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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 (Indoors) and 10:00 AM (Drive -In)**  
Virtually - Sunday at 8am on our Facebook Page or Website

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**NORTH STAR NEWS**

**North Presbyterian Church of La Crosse, WI.  
"Sharing God's love since 1870"**

**THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG  
HEART!!**

**Pastor Scott's Scripts:**

Just before Easter, I traveled to Wyeville, Wisconsin to visit one of our newest church members and to share Holy Communion and our Deacon gift bag with him. Gile lived across the street from me as I grew up in Onalaska. He would often fix my folk's car and was a good neighbor in the best sense of the word.

As I visited with Gile, he shared about a conversation he had with the folks at Highground. Highground is a veteran's memorial park just outside of Neilsville, Wisconsin dedicated to honor, educate, and heal. In his conversation that later would become an article in their newsletter which is now posted in our church's Narthex, Gile shared his unique experience as a Marine working on the 1953 Atomic Tests Operation.

The operation was titled, "Upshot-Knothole" at the Nevada Proving Ground. Gile shared with the Highground staff "of the hazardous way the troops protected themselves...hands in front of eyes, don't stand up and marching to Ground Zero minutes after the detonation. It is a fascinating article that vividly reminds us of the sacrifices that are honorably made by our veterans during times of war.

On Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, we will honor those who served and those who sacrificed in their service of our country.

In addition, on August 8<sup>th</sup>, our Mission Golf Tournament will benefit the sacred work being done at the Highground as well as the compassionate work being done at Darkhorse Lodge for our veterans and their families who have made and continue to make overwhelming sacrifices.

As we gather on the Memorial Day, let us remember those who died in service to our country.

Let us also honor those who served courageously.

In Peace,

Pastor Scott



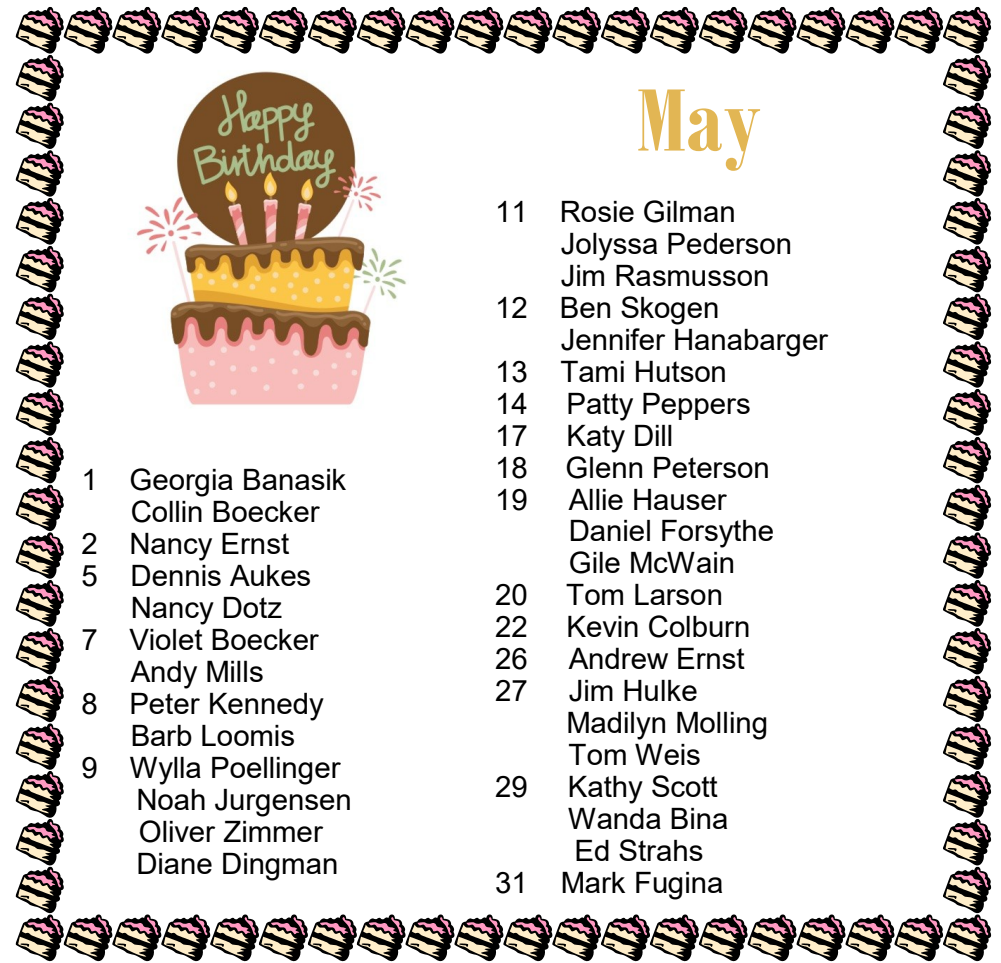


North Presbyterian Church would like  
to congratulate our  
2026 High School Graduates!!



We will celebrate our graduates on Sunday, May 31st  
Please let us know if you can attend!

