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



Pastor Scott’s Scripts:

On Sunday, March 22nd at our 10:00 worship service, the NPC choir will present... “Higher Love”, a 40-minute musical tribute to God.

The musical centers around God as our “Higher Love”. As our “Higher Love”, God is our refuge and strength and is with us everywhere.

The musical will share how God is good to us, that our God is a faithful, loving, and caring friend, and how we can find comfort in His presence. The musical will offer God praise in appreciation for His tender mercy.

At the close of the musical, we will pledge to keep the faith as we stand on the promises of His Love.

The choir has worked for over two months on the musical. You will hear beautiful songs, and you will see some unique choreography that will enhance the presentation of the message.

Following the musical, there will be a chili and soup lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be accepted on that Sunday and will be pledged to a homeless/unsheltered ministry that we have been supporting.

Please mark your calendars for the 22nd and let us all gather to celebrate our God’s “Higher Love”!

See ya in church on Wednesdays and Sundays!

Pastor Scott

Join us for an uplifting morning of music on Sunday, March 22nd!

Ruth and our talented choir members have worked very hard and put together a wonderful worship service you won't want to miss! The musical entitled "Higher Love" will be performed at the 10:00 service.



Join us after the service for a light lunch and fellowship. We'll provide soup and chili. Bring a dessert to share if you'd like.

Our NPC Souper Bowl was a tremendous success!



Thank you to everyone who attended, supported, and made so many different and delicious soups and chilis for everyone to taste.

It was so very fun and festive!

We also want to thank everyone who voted for their favorite with a monetary donation. It was the closest vote ever with many in the running. We collected \$485 which will help our neighbors dealing with food insecurity through purchasing items needed for our own "Free Little Food Pantry" along with a donation to the Hunger Task Force.

And the "BEST BITE" of 2026 is.... #14
The chicken chowder made by Pastor Scott Skogen.
Congratulations!

Save the date for next year!

Next year's Souper Bowl falls on Valentine's Day, February 14th.

What a great way to celebrate together loving God, loving others, and loving some wonderful, hot soup!

EASTER GARDEN ORDER FORM

Please order by Sunday, March 22nd

Flowers this year will be coming from Cottage Garden Floral

Please choose from the following:

- 6" EASTER LILLIES\$18.00
- 6" Rieger Begonia.....\$18.00
- 6" Hydrangea.....\$39.00
- 4" Gerbera Daisy.....\$11.00

Given by: _____

Given in Memory of: _____

Given in Honor of: _____

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

Make check payable to: NPC and write

"Easter Garden" on the memo line

EASTER SUNDAY April 5th

**6:30 A.M. @ DASH PARK
MAIN STREET, ONALASKA**

**8:00 A.M. @ NPC
10:00 A.M. @ NPC**



Easter Breakfast



We will need:

Breakfast casseroles, Milk,
Pastries, Orange juice, Fruit

**Easter Sunday Breakfast will be
served from 8:30-9:45 a.m.**

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex for
breakfast items,
help with serving, and clean up!!!

Easter Egg Hunt

**Easter Sunday, April 5th @ 9:30 a.m.
The eggs will be hidden outside.**

**If you would like to contribute eggs and/or candy,
please have them dropped off at the church
by March 29th.**



We'd love the Middle School and High School youth to
help with the event! We'll need people here early to get
the yard ready to go and helpers during the hunt.
Contact the office by phone or email if you can help.

SHARING EASTER JOY WITH OUR SHUT-INS

Our Deacons will once again be delivering
Easter joy to our shut-ins during their visits over
Holy Week. If you would like to donate items to
include in these gift bags, here are some
suggestions:

- Candy
- Snack size cookies or crackers
- Trial size lotion
- Playing cards
- Small word search books
- Anything suitable for our elderly



**Please have items to the church
by March 22nd
Thank you!**

Palm Sunday March 29th



On Sunday, March 29th, the kids will process with palms
and sing at the 10:00 service.

(They will NOT sing on the third Sunday of the month).

2026 Lenten Services

“Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace”

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

North Presbyterian Church

6:30 Worship

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

The main dish will be provided and you are welcome to bring a dish to pass unless otherwise noted.

March 4th: Baked Ziti

March 11th: Pulled Chicken Sandwiches

March 18th: Tater Tot Hotdish

Bring your version of this delicious hotdish so we can try the many delicious varieties!

Sides and desserts are also welcome.

March 25th: Ham & Cheese Casserole

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY- April 2nd: 6:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY- April 3rd:

9:45 A.M. @ ONALASKA CARE CENTER

Congregation and Public are welcome!

6:30 P.M. @ NPC



Be Alert! Scams are out there.

Recently quite a few church members received text messages from someone posing as Pastor Scott needing to discuss a private matter with them. If someone responded, the texter continued by requesting gift card purchases that he could distribute to people in the hospital.

Please know that Pastor Scott will **NEVER** contact anyone via text to solicit money or gift cards. Any requests for causes we are supporting will be mentioned in church from the pulpit, we'll publish information in this newsletter, or he will talk to people directly. Again...this will never be done via texting. If you receive any messages from Pastor Scott or the church that are questionable at all, please call the church and we will confirm or clarify to our best ability.



Happy Birthday!

	14	Rich Walters
		Shirley Strahs
	15	Brian Akey
	17	Sharon Hanson
		Brian Banasik
		Trevor Ottum
		Judy Rowley
		Ruthann Bahr
		Sarah Kennedy
1	18	Keith Wilson
2	21	Tom Banasik
	24	Barb Stanek
4	25	Jackie Stakston
	26	Myles Stakston
6		Hadley Ristow
		Grace Frost
7	27	Dan McWain
10	29	Heather Werner
11	31	Deb Fullwood
		Kelly Ostrem

Join us for Fun Bunch Lunch on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17th

On the menu is Shepherd's Pie.

Feel free to bring a dish to pass or just bring yourself and enjoy what is always a nice luncheon coupled with wonderful fellowship. See you there!



Save the dates for the annual NPC Rummage Sale! Thursday, June 4th 3:00-7:00 p.m. & Friday, June 5th 7:00-11:00 a.m.

Be thinking about any treasures you may have that would like to find a new home. We would prefer items be brought to the church in May so we don't have to move things twice, but if you don't have other storage options, items can be placed in the garage.

Items **NOT** accepted for the sale are:

- Adult Clothing (We do accept kid's clothes)
- Electronics (TV's, computers, etc.)
- Exercise Equipment
- Large Furniture (unless you can be here on Friday to take it if it doesn't go)

Thank you in advance for the great donations!



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Please remember to "Spring"
ahead

by turning your clocks
ahead before you go to sleep on
Saturday, March 7th

Thank you to everyone who generously donates food items to stock our Free Little Food Pantry!

Our shelves are looking pretty good right now. Items that are low include (but we'd gladly accept any items you may want to bring!):

- Peanut Butter
- Pop-Tarts



Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
and where there is sadness,
joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled
as to console
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive
It is in pardoning that we are
pardoned
It is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Knit/Crochet Group 10:00-Noon Lenten Supper 5:45 Worship 6:30 p.m. 	5	6	7 
8	9	10	11 Lenten Supper 5:45 Worship 6:30 p.m. 	12	13	14
15	16	17 Fun Bunch Lunch @ Noon 	18 Lenten Supper 5:45 Worship 6:30 p.m.  Session Meeting	19	20	21
22 "Higher Love" Musical Service 10:00 a.m. Easter Flower orders & Shut in Gifts Due 	23	24	25 Lenten Supper 5:45 Worship 6:30 p.m. 	26	27	28
29 	30	31	1	2	3	4