

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.

Youth Choir: 8:45 AM Sunday (School year only)
Sunday School: 9:00 AM Sunday (School year only)
Sunday Worship: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Nursery Care: 10:00 AM (September through May)

Please contact us at:

608-781-5690

office@npclax.org

sskogen@npclax.org

PASTOR: Rev. Scott Skogen

OFFICE MANAGER: Julie Connelly

ORGANIST: Ruth Mashak

ADULT CHOIR DIRECTOR: Ruth Mashak

PARISH ED. & YOUTH COORDINATOR: Reggie Lezpona

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: John Kennedy

April, 2020

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:

The rapid spread of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has challenged the church to become creative in how we “do” church during these extraordinary times. North Church is trying to think “outside the box” to keep us connected with each other. We have created “virtual church” where our services are now being streamed on Facebook and on our npclax.org website. We have created a phone tree that members are using to reach out to church families just to say “hi” and to check in on them. As a church, we have also offered some video snippets (Mr. Rogers) to help ease anxieties and stay connected. It is a challenge to “do” church from a social distance and I would like to thank all of you for your patience, your creativity, your gracious support, and your kind words and comments. We’re all in this together, and I am honored to be in this together with all of you!!!

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, and the beginning of Holy Week. You will find the schedule outlined in this newsletter. The Office of the General Assembly of the PC U.S.A. released an advisory opinion stating churches can hold online or virtual communion during an emergency/pandemic.

“In emergency circumstances there may be situations in which the pastoral needs of that moment require that the church take actions that run contrary to normal practice. During an emergency or a pandemic in which the church is unable to gather or advised not to gather in person for reasons of public health, a congregation’s session may determine that this includes observing communion online.”

The North Presbyterian Church Session has approved online communion service and offers these guidelines:

- We will ask those watching to collect whatever common elements they have on hand. Wine or grape juice is the first choice, however, not required. Additionally, whatever bread or crackers are available is acceptable.
- Those watching from home should have the elements with them during the on-line service. I will share Invitation, Prayer, Words of Institution, Prayers of Consecration, then “virtually together” we will partake in the Bread and Cup, and the Lord’s Prayer.

“We trust in God who feeds us with the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation.” These words from the Brief Statement of Faith, reiterate the importance of the Sacrament of Holy Communion for Presbyterians. They affirm that God in Jesus Christ, offers the Bread and Cup, and bids us to come. Though we can’t be together in person, we can do “virtual Communion” and celebrate our connectedness to each other.

In closing, I again want to thank you for your patience, your open heart, and your open mind.

Through this we will be stronger and better. Please know that I’m honored to share this unique journey with each of you.

See you in “church” wherever and whenever that might be!

Pastor Scott

2020 NPC ELDERS

Peter Kennedy.....797-4180
Lloyd Kennedy.....317-8709
Terry Thomas.....449-3537
Joyce Shanks.....782-8892
Neil Molling.....780-8888
Jayne Bissen.....784-3252
Bill Leathen.....783-3133
Jackie Stakston.....790-7328
Jennifer Burelbach.....769-0484

2020 NPC DEACONS

Sharon Sugg.....786-4000
Kelly Ostrem.....385-6499
Deb Harmening.....385-0903
Suzy Zenker.....397-0671
Karen Hansen.....385-9546
Jim Darnell.....698-0121
Jeanine Doherty.....386-8404
Erin Goggin.....782-2959
Laura Walters.....769-4925

2020—MOBILE MEALS

We need volunteers to deliver Mobile Meals
April 20—April 26

Please help those less fortunate by delivering meals!!

PICK UP WHERE

Mayo Clinic Hospital on Market St., between 10th & 11th

PICK-UP TIME

10:50—11:00 AM

Please Call the Church Office to sign up

February and March Session Meetings Highlights:

- Vote to cancel in-person worship services March 22 through April 5. The Lenten series will also be cancelled until next year. The youth mission trip to Atlanta will also need to be postponed. A decision on holy week services will be made at a future date.
- Julie and Pastor Scott are researching how to put more of the Sunday services online for people to watch while we are not meeting as a group for worship.
- There are plans for a new picture board of church members to be located in the Narthex.
- There will be a new Easter candle and candle holder purchased with Memorial Fund money.
- Plans are in progress for a new Presbyterian sculpture to be hung in the sanctuary.
- We are looking into a mini-food pantry to be located outside of the church.
- The dimmer box for sanctuary lights has been fixed.
- Plumbing issues in the boiler room were addressed.
- Financial Statement for January 2020:
 - Total income \$18,100.79
 - Total expense \$22,840.03
 - Net ordinary income -\$4,739.24
 - Net income -\$5,538.44
 - Cash and Investments \$489,688.52
 - Checking account balance \$73,609.96 (as of February 12, 2020)



We are excited to announce that you are now able to connect with us virtually! Pastor Scott has been busy recording encouraging videos, sermons and worship services on our Facebook page and our website.