*Congratulations!*



# May

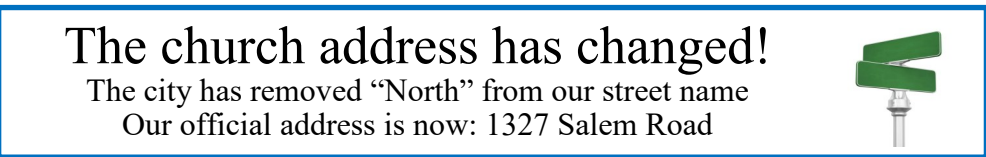
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| 1 | Georgia Banasik<br>Collin Boecker                                    | 11 | Rosie Gilman<br>Jolyssa Pederson<br>Jim Rasmusson |
| 2 | Nancy Ernst  | 12 | Ben Skogen<br>Jennifer Hanabarger                 |
| 5 | Dennis Aukes<br>Nancy Dotz   | 13 | Tami Hutson                                       |
| 7 | Violet Boecker<br>Andy Mills   | 14 | Patty Peppers                                     |
| 8 | Peter Kennedy<br>Barb Loomis   | 17 | Katy Dill   |
| 9 | Wylla Poellinger<br>Noah Jurgensen<br>Oliver Zimmer<br>Diane Dingman | 18 | Glenn Peterson                                    |
|   |  | 19 | Allie Hauser<br>Daniel Forsythe<br>Gile McWain    |
|   |  | 20 | Tom Larson  |
|   |  | 22 | Kevin Colburn                                     |
|   |  | 26 | Andrew Ernst                                      |
|   |  | 27 | Jim Hulke<br>Madilyn Molling<br>Tom Weis          |
|   |  | 29 | Kathy Scott<br>Wanda Bina<br>Ed Strahs            |
|   |  | 31 | Mark Fugina                                       |



## Memorial Day Celebration

Join us on Sunday, May 24th following  
the 10:00 service for a simple lunch of  
hot dogs, chips and fellowship

We will provide the food  
(unless you'd like to bring a dessert to share)



## The church address has changed!

The city has removed "North" from our street name  
Our official address is now: 1327 Salem Road



As the weather warms and the grass greens,  
we look forward to summer worship  
once again on the back lawn!

A schedule of outdoor worship will be  
announced and posted in our June newsletter.



## New Members

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, May 24th  
at the 10:00 service.

If you know of anyone that is interested in learning more  
about becoming a member of the NPC family, please have  
them contact the office for information.

## North Presbyterian Church Little Free Food Pantry

Most needed items for May:

- Fruit Cups/Applesauce
- Instant Mac & Cheese Cups
- Peanut Butter



Thank you for your continued support of our neighbors through this ministry!

**Please note...We do not put any glass jars in the pantry**

Mobile Meals of La Crosse has been delivering fresh, nutritious meals to area residents for 55 years! Meals are prepared in the kitchen at Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse under the supervision of nutrition services staff. Meals are diet sensitive and prepared fresh each day. Clients may choose to receive one hot entrée meal or a two meal option of the hot entrée meal and a sandwich meal.

**During 2025, more than 19,000 meal were delivered!**

For more information visit [mobilemealsoflacrosse.org](http://mobilemealsoflacrosse.org) or call (608)784-4623

### **2026 MOBILE MEALS SCHEDULE FOR NPC**

#### **Delivery days Monday—Sunday**

(Mon.) June 29— (Sun.) July 5

(Mon.) September 28— (Sun.) October 4

(Mon.) November 23 — (Sun.) November 29

(Mon.) December 28— (Sun.) January 3

#### **PICK UP WHERE:**

Mayo Clinic Hospital on the corner of Mississippi St. & 11th St. between Walgreens and the new hospital building

**PICK-UP TIME-** 10:30 AM (Route #2)

#### **SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX**

Or email or call the church office.608-781-5690 or [office@npclax.org](mailto:office@npclax.org)

If you have any questions on the process or would like to try this ministry opportunity, please contact Karla at the Church office for more information.

# ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday, June 4th

3:00-7:00 p.m. &

Friday, June 5th

7:00-11:00 a.m.



## DONATIONS NEEDED!!

The best time to bring items is May11th or after while the office is open: 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call the church office for alternative times.

### We **DO NOT ACCEPT:**

**Televisions/Computers, Exercise Equipment, Large Furniture (Unless you can take it on Friday if it doesn't find a new home), or Adult Clothing**

**We WILL ACCEPT.....Children's Clothing**

We will need help setting up, working the event, and cleaning up. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.

## THANK YOU!

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\* Thank you to everyone for making the Lent and Easter season so \*  
\* special! On Wednesdays we gathered for Lenten meals and fellowship \*  
\* together before worship that focused on the Prayer of Saint Francis of \*  
\* Assisi this year. We had a meaningful Holy Week including Good \*  
\* Friday services at both the Onalaska Care Center and in the sanctuary \*  
\* featuring readers for the Tenebrae portion of the service. The Deacons \*  
\* delivered gifts from the NPC family to brighten people's days. We \*  
\* gathered as a community on a chilly Easter morning in Dash Park to \*  
\* proclaim the good news that "Christ has risen indeed!" People \*  
\* purchased beautiful flowers in memory and honor of loved ones making \*  
\* Easter morning come alive in celebration of our Risen Lord. We \*  
\* enjoyed an Easter breakfast together and the kids had \*  
\* an unbelievable amount of eggs to collect in our \*  
\* backyard. Lent and Easter are significant times in the \*  
\* life of the church and our NPC family does them well!  
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# May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6  Knit/Crochet Group Fellowship Hall 10:00-12	7	8	9
10	11	12	13  Session Meeting	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Reception of New Members– 10:00 a.m. Hot Dogs & Chips Following Service	25  MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER AND HONOR  Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30
31  Graduate Recognition						