

RIVERSIDE REPORTER

2026

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS....

Rev. Laura Norris Buisch

As we move into February, January already feels like a blur. We have walked through funerals, hospital rooms, and the heartbreak of violence in our world. In the midst of it all, we paused to honor the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose witness continues to call us toward love, courage, and forgiveness.

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Those words feel especially urgent right now.

January also held moments of joy and connection. We gathered for movie night with families, welcomed new members into our community, and shared laughter and togetherness. And yes, we are still recovering from the Bills' loss to the Denver Broncos.

February brings us to the threshold of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 18. As we enter this season, we come honestly, struggling to make sense of the hatred, anger, and violence we see directed toward neighbor and friend. We witness people pushed to the edge of survival. Some are starving because fear keeps them from leaving their homes to seek food or medicine. Fear has become a dominant emotion shaping our world. Instead of living from God's abundance, we find ourselves trapped in a mindset of scarcity.

Lent has always been a season of reflection, repentance, and discipline in prayer and study. It invites us to slow down, to tell the truth about the world and about ourselves, and to listen again for God's voice. In a fearful and fractured world, Lent calls us back to love, to light, and to the promise that God is still at work, even in the ashes.

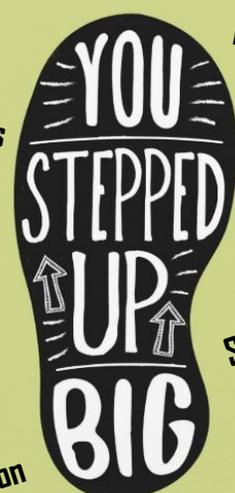
May this season draw us closer to God and to one another, and may we learn again how to live not from fear, but from faith.

Blessings!

Laura

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DID in JANUARY

- Peggy Geist
- The DeMarcos
- The Zaffrans
- Lisa Granieri
- Sunday AM Ushers
- James Cowe
- Jean Westmoore
- The Fischers
- Barb Vollick
- Christine Stevenson
- Bob Kelly
- Deanna Rosinski
- Barbara Rodgers
- Dawn Ralph
- Mike Roth
- Dave Spagnolo
- Cindy Cook
- Patty Geist
- Fran Bailey
- Kevin Kernin
- The Soos'
- Sue Boyce
- Suzette Spagnolo
- Kimberly Yung
- Kristen Maggi
- Cindy Williams
- Sherman Wallace
- Deedee Wilson
- Jill Kubiba
- Diane Holt



We are *thankful*

...if we forgot anyone **PLEASE let us know!**

February Flowers



If you would like to offer flowers for a loved one or for a special occasion, the 2026 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.

February 1st

In loving memory of
Ron Masters
given by
Jodi, Jill & Greg

February 8th

In loving memory of
Lisa Tripi
given by
Carmen & C J Tripi

February 15th
(still available)

February 22nd
(still available)

**MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
is February 15th**



**Have a suggestion
for the Monthly Newsletter?
Send us an email & LET US KNOW!**

Prayer Requests



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

Prayer List: Mike Emmick,
John (family of Kristi Murawski), Corinne Kernin,
Cindy Ransom, Dawn Ralph, Anita, Tim & Jeremy Heary, George (friend of Lynn Emmick), Barb Vollick, Debbie Hansen, Linda Johnson, Sue Fallon, Fiona (friend of Rev. Laura), Sally (Kristi Murawski's mom), Paul Westmoore, Matt Bernat (friend of Grozios), Lesa Richmond's Mom & Uncle, Shirley Jones, family and friends of Wendy Jasper, Chris & Paul Soos, Margaret Quarantiello, family of Margaret DeMarco, Jill Kudiba, Terry (Patty Geist's partner)



OUR RECENT MOVIE NITE! SO MUCH FUN!

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 Church Session

maintaining the spiritual government of the church

CLASS OF 2026

David Spagnolo
Christine Stevenson
Jean Westmoore

CLASS OF 2027

Robert Kelly
Deedee Wilson

CLASS OF 2028

Jake Fischer
Diane Holt
Deanna Rosinski

NONIMATING COMMITTEE

Lisa Granieri
Barbara Rodgers
Deedee Wilson



NEXT MEETING

6:00PM WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11th

CONFIRMATION CLASS

EXPLORE INFORMATION MEETING BELIEVE

QUESTION LIVE

11:30AM Meeting AND Pizza
Sunday, February 15th

RIVERSIDE WORKERS

During this winter weather, please remember our less fortunate neighbors by donating to our Mission Giving efforts. We are **always accepting canned goods** and other **non-perishable food items**. **Peanut butter and jelly** are great items to donate. We also accept **baby care items and pet care supplies**. Please leave your donations on the table by the coat room.

Our **next meeting** will be at the church on **Tuesday, February 10th** at 10:00AM. Please join us for fellowship, lively conversation, coffee and dessert. Your input is always welcome to decide on ways to help our church thrive.

Christine Soos, President

FEBRUARY

Birthdays

February 1	Bennett Granieri
February 7	Wade Bowen
February 10	Carmen Tripi
	Deedee Wilson
February 11	Milo Ralph
February 14	Christine Stevenson ★
February 17	Onyx Carrig
	Dorothy Swick ★
February 19	Chloe Hudson
February 20	Rachel Kudiba
February 22	Amelia Maggi
February 24	Jerry Chapman

Happy Anniversary

February 29 Jan & Richard Hulsizer 57 years

	Christine Stevenson turns 50 on February 14th	Dorothy Swick turns 102 on February 17th
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coming soon!

