

# RIVERSIDE REPORTER

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# APRIL

## 2024



## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS....

Rev. Laura Norris-Buisch

Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is Risen!

What's next? Easter Season as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. How are we changed because Christ lives in you & me? How do we see Christ in each person we meet?

How do we recognize the Risen Christ in our midst?

Matthew 25:40 *"Then the King will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'"*

Least of These – Who are they? Do we see the Risen Christ in each other?

In our society there are many people who are vulnerable, poor, needy, unloved, lost and alone without family. How do we attend to the people who are in need? When was the last time you cried with someone who was crying? When was the last time you rejoiced with someone who was rejoicing? When was the last time...?

The Risen Jesus calls to us! See the people around you. Truly see them. The struggling, the grieving, the hurting, the lost – See all people! Not just some. These are God's people! The ones who are smiling, crying, yelling & feeling unworthy. We could be the "these".

May each of us **be the reason someone feels welcomed, seen, heard, valued, loved, and supported this week and month and year.**

Peace!

*Laura*



**Rev. Laura**  
**will be on vacation**  
April 1st - 8th

In Case of Emergency,  
please call or text  
**Lynda Grozio**  
**at 716-622-3087**  
**or Sue Boyce**  
**at 716-341-6514**

**She will be on Family Medical Leave**  
from April 15th - 19th

In Case of Emergency, please contact  
**Rev. Stuart Buisch at 716-713-6488**  
for Pastoral Care



**Lynda Grozio**  
**will be on vacation**  
beginning April 10th  
& return to the office April 29th

Any office/building related needs  
or concerns, please call or text  
**Sue Boyce at 716-341-6514**  
**or C J Tripi at 716-525-2255**

# April Flowers



If you would like to offer flowers for a loved one or for a special occasion, the 2024 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board.

You may also call the Church Office anytime with your request and your favorite flower or color.

Please let us know if you will be taking the flowers home or leaving them for a shut-in to enjoy.

## April 7th

In loving memory of

**Effie Johns**

given by Suzette & Joe Spagnolo

## April 14th

In loving memory of

**John Carlson**

given by Debbie Hansen

## April 21st

In loving memory of

**Margaret Batrouny**

given by Suzette & Joe Spagnolo

## April 28th

(still available)



**Deadline for the May Newsletter  
is April 15th**



## *Prayer Requests*

### **Our Shut-Ins:**

Jean Aureli, Wade Bowen, Shirley Brocious, Sylvia Davis, Jean Hansen, Elaine Jelen, Laurie Luick, Jodi Masters, Flora O'Toole, Joan Swearingen, Dorothy Swick, Eileen Tallerico, Kay Vance

**Prayer List:** Mike Emmick, Doug Roffle (Roberta Bradfield's brother), John, Chuck (family of Kristi Murawski), Bob Davis (Sylvia's son), Jimmie O'Toole (Bobbi's brother), Helen Delgrolice, Cassie (friend of Sheila Hare), Pat & Millard Walck (Sue Fallon's family), Onyx Carrig, Scott (Chris Soos' cousin), Corinne Kernin, Elisa Poole, Cindy Ransom, Cathy Rieley Goddard, Jake Cooper (friend of the Buisch family), Diane Gelose, John Hayes, Michele Brocious, Becky Holt (Diane's daughter), Amy, Melissa, Arlene, Terry (Patty Geist's friends & boyfriend), Judy (friend of Jane Siever), Tina Jackson, Jack Maggi, D. Ann & Gary Norris, Dawn Ralph, family of Phyllis Miller, Sue Kline (friend of Babs DeMarco), the O'Donnell family, Vicki & Ian Harnden (friends of Kimberly & Roger Yung), Mike (cousin of the Grozio's)

## Office Hours

### **Rev. Laura Norris-Buisch**

Cell ~ 716-713-6365 Church ~ 283-9752

**Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays & Fridays  
9:30AM - 2:00PM**


Other times available. For an appointment, call to schedule.

### **Church Office ~ Lynda Grozio**

**Mondays & Wednesdays  
8:30AM - 3:00PM**

The office will be closed til April 29th but the building will be open. Call first before coming to the church to be sure someone is here.

