**October, 2026**

**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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# ***NORTHSTAR NEWS***

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

## Pastor Scott's Scripts:

In Matthew 25: 26 we hear, "When…I was sick you visited me." It is clear that Jesus understood the value of being visited and remembered when one is struggling with health issues.

In my 34 years of ministry, I have traveled many, many miles to visit people in their struggles. In fact, in June I flew to Texas to visit my golf coach as he battles memory issues. Sometime this month I hope to visit Carter Johnson at the Craig Clinic in Denver. When I shared my plans with Carter, his response was priceless: "Coach, can't wait to see you."

To Carter, I say I am honored that you want to see me and have me come visit. That is exactly how I feel at every hospital and at every caring visit. I am honored that you want me there!

I share this with you to remind all of you that the hospitals no longer call the church to inform us that you are hospitalized. For me to know if someone is in the hospital, I am dependent on someone calling the church or calling me to let me know. Many will say to me, "We didn't call because we know you are busy." I am never too busy to do what I love and am honored to do.

When I was ordained, I took it to heart that when Jesus said, "When I was sick you visited me.", I would do my best to visit and to share my pastoral care and pastoral presence.

Please let me know and I will be honored to visit.

See ya in church and if the situation arises, I'll see you at the hospital.

God Bless,

Pastor Scott

# Happy Halloween

## Fun Bunch Lunch

**Tuesday, October 27th**
**@ Noon**
**here at NPC**

**Monster Chicken Parm Sandwiches will be served**

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

Annual
Halloween Costume Giveaway
to be held at NPC on
Sunday, October 11th
from 5:00-7:00 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!

As of writing of this newsletter, Daylight Savings Time is scheduled to end on November 1st.

Please "Fall Back" and set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, October 31st.

Enjoy the extra hour that morning!

# Trunk or Treat

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 25th

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

**Please come prepared with treats in your trunk (all decorated if you'd like!)**

**The kids will go from car to car all dressed up in their costumes. The more cars, the more fun!**

**(If you are unable to attend but would still like to participate, candy donations are graciously accepted)**

# Attention all Sunday School Kids!

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 25th,

**all youth pre-school through 6th grade are welcome to wear costumes!**

**We will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Onalaska Care Center.**

1600 Main Street in Onalaska.

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

# The Women's Fellowship Group is Meeting Again!

On Thursday, October 15th, we will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m.

We will caravan from the church to the Shrine of our Lady of Guadelupe to have lunch at the Shrine Café. (Rides are available)

Please sign-up in the Narthex by Sunday, October 11th so reservations can be made.

We are looking forward to gathering again!

# New Member Information Session

## Sunday, October 18th @ 11:00 a.m.

in the Library

If you, a friend, or a family member are interested in learning more about joining the NPC family, please plan to attend. If you are unable to attend at this time, but are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Scott or the church office.

NPC Little Food Pantry October Suggestions:

- PopTarts
- Oatmeal
- Instant Rice
- Flavored Noodle Packets

As always, any and all donations are welcome!

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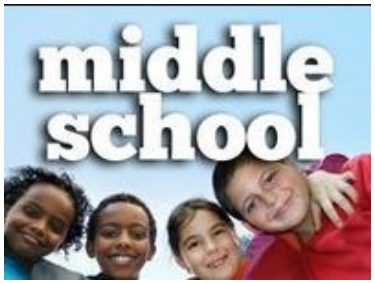
| 2 | Allen Macha |
| 3 | Carolyn McNurlen |
| 5 | Joan Halverson |
| 6 | Tess Molling |
| 8 | Karen Weigel |
| 11 | Debbie Harmening |
| 12 | Wes Tabbert |
| 14 | Jayne Bissen |
| | Jacob Peterson |
| | Kathy Bahr |
| 15 | Mark Hauser |
| | Evan Gamoke |
| | Olivia Gamoke |
| 16 | Jagger Banasik |
|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




# Midweek For Middle Schoolers

Join Pastor Scott and Karla for a time designed especially for everyone in 6th, 7th, & 8th grade

We will meet the first Wednesday of every month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. beginning on October 7th. (Other dates: 11/4, 12/2, 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, & 5/5)

We'll have dinner together each night. If you would like to make or contribute one of the meals, please see Karla.

# OCTOBER 2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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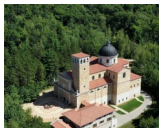
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Knit/Crochet Group 10:00-Noon 5:30-6:30 p.m. | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Halloween Costume Giveaway 5-7:00 p.m. | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15  Women's Fellowship Meet @ Church 11:00 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Information Session 11:00 a.m.– Library | 19 | 20 | 21 Session Meeting 7:00 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Sunday School meets at 9:00 a.m. @ Ona Care Center | 26 | 27 NOON Fellowship Hall | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

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