

# RIVERSIDE REPORTER

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# APRIL 2025



## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS....

Rev. Laura Norris-Buisch

Our Lenten Bible Study is looking at the Lord's Prayer with a fine tooth comb. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, it comes back immediately in mind. Many of us were young when we memorized the prayer. How often do you think about the meaning of the words?

What does it mean "**your will be done on earth as it is in heaven?**" If God's will is done on earth, will there be peace and love on earth for all people? That's what I imagine heaven to be!

Heaven is where God's peace, love & joy reign over all. Here on earth we can't even agree to care for all of God's children. Here on earth we can't seem to value the earth and nature. Here on earth we can't see the image of God in each other. Maybe if God's will is to be done on earth, it is our task to help & witness to God's will on earth.

*"Disturb our consciences, O Lord, that we shall not be able to remain silent in the face of injustice, falsehood, evil and intemperance. Even when we cannot right wrongs, let us actively and in good temper assert the truth in our hearts and in our minds and so store up in this world a great reservoir of power for what is good, beautiful and true. Amen"*

Carl Murphy

Publisher of the Afro-American Newspaper (1922-1967)

Peace! *Laura*

## THANKS FOR ALL YOU DID IN MARCH

The DeMarcos      Lori Winker      Peggy Geist

Lisa Granieri      Sunday Counters

James Cowe      Cindy Cook

Sunday AM Ushers      Suzette Spagnola

Jill Kudiba      Paul Soos

Jean Westmoore

The Fischers      Kimberly Yung

Bob Kelly      Sunday AM Bakers      Kristen Maggi

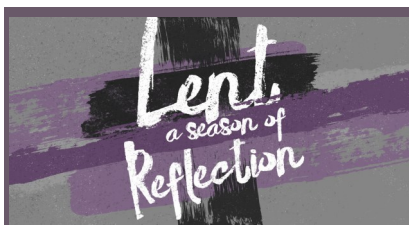
Deanna Rosinski      Cindy Williams

Deedee Wilson



## We Appreciate EVERYONE

& if we forgot anyone please let us know!



### Scripture & Song

Every Monday  
during Lent  
5:00PM  
on Facebook

### Lenten Bible Study

Every Monday  
during Lent  
6:00PM  
at DeMarco's

### Lenten Devotions

Every Day  
during Lent  
7:00AM  
on Facebook

# April Flowers



If you would like to offer flowers for a loved one or for a special occasion, the 2025 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board.

You are welcome to BRING YOUR OWN.

If so, please specify when signing up otherwise they will be ordered thru Evergreen Florist.

Call the Church Office anytime with your request, your favorite flower/color & any questions you may have.

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

## April 6th

In loving memory of

**John Carlson**

given by Debbie Hansen

## Palm Sunday, April 13th

(still available)

## Easter Sunday, April 20th

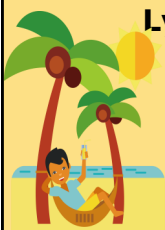
In loving memory of

**Margaret Batrouny**

given by Suzette & Joe Spagnolo

## April 27th

(still available)



**Lynda Grozio will be on vacation** beginning April 9th & return to the office April 30th

**Rev. Laura will be on vacation** beginning April 21st & return to the office April 28th

Any office/building related needs or concerns, please call or text **C J Tripi @ 716-525-2255**

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



# Prayer Requests

## Recent Deaths:

**Our Shut-Ins:** Jean Aureli, Mary Bauer, Wade Bowen, Shirley Brocius, Sylvia Davis, Jodi Masters, Jane Siever, Joan Swearngen, Dorothy Swick, Kay Vance



**Prayer List:** Mike Emmick, John, Chuck (family of Kristi Murawski), Bob Davis (Sylvia's son), Corinne Kernin, Cindy Ransom, Jake Cooper (friend of the Buisch family), Amy, Melissa, Arlene, Terry (Patty Geist's friends & boyfriend), Judy (friend of Jane Siever), Dawn Ralph, Sue Kline (friend of Babs DeMarco), Steven Hoffman (Laura's cousin), Cathy Rieley Goddard, John Deeter, Chris Soos, Kimberly Yung, Lee Tweedie, Jeremy & Anita Heary, George (friend of Lynn Emmick), Linda Johnson, Diane Gelose, Carol & Joannie (friends of Chris Soos), Jane Siever, Michele Brocius, Barb Vollick, Dan Knupfer (friend of Kimberly Yung), Adam (Kristin Bradfield's boyfriend), Cora Allen's family & Bettie LaMacchia, Evelyn Rivera & her mom, David Brodie (Bill's brother)

