

# RIVERSIDE REPORTER

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## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS....

On May 31st, we will welcome new members from the confirmation class. Each of them is a blessing — deeply loved, valued, and an important part of this community of faith. We often speak about children and youth as the future of the church, but they are also the church right now. Their voices, questions, gifts, and faith matter today.

So, what is the church?

The church is:

- A place where people can learn about God and Jesus
- A place where all are welcomed
- A place where everyone belongs
- A place where people can grow in faith and love
- A place where everyone has something to share
- A place where people feel safe, seen, and cared for

Scripture continually challenges us to be the love and grace of Jesus Christ in the world. The church is not simply a building; it is people living out Christ's mission together. That mission belongs to all of us — you and me, side by side.

The church is a place where:

- Mission happens
- Celebrations happen
- Meals and fellowship happen
- Love happens
- Grace happens

As summer begins, I invite you to continue this journey of faith and community with us through:

- Driveway Discussions
- Movie Nights
- Bonfires
- Outdoor Worship

There is a place for you here. Come as you are, and let us continue growing together in faith, hope, love, and community.

Peace! *Laura*



Rev. Laura Norris Buisch

## THANKS FOR ALL YOU DID in MAY

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

We are *thankful*

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



## 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.

**June 7th**  
(still available)

**June 14th**  
(still available)

**June 21st**  
In loving memory of  
**Jackie Masters**  
given by  
**Jill, Jodi and Greg**

**June 28th**  
In loving memory of  
**Cliff & Jeanette Geist**  
given by  
**Peggy & Patty**

**There will be ONLY ONE Newsletter for JULY and AUGUST!**

Please send your good news, announcements, thank you, event & pictures **by the DEADLINE... June 15th !**

We'll be happy to publish it

**Recent Deaths:** Roger vonDoenhoff



**Our Shut-Ins:**

Jean Aureli, Mary Bauer,  
Wade Bowen, Shirley Brocius,  
Sylvia Davis, Jodi Masters,  
Jane Siever, Dorothy Swick,  
Kay Vance

**Prayer List:** Corinne Kernin, Cindy Ransom, Dawn Ralph, Anita, Tim & Jeremy Heary, George (friend of Lynn Emmick), Barb Vollick, Linda Johnson, Fiona (friend of Rev. Laura), Paul Westmoore, Matt Bernat (friend of Grozios), Shirley Jones, Margaret Quarantiello, Patricia Walck, Elaine McCombs (Elisa Poole's mom), Virginia Quinn (friend of Laura & Stuart), Laurie (friend of Kristi Murawski), Staff Sergeant Bryan O'Toole (Bobbi's son), Steve Jelensperger, Tina Jackson, friends & family of Roger vonDoenhoff, Mike Emmick, Andrew Cowe, Paul Westmoore,

## Let us pray -

Holy God,  
You are the source of our hope  
in a world filled with violence and fear.  
Thank you for faithful people  
who walk alongside those who  
flee their homes and homelands.  
We pray that all can know  
the comfort of your embrace.

**Amen.**

## 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 JUNE 17th

# Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!

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|---------|---------------------|---|
| June 5  | Bob Kelly           | ★ |
| June 6  | Ray Jackson         | ★ |
| June 7  | Ken Gilliland       |   |
| June 8  | Alexander Buccini   |   |
| June 9  | Corinne Kernin      |   |
| June 12 | Kristin Janese      |   |
| June 15 | Beverly Weatherston |   |
| June 17 | Roger Yung          |   |
| June 21 | Kay Vance           |   |
| June 26 | Henry Buccini       | ★ |
|         | Emily Kernin        |   |
|         | Kristen Maggi       |   |
| June 28 | Christine Soos      |   |

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|---------|------------------------|---|----------|
| June 16 | Andrea & Lance Wells   | ★ | 25 years |
| June 20 | Ruth & Bob Kelly       |   | 39 years |
| June 22 | Michele & Doug Brocius |   | 42 years |

## RIVERSIDE WORKERS

Our **Spring Luncheon** will be held at noon on **Tuesday, June 9th, 2026** at **JetPort**.

Reservations have been taken the past three Sundays at Church. But if you are still interested in attending, please call the Church Office.

**The cost is \$20.00.**

It's not too early to be thinking of our **Snowflake Bazaar**. The dates for this year are **November 6th and 7th**. Summer is a great time to work on your craft creations that will be for sale. We will begin taking your donations for Trash, Treasures and Jewelry in mid-June. We do not accept clothing. Our Basket Auction area is in need of 1 -pound coffee cans.

Our next business meeting will be **Tuesday, September 8th, at 10:00AM**. Bazaar preparations will be in full swing by then! Please join us! Respectfully submitted,

**Christine Soos, President**

## Congratulations to Riverside Workers Scholarship Recipients

### Emilie Carrig

who graduated from SUNY Niagara and will be attending Niagara University in the Fall to continue studying Business Administration

### and Maddy Ralph

who is starting her senior year at NU in Education, Biology Grade 1-9, a minor in Italian. Maddy is also taking her graduate classes for her master degree.