We would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to Mark & Zac Weis for all their assistance and guidance through this process. We could not have made this possible without them!

We are also working on options for online giving; more to come soon!!!

April Online Services

April 5th Palm Sunday Service, with Holy Communion, posted virtually at 8:00am

April 9th Maundy Thursday Service, with Holy Communion, posted virtually at 6:30pm

April 10th Good Friday Service, posted virtually at 6:30pm

April 12th Easter Service, posted virtually at 8:00am

April 19th Sunday Worship Service, posted virtually at 8:00am

April 26th Sunday Worship Service, with Holy Communion posted virtually at 8:00am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April, 2019

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Diane Jolivette | 18 Gale Grimsliid |
| Amanda Jurgensen | 20 David Turk |
| Jeff Every | 21 Bill Leathen |
| 8 Ethan Wells | Lydia Hauser |
| 9 Lori Peterson | 22 Annie Grace Skogen |
| 11 Steven Takach | 23 Michelle Gamoke |
| 12 Jim Darnell | 24 Abby Molling |
| Roger Bjorge | 25 Mary Hauser |
| 13 Carla Townsend | 27 Cindy Adams |
| 14 Karen Hansen | Mark Gamoke |
| Ruth Ann Wurtz | 28 Steve Feehan |
| 15 Ginny Wiatt | Allen Eglinton |
| 16 Jean Seitz | |
| Sally Killian | |
| Don Severtson | |
| Easton Martell | |
| 17 Scott Wittenberg | |
| Lou Ann Hanson | |

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP OUTING

Cancelled for April
Tentative May 21st—Location and time to be determined

APRIL FUN BUNCH

Cancelled for April

THANK YOU!!

What an overwhelming and emotional day it was for me as we gathered to celebrate my retirement. Thank you for adding joy with your well wishes and kind words. Your presence made me feel appreciated and blessed. Thank you so much for the 'SMART' TV and it really looks good in my living room!!

Thank you so much for your cards, presents and hugs! You all know that I'm a hugger so much appreciated! The many gift cards I received just shows me how well you all know me! The money received will be used to "enjoy retirement" with family and friends! Each card was read and all touched my heart!

Thank you to my co-workers, John, Reggie, Ruth, Judy and Sally as your dedication and hard work only fed my soul to be the best I could be.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to Pastor Scott for his love, support and kindness which made my experience at church a very rewarding one that I will treasure forever. He is the "BEST" at everything he does and I was the fortunate one to work for him in the last decade!

Please welcome Julie Connelly with open arms and hearts as she becomes your office manager!

See ya in church.....Love, Rosie

Attention Confirmation Students and Families

As a result of the COVID-19 Virus, Confirmation Sunday, April 19th, has been postponed to a future date.

When it is safe to do so, we will celebrate Confirmation on a Sunday in the near future.

Confirmation students should continue to working on their Statement of Faith and Stoles.

We would like to connect virtually with each over the next week or so to touch base, see how you are all doing, and answer any questions you might have. We'll be in contact with you regarding when and how to connect.



The SWEET Truth of Easter

These candies tell a story~
the best news you'll ever hear.
~It's about Jesus dying on the cross
so that we could be brought near.

So hold them and turn them and you will see...
the "M" become a "W" an "E" and then a "3"

The "E" stands for... Easter....
God's everlasting love and His eternal plan.

It reminds us of the cross
and the way God rescued sinful man

The "3" represent the 3 days Jesus spent in the grave....
By His death, His children He did save

The "M" reminds us of the mercy the Messiah showed
as He died in our place.
and the miracle of the resurrection
so we can see Him face to face.

The "W" reminds us... that He alone
is worthy of our worship and praise
and calls us to be His witnesses
around the world for all of our days.

