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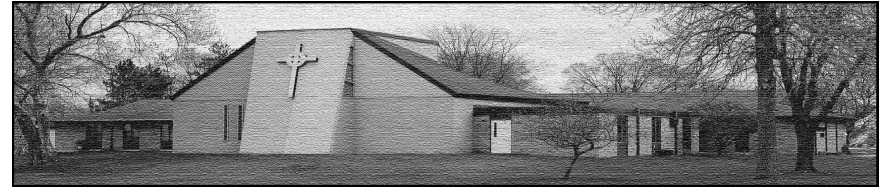
NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1327 North Salem Road
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NORTH STAR NEWS is a non-profit publication containing information and concerns of members and friends of North Presbyterian Church of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Sunday Worship: 8:00am & 10:00am
Virtually - Sunday at 8am on our Facebook Page or Website
Sunday School: 9am

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Pastor Scott's Scripts

I remember the times well...I would be driving my 1971 Plymouth Fury around town listening to the radio, loving life, when a voice would come on the radio sounding like God...or Paul Harvey...and he would pray: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

Every time that prayer was shared on the radio, it inspired me to do my best to make the world around me a more loving and peaceful place.

The Prayer of St. Francis is a call for personal transformation asking God to use the person praying as an instrument of peace. Love and healing in the world rather than seeking personal comfort or reward emphasizes that true fulfillment comes from giving, forgiving, and serving others reflecting Jesus' life through humble action and compassion for all. As we enter this season of Lent, Ash Wednesday is February 18th, the prayer of St. Francis Assisi will be the focus and the theme of our sermons. In the broken, divided world we live in, this Lent is a much needed time for all of us to focus on being instruments of peace.



See ya in church,
Pastor Scott



Souper Bowl Sunday

February 8th

The North Church

Chili & Soup Cookoff

Sign-up in the Narthex to bring your favorite chili or soup for us all to try. The more we have, the more fun for our tastebuds!

And don't worry, if you are not a chili/soup maker, we'd love to have you sign-up to bring a dessert, crackers, or cornbread if you'd like. Or simply join us for the wonderful fellowship and to try them all!

We will "vote" for our favorite(s) by putting money into corresponding donation jars.

Money raised supports our own Little Food Pantry and the Hunger Task Force to address food insecurity in our neighborhood.

Thank you for your support!

"One Great Hour of Sharing"

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing—disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees—serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent, gifts to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In Fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday, February 22nd during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, we will gather as a church to honor and to lovingly remember our brothers and sisters who have passed on to eternal glory in 2025.

There will be songs of reflection and hope, the sermon that day will focus on comfort and remembrance. We will share a special time of remembrance where we present a rose to a family member in memory of your loved one. Please let us know if you will be at this worship service so we know someone is present as we distribute the roses.



If you would like your loved one to be included in this remembrance service, please contact the office.

MOBILE MEALS

Monday, February 16— Sunday, February 22

PICK-UP TIME

10:30 AM

PICK UP LOCATION

New Mayo Clinic Hospital; drive between Walgreens and the hospital.



SIGN-UP SHEET IN NARTHEX

Or email or call the church office. 608-781-5690 or office@npclax.org

If you have any questions on the process or would like to be paired with someone who has delivered before to learn the process, please contact Karla at the Church office for more information.

Ash Wednesday

February 18th
6:30 p.m.
(No Dinner)



2026 Lent Series

“A Beautiful Vision: The Prayer of St. Francis Assisi

Wednesday Lenten Season Worship
6:30 p.m.

A simple dinner will be served, offering a time of fellowship, prior to services at 5:45 p.m. (except Ash Wednesday)

The main dish will be provided unless otherwise announced.
Please bring a dish to pass.

February 18th: “Making Peace”

February 25th: “Sowing Love”

March 4th: “Doubt...Faith”

March 11th: “The Parody of Giving”

March 18th: “Help Me to Seek to Understand”

March 25th: “Dying Into Eternal Life”

April 2nd- Maundy Thursday– 6:30 p.m. service

April 3rd- Good Friday– 9:45 a.m. @ Onalaska Care Center
6:30 p.m. service @ NPC

Easter Sunday, April 5th:

Sunrise Service @ Dash Park 6:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. Worship



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| 1 | Megan Ostrem | | |
| 2 | Erin Banasik | | |
| | Mary Snider | | |
| 3 | Mary Wruck | | |
| | Sandy Bittner | | |
| 4 | Pastor Scott Skogen | | |
| | Jon Schuster | 12 | Arlo Loomis |
| | Scott Turnbull | 13 | Kathy Runice |
| 5 | Elizabeth Burelbach | 17 | Heather Molling |
| | Dick Wardwell | 20 | Andy Loomis |
| 6 | Tim Wells | 21 | Peggy Opland |
| 7 | Paul Ernst | 22 | Avery Werner |
| | John Burelbach | 23 | Margie Otto |
| | Terry Thomas | | Jean Kintzel |
| | Nancy Armstrong | | Zach Hauser |
| 8 | Laura Lee-Fugina | 25 | Jill Ender |
| 9 | Ken Kintzel | | Ken Cvikota |
| | Kim Gavin | 26 | Neil Molling |
| | Greg Loomis | 27 | Megan Redenbaugh |

Tax Information

If you participate in online giving, your tax document will come directly from the Presbyterian Foundation via email.

If you utilize church envelopes, statements were mailed and should be arriving shortly if they haven't already.



Join Us for another Fun Bunch Lunch!
“Taco Tuesday”, February 17th at Noon

We will provide all of the fixings for tacos.
Bring a dish to share if you'd like.



2026 FEBRUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Knit/Crochet Group Fellowship Hall 10:00-Noon 	5	6	7
8 	9	10	11 Session Meeting	12	13	14
15	16 Mobile Meals	17 Fun Bunch Lunch @ Noon  Mobile Meals	18 Ash Wednesday  6:30 Service Mobile Meals	19 Mobile Meals	20 Mobile Meals	21 Mobile Meals
22 Remembrance Sunday  Mobile Meals	23	24	25 5:45 p.m. Meal 6:30 Lenten Service	26	27	28