Holmquist



- 18 Tyler Church
Evan Koxlien
Mike Hutson
- 20 Heather Church
- 22 Elias Johnson
Paul Miller
Paul Church
- 23 Darla Severtson
Kathy Patros
- 25 Yvonne Wilson
Sharon Miller
- 27 Joan Schilling
- 28 Karon Carpenter
- 29 Roger Reader
Konrad Ernst
Vincent Bahr
- 30 Josh Redenbaugh



Fun Bunch Lunch Tuesday, November 18th

Join us for our potluck luncheon.
We always have such a tasty variety of food and many wonderful conversations.
We'll provide the main dish. Bringing a dish to share is encouraged but not required!!





HOLIDAY GIVING TREE!

We will again be partnering with Northside Elementary School to give our neighborhood kids a joyous Christmas.

Ornament Tags will be available for pick-up on: Sunday, November 23rd

**Gifts with Ornament Tag attached must be returned to church by:
Sunday, December 14th**

Thank you for helping to make Christmas a special time for our neighborhood families!

Holiday Shut-in Gift Bags

The Deacons will again be delivering gift bags to our homebound NPC family members and friends. If you'd like to help with a donation, items they'll be including are:

- * Cards
- * Hot Chocolate
- * Lip Balm
- * Lotions & Hand Soaps
- * Books
- * Candy & Snacks
- * Cookies
- * Flavored Crackers
- * Large Print Puzzle/Activity Books

Thanks for considering a donation to fill these baskets and spread the love this holiday season!

Please have the items to the church by Sunday, December 7th

Mark your calendars!

NPC will be bell ringing for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign

**Thursday, December 11th
from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Location: Onalaska Festival Foods

Shifts will be one hour to get lots of people involved!

Grab a Friend & Volunteer!

There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex or call the church office to participate.

Make it extra fun by singing Christmas Carols and dressing in festive holiday wear!

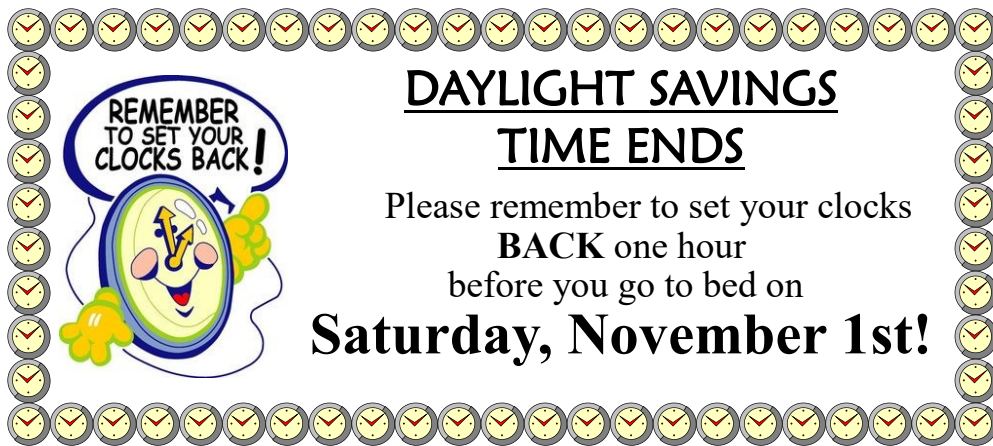
If you can't make it to ring, stop by and donate.

We'd love to see you!



The kid's will be sharing their story of Christmas with us at the 10:00 worship service on Sunday, December 21st.

Plan to be here and catch the Spirit!



We will be hosting a
“Gathering of Gratefulness”
Sunday, November 16th
 in the Fellowship Hall
 following the 10:00 service

We are thankful for our church family and love it when we all gather for food and fellowship!

We will be serving a main breakfast item. If you’d like to bring fruit or pastries, that would be a welcomed addition! See Karla if you’re available to help with set-up/clean-up.

NPC Little Food Pantry Suggestions for November

- Instant Potatoes
- Just add water pancake or muffin mix
- Cereal
- Popcorn
- Packets of gravy/sauce mix



**** Just a reminder that we switch away from putting canned goods in the pantry for the winter months as the temperature can impact food safety**

2026 Giving Envelopes Available Soon!

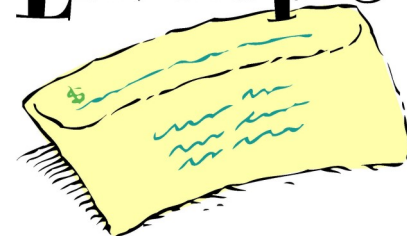
2026 offering envelopes will be available in the Narthex. You will find several “extra” envelopes along with your weekly offering envelopes to make your giving easy.

- Initial Offering Envelope: Helps defray the cost of the box of envelopes. Suggested contribution is \$5.00.
- Blue Per Capita Apportionment Envelope: Per Capita is “the tie that binds” - annual giving that unites the entire church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the Office of the General Assembly, the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and benefits every congregation and every mid council ministry. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the office of the General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit’s leading for the future. **The Per Capita amount for North Presbyterian confirmed, active members for 2025 was \$40.00. It has not yet been shared what the 2026 amount will be. We will share that as soon as it becomes available.**
- Pink Building Fund Envelope: Helps offset our building and maintenance costs.
- Blue and White “One Great Hour of Sharing” Envelope: This offering is collected throughout Lent and supports the following causes: Disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, immigration, migration and refugees.
- Purple “Christmas Joy Offering” Envelope: Advent offering that supports the following causes: Children-at-risk, youth & young adults, leadership development for people of color, Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color, servants of the church in need.

Online giving also includes these offering opportunities. If you are not currently utilizing the online giving option, please consider doing so. It is easy to do and assists in making our financials run smoothly.

To set up contributions on-line, please visit our website (www.npclax.com) and select the “giving” tab for a variety of options.

Offering Envelopes



November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Knit/Crochet Group 10:00– Noon Fellowship Hall 	6	7	8
9	10 Mobile Meals	11  Mobile Meals	12 Session Meeting Mobile Meals	13 Mobile Meals	14 Mobile Meals	15 Mobile Meals
16 Poinsettia orders due Gathering of Gratefulness Deacon Meeting Mobile Meals 	17	18 Fun Bunch Luncheon	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27  Office Closed	28	29
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