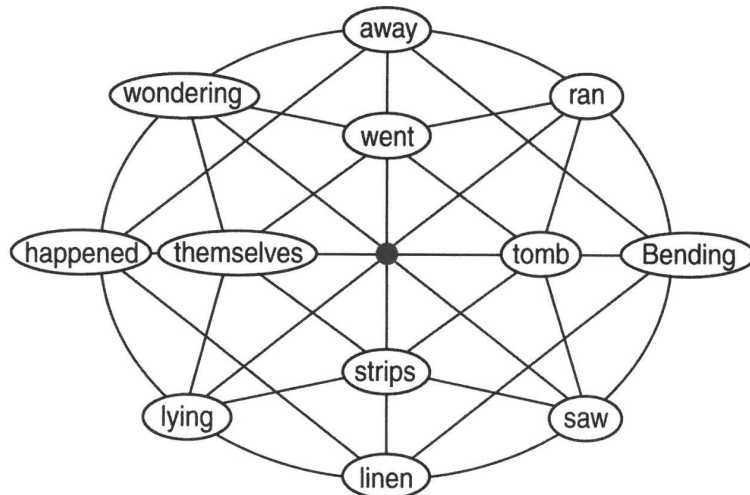
by Bethany Tapp

<http://ministry-to-children.com/easter-poem/>



What did Peter do after hearing what the women saw?

Start at the center of the shape and follow the arrows to fill in the blanks.



Peter, however, got up and _____
to the _____.
over, he _____ the _____ of
_____ by
_____, and he _____
to himself what had _____.

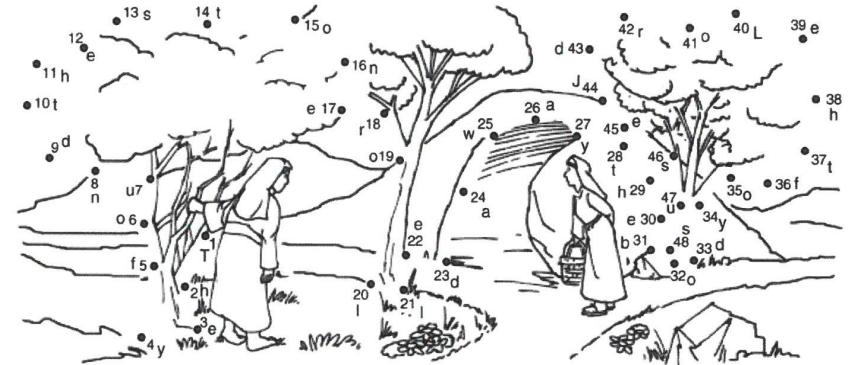
Ages 7+

April 12, 2020 • Luke 24:1-12

The Resurrection of Jesus

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took spices and went to the tomb. What did they find?

Connect the dots and place the letters on the lines below to find what happened.



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27
from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find
28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39
40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

North Presbyterian Church
1327 North Salem Rd.
La Crosse, WI 54603

Enter your **SECRET CODE** to unlock games @
games.childrensbulletins.com

SECRET CODE
TKVK05

Suddenly, two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground. But what did the men say to them?

Write all the 1's in order. Then return to the top and write all the 2's in order. Do the same for the 3's and 4's.



T ³	H ²	W ¹	N ⁴	H ³	H ¹	O ⁴	E ²
T ⁴	Y ¹	L ²	E ³	D ¹	H ⁴	D ³	I ²
E ³	E ⁴	O ¹	V ²	R ⁴	I ²	Y ¹	E ⁴
O ¹	A ³	H ⁴	U ¹	N ²	D ³	E ⁴	L ¹
H ⁴	G ²	O ¹	A ⁴	H ³	O ¹	A ²	S ⁴
K ¹	E ³	M ²	F ¹	R ⁴	O ²	I ³	O ¹
I ⁴	R ¹	N ²	S ⁴	S ³	T ¹	G ²	E ⁴

“ _____

 _____?
 _____;
 _____ n!”

When they came back from the tomb, the women told all these things to the disciples. How did the disciples react?

Use the code and finish the words by writing in the missing vowels. Then write the completed words on the correct lines below.

a = 10 e = 15 i = 20 o = 25 u = 30



- ① w____rds
25
- ② n____t
25
- ③ n____ns____ns____
25 15 15
- ④ s____m____d
15 15 15
- ⑤ b____l____v____
15 20 15 15
- ⑥ th____r
15 20
- ⑦ w____m____n
25 15

They did _____ the

②

⑤

_____, because _____

⑦

⑥

①

_____ to them like _____.

④

③