# 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



# JOIN US at Island Presbyterian

for our **NAP Dinner and Fellowship**  
(Niagara Area Presbyterians)



**5:00PM**

**Wednesday, April 2nd**

when members of Bacon Memorial,  
First Pres Lewiston, First Pres NF,  
& Riverside ALL gather TOGETHER

**FELLOWSHIP  
DINNER**

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



during the  
**10:00AM**  
worship service

**April 13th**

**April 27th**



# April Birthdays

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

★  
see below

Sponsored  
by Town of  
Wheatfield  
Lions Club

**9AM - 12PM**  
**Sunday, April 27th**  
**Cost \$10 per person**  
**Under 5ys 1/2 price**

**Sue Boyce**  
(pictured w/Clover)  
turns 65  
on April 7th

**HAPPY HOUR FUN @ JUDI'S LOUNGE**

**Join Us  
in  
April  
(see pg 5)**

**Five Senses Nature Park**  
6535 Ward Road (Rt. 429) at Niagara Road  
South of the Wheatfield American Legion Post 1451  
PROCEEDS TO BE USED TO IMPROVE THE FACILITIES. POSTERS DONATED BY PELLICANO'S MARKETPLACE.



will be replaced by Lenten Bible Study  
during Lent!  
B & B will resume in May

**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**


**DID YOU KNOW?** 

You can give your offering to the church online through Tithely. It's a site where you can pay with your credit card & even set up recurring payments weekly or monthly.

Either click [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/1861124](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/1861124) or take a picture of the above QR

**Financial Snapshot for February 2025**

WEEKLY GIVING:		MONTHLY EXPENSES:	
2/02/2025:	\$8,686.00	Salaries/Benefits	\$8,371.21
2/09/2025:	\$1,700.36	Utilities	\$1,165.00
2/16 & 23/2025:	\$2,630.00	Meat Raffle	\$2,578.83
Meat Raffle	\$12,948.48	Other	\$1,917.98
Int/Investment Income:	\$435.67		
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$26,400.51</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$14,033.02</b>
		Surplus	\$12,367.49
		Mission:	\$ 40
		Memorial Fund:	\$ 0



**April Scripture Readings ...**

**April 6, 2025**  
**5th Sunday in Lent**  
Isaiah 43:16-21  
and Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8



**April 13, 2025**  
**Palm/Passion Sunday**  
**Holy Week begins**  
**Palms:** Luke 19:28 - 40  
and Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
**Passion:** Isaiah 50:4-9a  
and Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56  
or Luke 23:1-49

**April 20, 2025**  
**Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day**  
Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25  
and Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12  
**Easter Evening:** Isaiah 25:6-9  
and Psalm 114  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  
Luke 24:13-49



**April 27, 2025**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 5:27-32  
and Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150  
or 2 Kings 7:1-16  
and Psalm 2  
Revelations 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31



**SESSION MEETING**  
**6:30PM**  
**Wednesday, April 30th**

**6:00PM**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 12th**

**COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERING**

**...HERE at Riverside**



**LUNCH**  
**12:00PM BUNCH**  
*Olive Garden*  
 Military Rd  
**Tuesday, April 15th**  
 Dutch Treat! Everyone is invited!

April  
**HAPPY HOUR**  
 and/or **DINNER**  
**DATE: TUESDAY, April 29th**  
**TIME: 6:00PM**  
**PLACE: Tin Pan Alley**  
 775 Cayuga St Lewiston  
**EVERYONE'S INVITED!**  
**DUTCH TREAT!**



## A Message from the Riverside Workers

Chris Soos, President

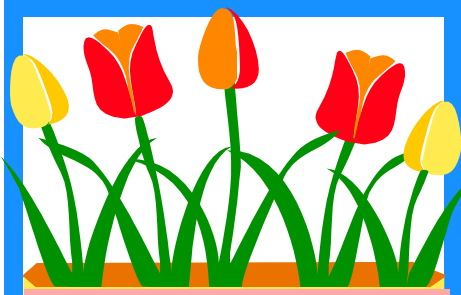
Spring is finally here! It's time to think of our **November Snowflake Bazaar!** Hope all our crafters are busy creating items for our **Christmas & Craft** area. And it's not too early to make baskets for our **Basket Auction**. I know we don't normally think of this during the spring and summer, but we will gladly accept completed baskets now.