## CONGRATULATIONS



*Conrad Feidt*

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**  
at Abate Elementary

*...for his excellent work  
ethic and academics!*



...will be held June 22nd @ DeMarco's

**DAILY ONLINE PRAYER SERVICE**

**12:00PM**  
Monday thru Friday

**for May...**

**CAROLYN HOUSE**

*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://tithely.com/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1861124](https://tithely.com/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1861124)

**June Scripture Readings ...**

<p><b>June 7, 2026</b> <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> Genesis 12:1-9 and Psalm 33:1-12 Hosea 5:15-6:6 and Psalm 50:7-15 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26</p>	<p><b>June 14, 2026</b> <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) and Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Exodus 19:2-8a and Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)</p>
<p><b>June 21, 2026</b> <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Genesis 21:8-21 and Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 Jeremiah 20:7-13 and Psalm 69:7-10 (11-15) 16-18 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39</p>	<p><b>June 28, 2026</b> <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Genesis 22:1-14 and Psalm 13 Jeremiah 28:5-9 and Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42</p>

Weather permitting...

**Join Us 10:00AM**  
**Sunday, June 28th**  
for...

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

Hot Dogs will be served afterwards!

**Financial Snapshot for March 2026**

<b>WEEKLY GIVING:</b>	<b>MONTHLY EXPENSES:</b>
3/07/2026: \$2,293.00	Salaries/Benefits \$9,796.04
3/14/2026: \$6,336.00	Utilities \$ 1,607.31
3/21/2026: \$1,332.00	Other \$ 1,752.38
3/28/2026: \$1,997.00	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES: \$13,155.73</b>
Tithely: \$ 550.00	<b>Surplus/Deficit -\$ 314.02</b>
Investment Income \$ 333.71	Mission: \$ 110.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME: \$12,841.71</b>	

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

FELLOWSHIP  
DINNER



5:00PM  
Wednesday,  
June 3rd  
@ Bacon Memorial  
...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

DRIVEWAY  
DISCUSSION



WE'LL GATHER HERE @ THE CHURCH  
10:30AM  
EVERY TUESDAY  
Beginning June 23rd  
Bring a chair & let's chat!

WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME  
ROLLING CANNOLI  
FOOD TRUCK  
TO RIVERSIDE'S KITCHEN

CALL OR TEXT TONY AT 716-713-0011



LUNCH

12:00PM

BUNCH

WILL RESUME Tuesday, July 14th

STAY  
TUNED



Dutch Treat! Everyone is invited!



Want to join us for  
LUNCH BUNCH  
and/or SUPPER CLUB?  
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!!!

RIVERSIDE'S  
SUPPER CLUB

JOIN US

6:00PM

Tuesday, June 23rd



2057 Military Rd, Niagara Falls  
...for a DUTCH TREAT MEAL TOGETHER

**OUR RECENT  
CHURCH SPRING  
CLEAN-UP**

Our May Spring Clean Up day proved to be an amazing time of sprucing up Riverside for the summer.

32 members pitched in, armed with rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows to weed, mulch, trim and wash away winter's dreariness.

Capping off the morning was Laura's blessing of our new outdoor food pantry, and of coarse, a delicious hotdog lunch on the grill. Thanks to all who joined in!

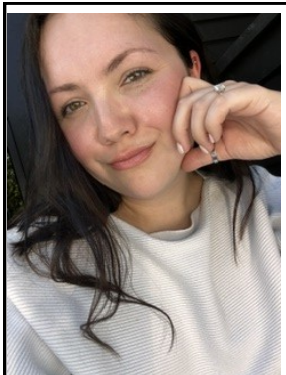
**and DEDICATION OF OUR BLESSING BOX**



*Happy Birthday to Ruth Kelly  
who turned 65 on May 5th  
& Bob Kelly  
who will turn 75 on June 5th*



*Happy Birthday  
Ray Jackson  
who will turn 75  
on June 6th*



*Happy Birthday  
Emily Kernin  
who will turn 30  
on June 26th*



*Happy Anniversary  
Andrea & Lance Wells  
who will celebrate  
25 yrs on June 16th*

# JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 12PM Online Prayer Service	2	3	4	5 9:30AM TGIF Coffee	6
			5:00PM NAP Dinner @ Bacon Memorial			
7 10AM Worship w/Communion	8 12PM Online Prayer Service <u>TODAY ONLY</u>	9 12:00PM R' Workers Spring Lunch at JETPORT	10	11	12 9:30AM TGIF Coffee	13
14 10AM Worship	15  <b>DEADLINE for Summer Newsletter!</b>	16	17 12PM Online Prayer Service RESUMES	18	19 9:30AM TGIF Coffee	20 
21 10AM Worship	22 12PM Online Prayer Service	23 10:30PM Driveway Discussion	24	25	26 9:30AM TGIF Coffee	27
<i>Masters Flowers</i> <i>Father's Day</i>	6:00PM Bible & Brew	6:00PM Supper Club @ JUDI'S				
28 10AM Outdoor Worship w/Hot Dogs	29 12PM Online Prayer Service	30 10:30PM Driveway Discussion	<b>THIS SUMMER WE'RE PLANNING ....</b> Bonfires Mission Trip Movie Nights Outdoor Worship  THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE NEWSLETTER FOR JULY & AUGUST BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR NEWS BY THE JUNE 15TH DEADLINE		<b>ONGOING OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES</b> Tuesday 10:30AM A A (beginning July) 7:00PM A A Wednesday 10:30AM A A 1:00PM TOPS Thursday 10:30AM A A (beginning July) 7:00PM A A Friday 10:00AM A A	
<i>Geist Flowers</i>						

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