**JOIN US at First Presbyterian**  
 505 Cayuga St. Lewiston  
 for our **NAP Dinner and Fellowship**  
 (Niagara Area Presbyterians)




**5:00PM**  
**Wednesday, April 3rd**

when members of Bacon Memorial,  
 First Pres NF, Island Pres  
 & Riverside gather **TOGETHER**

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

No need to bring a dish, the hosts take care of that!  
 A small donation is appreciated but not necessary.



**Sunday SCHOOL**

during the  
 10:00AM  
 worship service

April 14th  
 April 28th

**A Message from the Riverside Workers**  
 Chris Soos, President

**BAZAAR ALERT!**

We are **accepting donations**  
 towards our **Trash & Treasures/Jewelry** area  
 for November's Snowflake Bazaar!

Donations must be in good, working condition!  
 We do **NOT** accept clothing, electronics  
 or very large items.

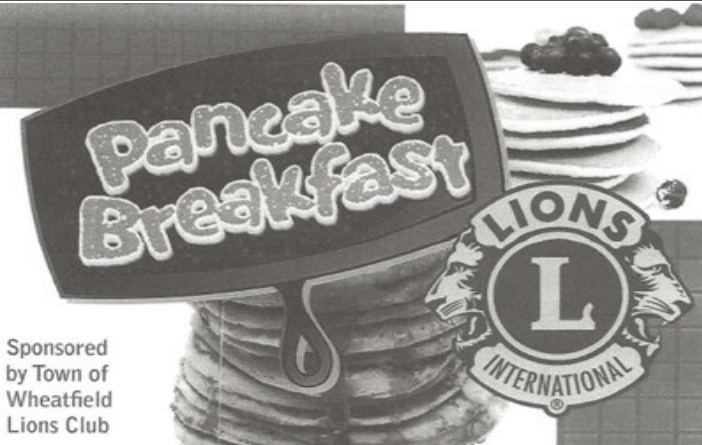
Please **call the church** to make sure  
 someone is here to accept your items.

**Our next Business Meeting**  
 is **April 9th at 10:00AM**

Please join us for fellowship and dessert!



**April 3** Bill Brodie  
**April 5** Linda Johnson  
**April 7** Sue Boyce  
**April 8** Lynda Grozio  
**April 10** Julie Leffler  
**Judy Rodgers** ★  
**April 11** Jane Siever ★  
**April 12** Stephen Kudiba  
**April 21** Enzo Spagnolo ★  
**April 22** Tammy Irving ★  
**Jocelyn Stevenson**  
**April 24** Jodi Masters  
**April 29** Ava Maggi ★



Sponsored by Town of Wheatfield  
 Lions Club

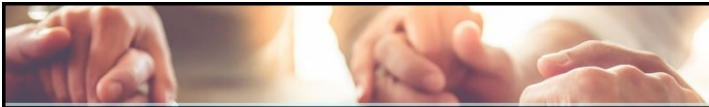
**9:00AM to 1:00PM**  
**Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
**Cost: \$10 per person**  
 (under 5yrs \$5)  
**Five Senses Nature Park**  
**6535 Ward Rd @ Niagara Rd**

Our Motto is *"We Serve"*. Event proceed support these Service Areas:  
 Vision, Diabetes, Hunger, Environment, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian Efforts, Children's Cancer





**WILL RESUME 6:30PM  
APRIL 22nd @ DeMarco's**



**DAILY ONLINE PRAYER SERVICE**

**12:00PM  
Monday through Friday**

**T G I F Coffee Hour**

**AT THE CHURCH**

**Join us for coffee & conversation!**

**9:30AM Every Friday**



**ONLINE  
GIVING**



Download the app  
on iOS or Android devices.

