

RIVERSIDE REPORTER

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS....

Rev. Laura Norris -Buisch

Our World has lost an amazing & humble human being.
Pope Francis gifted the world with grace & generosity.

"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you." Pope Francis

Pope Francis provides us an example of what it means to care for the poor & needy plus how to live with humility.

"It's hypocrisy to call yourself a Christian and chase away a refugee or someone seeking help, someone who is hungry or thirsty, toss out someone who is in need of my help...If I say I am Christian, but do these things, I'm a hypocrite." Pope Francis

Pope Francis always spoke to the needs of others. As Christians, our mission is to care for the vulnerable, needy, lonely, discarded, unloved and unsheltered.

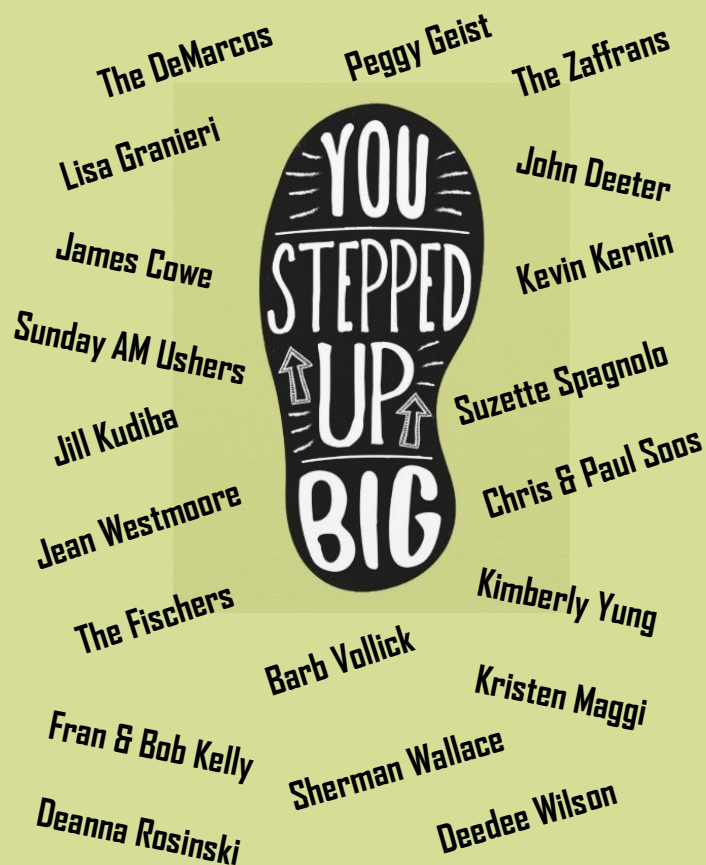
"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace." Pope Francis

We could learn much from this Catholic priest turned Pope. Yes, Catholics are Christians if you are wondering. Someone once asked me if Catholics were Christians. I am sure I started laughing but realized they were serious. I am grateful to God for the witness of Pope Francis' life. If we don't learn anything else, remember you can change the world with gentleness & kindness.

Peace!

Laura

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DID IN MARCH



We Appreciate EVERYONE

& if we forgot anyone please let us know!



May 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.

May 4th
(still available)

May 11th
(still available)

May 18th
(still available)

May 25th
(still available)



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

Prayer Requests

Recent Deaths:

Our Shut-Ins: Jean Aureli, Mary Bauer,



Wade Bowen, Shirley Brocious,

Sylvia Davis, Jodi Masters,

Jane Siever, Joan Swearengen,

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), Bob (Peggy Geist's friend), Dawn Ralph, Sue Kline (friend of Babs DeMarco), Cathy Riley Goddard, John Deeter, Chris Soos, Kimberly Yung, Lee Tweedie, Jeremy & Anita Heary, George (friend of Lynn Emmick), Linda Johnson, Carol & Joannie (friends of Chris Soos), Jane Siever, Bettie LaMacchia, Barb Vollick, Adam (Kristin Bradiel's boyfriend), David Brodie (Bills's brother), Evelyn Rivera & her mom, Sara Sroufe (Pam & Mark's daughter in law)

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



**To the Riverside Workers
for the NEW Bunn Coffee Maker!**

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

will NOT be held in May
it will RESUME
5:00PM

Wednesday, June 4th

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

No need to bring a dish,
our hosts take care of that!

A small donation is appreciated
but not necessary.



**FELLOWSHIP
DINNER**



during the
10:00AM
worship service

May 11th

May 25th



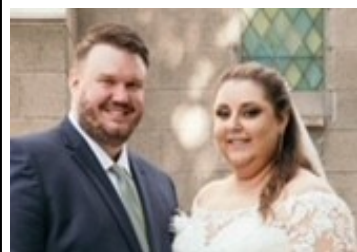
Fiona Westby
who turns 5
on May 17th



Sue Fallon
who turns 70
on May 19th

Stephanie & Jake Fischer

celebrates their 1st Anniversary on May 18th



MAY

Birthdays

May 4	Rob Stevenson
	Madelynn Wells
May 6	Aria Zaffran
	Jacob Zaffran
May 8	Dominic Putaski
May 9	Diane Holt
May 10	C J Tripi
May 14	Dave Spagnolo
May 15	Kristi Murawski
May 17	Fiona Westby ★
May 19	Sue Fallon ★
May 21	Jake Fischer
	Connie Merante
May 24	Bettie LaMacchia
May 29	Jean Westmoore



May 1	Tina & Ray Jackson	16 yrs
May 2	Revs. Laura & Stuart Buisch	27 yrs
May 3	Janice & Mike Moceri	17 yrs
May 7	Tammy & Paul Irving	37 yrs
May 18	Stephanie & Jake Fischer ★	1 yr
May 21	Lynda & Mark Grozio	42 yrs
May 25	Sue & Craig Boyce	41 yrs



will **RESUME** this month!