We are currently **accepting donations of non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, baby care items & pet food**. This is an ongoing event to support our mission giving, so please donate an item every week, if you are able.

The Riverside Workers have recently purchased a **storage cabinet** for the nursery/meeting room. The church has been running out of space to store paper products and coffee hour supplies. This cabinet is a welcome addition with easy access if you are looking to replenish missing items.

Our next **Business Meeting** will be at **10:00AM on April 8th**.





Deadline is Palm Sunday, April 13th

# EASTER FLOWER SALE

Easter flower orders are being taken from now until Palm Sunday, April 13th.

Order forms for the 6" assorted pots will be available in the pews, or if you wish, you may tear out and send the order form to the Church Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ (\$7) TULIPS

\_\_\_\_\_ (\$8) LILIES

\_\_\_\_\_ (\$9) MUMS

Place order form and money in envelope.

Please have bulletin read...(indicate one)

\_\_\_ Dedicated to the Glory of God

or

\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print name)

Check one: \_\_\_ I will pick up after Church

\_\_\_ Please deliver to Shut-In

Given by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print your name)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Lenten SCHEDULE

Every Monday during Lent

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

**6:30PM at DeMarco's**

**Palm Sunday**

**10:00AM WORSHIP**

**Holy Week at Riverside**

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**

**6:00PM - 6:30PM**

**Music, Scripture & Prayer**

**Maundy Thursday Service**

**6:00PM Chili Supper**

**7:00PM Worship Service w/Communion**

**Good Friday Service**

**7:00PM Service @ Lewiston Presbyterian**



**Easter Sunday Celebrations**

**7:00AM Sunrise Service**

**LaSalle Waterfront Park, 6611 Buffalo Ave.**

**10:00AM Worship at Riverside**

# APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12PM Online Prayer Service	2 12PM Online Prayer Service  5:00PM NAP Dinner @ Island Pres	3 12PM Online Prayer Service	4 9:30AM TGIF Coffee Hour  12PM Online Prayer Service  The Office will be open	5
6 10AM Worship w/Communion  Flowers offered by Debbie Hansen	7 12PM Online Prayer Service  5:00PM Scripture & Song 6:30PM Lenten Bible Study @ DeMarcos	8 10:00AM Scripture  12PM Online Prayer Service	9 12PM Online Prayer Service	10 12PM Online Prayer Service	11 9:30AM TGIF Coffee Hour  12PM Online Prayer Service	12  6:00PM Community Worship
13  Palm Sunday 10AM Worship w/Sunday School Flower Deadline	14 Holy Week 12PM Online Prayer Service  5:00PM Scripture & Song 6:30PM Lenten Bible Study @ DeMarcos	15 Holy Week 12PM Online Prayer Service  12:00PM Lunch Bunch  May Newsletter Deadline	16 Holy Week 12PM Online Prayer Service	17 Maundy Thursday 12PM Online Prayer Service  Maundy Thursday 6PM Chili Supper 7PM Service	18 Good Friday 9:30AM TGIF Coffee Hour  12PM Online Prayer Service  7:00PM Service @ Lewiston Pres	19
20 7:00AM .LaSalle Waterpark  10:00AM @ Riverside Flowers offered by Spagnolos  	21 NO Prayer Service	22 NO Prayer Service  Earth Day	23 NO Prayer Service	24 NO Prayer Service	25 9:30AM TGIF Coffee Hour  NO Prayer Service	26
27 10AM Worship w/Sunday School	28 NO Prayer Service	29 12PM Online Prayer Service  6:00PM Happy Hour/ Dinner	30 12PM Online Prayer Service  6:30PM Session Mtg			

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**Return Service Requested**



*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 2025*