Just search the app store for  
"tithe.ly giving"

**Financial Snapshot for February 2024**

**WEEKLY GIVING:**

2/04/2024: \$1651  
2/11/2024: \$1776  
2/18/2024: \$1430  
2/25/2024: \$1820

January "tithe.ly"  
Donations: \$ 440

**\$7,117**

**MONTHLY EXPENSES:**

Salaries/Benefits: \$7907  
Utilities: \$ 968  
Other: \$1447

**\$10,322**



**Tuesday, April (TBA)**

**SONG &  
Scripture**

online  
at  
**5:00PM**

**April Scripture Readings ...**

**April 7, 2024**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 4:32-35  
and Psalm 133  
or Isaiah 65:17-25  
and Psalm 3  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

**April 14, 2024**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 3:12-19  
and Psalm 4  
or Isaiah 6:1-9a  
and Psalm 40:1-5  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

**April 21, 2024**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 4:5-12  
and Psalm 23  
or Zechariah 10:1-12  
and Psalm 80:1-7  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

**April 28, 2024**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 8:26-40  
and Psalm 22:25-31  
and Exodus 19:1-6  
and Psalm 118:19-25  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

Total  
Solar Eclipse  
Apr 8, 2024



**SESSION MEETING**

**6:00PM  
Wednesday,  
April 24th**

**MISSION  
of the  
MONTH**  **EMPOWER**

**Our Mission**

Empowering people we support  
to live the lives they choose

**Our Core Values**

**Compassion:**

Ensuring dignity through respect

**Inclusion:**

Empowering people in their community

**Resilience:**

Adapting to provide the best possible supports

**Our Strategic Direction**

People living their best lives, contributing to our  
community, supported by a trusted & efficient agency



# LUNCH BUNCH

is going to



**6030 Ward Rd, in Sanborn**

**12:00PM Tuesday, April 16th**

Come enjoy an afternoon of food, fun & fellowship!

# April HAPPY HOUR and/or DINNER




**DATE: TUESDAY, April 23rd**

**TIME: 6:00PM**


**PLACE: T B A**  
*watch the bulletins for updates*

**ALL WOMEN INVITED! DUTCH TREAT!**




## WHAT'S HAPPENING in APRIL

**Judy Rodgers**  
turns 70  
on April 10th



**Jane Siever**  
turns 80  
on April 11th




**Enzo Spagnolo**  
turns 10  
on April 21st



**Tammy Irving**  
turns 60  
on April 22nd




**Ava Maggi**  
turns 5  
on April 29th




**Beginning April 6th and continuing the First Saturday of every month the Senior Singles Social Club will meet at Riverside from 6:00PM - 8:30PM for Game Night**

*Just bring a snack to share & your own beverage (door prize & 50/50 raffle)*

**Meet & Greet at Tim Hortons by Ollies/Milpine Plaza the 2nd Friday of every month 6PM - 8PM**

**OTHER EVENTS AS WELL... COME TO AN EVENT ABOVE TO FIND OUT MORE!**

# APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NO Prayer Service	2 NO Prayer Service	3 NO Prayer Service  5:00PM NAP Dinner & Fellowship @ Lewiston Pres	4 NO Prayer Service	5 9:30AM TGIF COFFEE  NO Prayer Service	6   6:00PM Singles Game Nite for Seniors
7 10AM Worship	8 NO Prayer Service  TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE 	9 10:00AM R'Workers Business Mtg  12PM Online Prayer Service RESUMES	10 12PM Online Prayer Service	11 12PM Online Prayer Service	12 9:30AM TGIF COFFEE  12PM Online Prayer Service	13
14 10AM Worship w/Communion w/Sunday School	15 12PM Online Prayer Service	16 12PM Online Prayer Service  12:00PM Lunch Bunch @ Hoovers	17 12PM Online Prayer Service	18 12PM Online Prayer Service	19 9:30AM TGIF COFFEE  12PM Online Prayer Service	20
21 10AM Worship  9AM - 1PM Lions Club Pancake Breakfast	22 12PM Online Prayer Service  6:30PM Bible & Brew @ DeMarcos	23 12PM Online Prayer Service  6:00PM Women's Happy Hour Location: TBA	24 12PM Online Prayer Service  6:00PM Session	25 12PM Online Prayer Service	26 9:30AM TGIF COFFEE  12PM Online Prayer Service	27
28 10AM Worship w/Sunday School	29 12PM Online Prayer Service	30 12PM Online Prayer Service				



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**Return Service Requested**



*The Riverside Reporter*

*He is Risen!*

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

JOHN II:25-26

*April*

**2024**