...THIS SPRING
to help our
neighboring community!

**Riverside's Blessing
Box is in progress!**

It will be stocked with
non-perishable dry goods
for those in need.

Special thanks to
Deedee Wilson
for spearheading
this project



6:00PM

Monday, February 16th



DAILY ONLINE PRAYER SERVICE

12:00PM

Monday thru Friday



for February...

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Thank you for your generosity



AT THE CHURCH

**9:30AM
Every Friday**

**Join us for coffee
& conversation!**

Volunteers Needed!

**If you would like to volunteer and
JOIN OUR BAKER TEAM or LAY READ
there's a sign up board at church!**

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

...you can send 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.

GO TO:

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1861124

February Scripture Readings ...

February 1, 2026

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8
and Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

February 8, 2026

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
and Psalm 112:1-9 (10)
1 Corinthians 2:112 (12-16)
Matthew 5:13-20

February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of the Lord

Exodus 24:12-18
and Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

February 22, 2026

1st Sunday in Lent

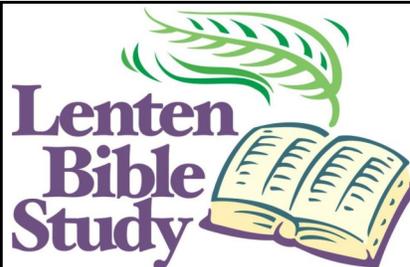
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
and Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

JOIN US...

**ASH
Wednesday**

February 18th 12PM & 6PM

*"For you are dust, and to dust
you shall return." - Genesis 3:19b*



**...Mondays
beginning
March 2nd.**

more details to come

Financial Snapshot for December 2025

WEEKLY GIVING:

12/06/2025:	\$ 965.00
12/13/2025:	\$4,295.00
12/20/2025:	\$2,825.00
12/25/2025	\$ 662.00
12/27/2025	\$ 902.00

Tithely:	\$ 430.00
Building Use:	\$ 300.00
Investment Income	\$ 557.00
Other:	\$ 286.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$11,222.00

MONTHLY EXPENSES:

Salaries/Benefits	\$10,475.86
Utilities	\$ 720.11
Other	\$2,423.44

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$13,619.41
Surplus/Deficit -\$ 2,398.00

Mission: \$ 110.00



JOIN US for our monthly NAP Dinner
and Fellowship (Niagara Area Presbyterians)

FELLOWSHIP
DINNER



5:00PM
Wednesday,
February 4th
HERE at Riverside
...when members of
Bacon Memorial,
First Pres Lewiston,
First Pres NF and Riverside
ALL gather TOGETHER
No need to bring a dish,
the hosts take care of that!
A small donation is appreciated
but not necessary

LUNCH

12:00PM BUNCH

Tuesday, February 10th



in Grand Island

Dutch Treat! Everyone is invited!

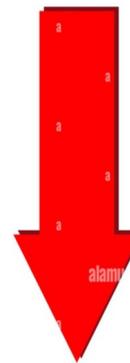


...IS HELD THE 2ND & 4TH SUNDAY
OF EVERY MONTH!

February 8th
February 22nd
ages 4 yrs & UP

The Nursery is available
for children ages birth thru 4 yrs.

WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS



Want to join us for
SUPPER CLUB
and/or LUNCH BUNCH?
PLEASE LET US KNOW
so the establishments can
accommodate us!
Patty Geist 716-417-3590
Rev. Laura 716-713-6365
NOT SURE? IT'S OK!
WALK Ins are also welcome!!!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

6:30PM

MOVIE
POPCORN
PAJAMAS



(NO school on Presidents' Day)

MOVIE: TROLLS

RIVERSIDE'S
SUPPER CLUB

JOIN US

6:00PM Tuesday, February 24th

Culbert's Pub
est. 1951

8735 Buffalo Avenue Niagara Falls

...for a DUTCH TREAT MEAL TOGETHER

FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 10AM Worship w/Communion</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Masters/Kudiba Flowers</p>	<p>2 12PM Online Prayer Service</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 5:00PM N A P Dinner HERE!</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9:30AM TGIF Coffee</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 10AM Worship w/Sunday School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tripi Flowers</p>	<p>9 12PM Online Prayer Service</p>	<p>10 10:00AM R Workers Business Mtg</p> <p>12:00PM Lunch Bunch @ Brick Oven</p>	<p>11 6:00PM Session Mtg</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 9:30AM TGIF Coffee</p>	<p>14</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p>15 10AM Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:30AM Confirmation Informational Meeting/Pizza</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30PM MOVIE NIGHT</p>	<p>16 12PM Online Prayer Service</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>PRESIDENT'S DAY</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>6:00PM Bible & Brew</p> </div>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Services at 12:00PM 6:00PM</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p> </div>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 9:30AM TGIF Coffee</p>	<p>21 6:00PM Community Worship</p>
<p>22 10AM Worship w/Sunday School</p>	<p>23 NO Prayer Service THIS WEEK</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Lenten Bible Study begins NEXT Monday March 2</p> </div>	<p>24 6:00PM Supper Club @ Culberts</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:30AM TGIF Coffee</p>	<p>28</p>

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It bears all things,
believes all things,
endures all things.

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Love never fails.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:7-8

