



# **NORTH POINTE NEWS**

## **OCTOBER 2025**

Pastor Emerita Post (P.E.P. Talk) October, 2025

Dear Family at North Pointe,

As our church family explores the process of a change of pastors in June, 2026, our conversations and surveys are naturally focused on pastoral leadership. We talk to each other about the skills, leadership style, gender, ethnicity, personality, etc. of a person whom we personally would like to lead our congregation.

But have we thought about our congregation? How can we discuss a change in pastoral leadership without considering the presence of the Holy One with us. Our Spirit? The North Pointe "church angel," a term I especially like - and one that is ancient.

What's a church angel? The book of Revelation helps unpack the concept.

As controversial as the book has become, Revelation was written as a letter to seven groups of people in Asia Minor (currently Turkey) who were followers of "The Way." Jesus' people weren't called Christians yet, but their worship of a god other than the Roman emperor had become a threat and some followers were experiencing persecution. The author was reporting messages he had received from God. Importantly, John did not address his letter to the pastor or the lay leader or the trustee chair of each group. In chapters 2 and 3 he wrote to the "church angel," instructing the angel to communicate what John had heard to the people.

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write ...", "To the angel(s) of the church(es) in Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea ... write ..."

The message to be communicated to each church was different. Each group heard the gifts of their ministry as well as their failures: endurance; fear; richness; faith; idolatry, etc.

Back to North Pointe. How would you describe our church angel? When you think of the Spirit here, what qualities and/or characteristics come to mind? Welcoming? Reluctant to Protest? Energetic? Frustrated? Comforting? Tired? An easier question might be: How would you describe North Pointe to another person? To a new pastor?

An excellent resource in discerning the Spirit with us is the book *Uncovering Your Church's Hidden Spirit*, by Celia Alison Hahn. The author describes the process of five churches as they discerned the Spirit with them and used their learnings to plan for the future. The book includes interviews, questions, outcomes, and cautions about the uniqueness of each congregation.

Here's the thing. People who read these P.E.P.s I write already know I love questions. And, I'm interested in hearing your questions about the North Pointe Spirit.

Re: the book of Revelation? It ends with a witness to the goodness of God. And, that's a good way to end this letter.

Love, Light, and Laughter!

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## **October SCRIP Dates**

**Sunday, OCTOBER 12TH**

Cash and Carry. (Cards that we have in stock') are available for sale in the church office when Sue Dennison is in the office. Cash or checks are accepted. We carry a variety of cards in our Questions/help contact: Elinor Offerdahl, or Lillian Brown



## **October Food Pantry Items**

**Instant Oatmeal  
Jello  
Bar Soap**



## **October Worship Assistants**

- 5 Kim Hendrickson
- 12 Lea Acord
- 19 Maureen Ellis
- 26 Georgia Owens



## **October Communion Stewards:**

*Maureen Ellis and Laura French*

## **October Ushering Team**

### **Team B**

Steve Oppeneer  
Paul Walquist  
Ken Edmonston  
Heather Edmonston  
Nancy Oertel



## ***Stepping Up For The Diaper Ministry***



The deadline for donations in our “Stepping Up for the Diaper Ministry” Program is Sunday, October 5th. We appreciate all donations. If you need an extra envelope, they are available in the Narthex. Thank you for all of your support to a very important mission here at North Pointe.



### **Thank You For Another Successful School Supplies Mission Project**

Thanks to Ellie Boldus, Murdell Davis, Dianne Belland and Georgia Owens for organizing the boxes. Also thanks to Ellie Boldus and Rommel Ellis for delivering them S.C. Johnson and Olympia

Brown Elementary Schools.

The schools are always glad to receive them.

The Mission Committee is very grateful for **EVERYONE’S HELP!**

*What God has provided for me, I will share with others.*

Mission Committee,  
Ellie Boldus, Dianne Belland, Georgia Owens (chair)

#### **Items Received:**

2 paper towels  
2 Sharpe markers  
2 bag wipes  
11 copy ring paper  
14 boxes of crayons  
5 boxes of erasers  
2 compass  
3 pairs socks  
1 large bag of pens and pencils

2 construction paper  
50 folders  
2 sets of rulers  
2 post it notes  
2 containers  
2 pairs of scissors  
2 bottles of glue  
32 Kleenex boxes

8 wide ruled line paper  
41 spiral notebooks  
6 washable markers  
2 paint boxes  
10 Crayola pencils  
8 glue sticks  
4 zip lock bags  
I package colored pencils



## October 2025 From the YOUt.h. T.E.A.M.



The resin heart project continues and resin hearts are always available for those that need/want some.

Our YOUt.h. T.E.A.M. will continue to meet on the third Sunday of the month from 10:30am – noon in the Youth room.

The YOUth T.E.A.M. will be sponsoring the **Annual Trunk or Treat Event** again this year and we hope you'll want to be a part of this great and fun community mission. It will be held on **Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 3:30pm – 5:00pm**. We'll be putting a container out in the Narthex by mid-September for candy donations for our Trunk or Treaters. This year we are encouraging you to not only donate BUT try to donate candy that does not contain any nuts or peanut butter OR is manufactured in a processing plant that uses tree nuts. There are many people with allergies in our community, and we want them to be able to safely participate in the fun. Thanks for helping and supporting us in being as inclusive as we can be. As usual, we will have one or two cars that will have non-edible giveaways as well like we've been doing the last few years.

Signup sheets for volunteers is in the Narthex. We have a variety of ways you can help. **Please consider a way that you'll want to help.** Thanks so very much.

We also wanted to let you know that we decided to once again do the **Mason Jar Christmas Cookie Mix and Cocoa Fundraiser**. The youth team will have them for sale on **Sunday, November 23, 2025, after worship**. This year once we are sold out of a specific kind of cookie mix, we will be sold out. We will not be making more, so get the items you want as soon as possible. Thanks.

The Youth Team will also be sponsoring a **Movie Night on Saturday, November 22, 2025**. Doors will open at **2:30pm** and the **Kid/Family friendly movie(s) will begin at 3:00pm**. We should be concluding by 5:30pm. We will be watching the movies on the screens in the Sanctuary. Popcorn, etc. will be available. Mark your calendars now, so you don't miss out on a fun, yet relaxing time.

We wanted to extend our heartfelt gratitude and thank you for all the encouragement and support given and received at the Creative Gifts Celebration Event on September 14th. It was an honor to be invited to be a part of this and share some of the missions and creative activities that we do.



**North Pointe United Methodist Church**

**3825 Erie Street**

**Racine, WI 53402**

ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED

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**Church Office Hours Tuesday—Thursday 9:30 am—3:30 pm**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH  
3:30 PM–5:00 PM  
COME AND HAVE A SPOOKTACULAR TIME**

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