T B A

@ 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

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 or take a picture of the above QR

Financial Snapshot for March 2025

WEEKLY GIVING:		MONTHLY EXPENSES:	
3/02/2025:	\$1,722.00	Salaries/Benefits	\$12,955.70
3/09/2025:	\$2,416.00	Utilities	\$986.77
3/16/2025:	\$1,680.00	Other	\$2,044.69
3/23/25:	\$2,119.00		
3/30/2025:	\$1,276.00	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$15,987.16
Int/Investment Income:	\$506.80	Deficit	-\$6,067.36
Tithe.ly:	\$200.00	Mission:	\$ 152.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$9,919.80		

May Scripture Readings ...

May 4, 2025 3rd Sunday Of Easter Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) <i>and Psalm 30</i> or Isaiah 61:1-3 <i>and Psalm 90:13-17</i> Revelations 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	May 11, 2025 4th Sunday of Easter Acts 9:36-43 <i>and Psalm 23</i> or Isaiah 53:1-6 <i>and Psalm</i> 114 Revelations 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
May 18, 2025 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 11:1-18 <i>and Psalm 148</i> or Leviticus 19:9-18 <i>and Psalm 24:1-6</i> Revelations 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	May 25, 2025 6th Sunday of Easter Acts 16:9-15 <i>and Psalm 67</i> or Deuteronomy 34:1-12 <i>and Psalm 10:-21-31</i> Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

With God

ALL Things Are Possible

Called to Serve

SESSION MEETING

6:30PM

Wednesday, May 28th

6:00PM

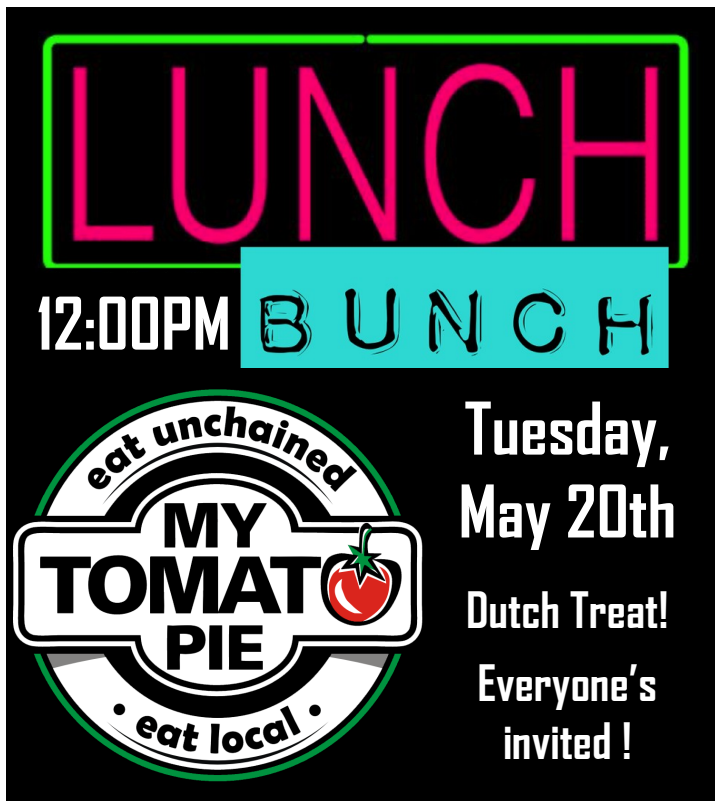
SATURDAY, MAY 24th

COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERING

Dinner will be served

...HERE

at Riverside



A Message from the Riverside Workers

Chris Soos, President

Hope you all can continue donating to our **ongoing Mission Giving project!**

Non-perishable food, cleaning supplies and baby care items are always needed by the organizations we give to on a regular basis. Also, don't forget our pets that need loving care!

Bins are located by our coat room to drop off your donations!

Look for the display below!

Thanks for thinking of our local friends in need.

It's not too early to think of our **Snowflake Bazaar!**

We will gladly accept finished baskets and/or gift cards to be used in our Basket Auction.

Our Spring Luncheon will be held **June 10th** at noon at JetPort!

We will be accepting reservations at church on May 18th, May 25th and June 1st.

The cost will be \$20.00. Menu options will be available at that time.

Our **next Business Meeting** will be **May 13th**. Please join us at 10:00AM at the church.



MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12PM Online Prayer Service	2 9:30AM TGIF Coffee Hour 12PM Online Prayer Service	3
4 10:AM Worship w/Communion	5 12PM Online Prayer Service	6 12PM Online Prayer Service	7 12PM Online Prayer Service	8 12PM Online Prayer Service	9 9:30AM TGIF Coffee Hour 12PM Online Prayer Service	10
11 10:AM Worship w/Sunday School	12 12PM Online Prayer Service	13 10:00AM R'Workers Business Mtg 12PM Online Prayer Service	14 12PM Online Prayer Service	15 12PM Online Prayer Service <i>Deadline for June articles</i>	16 9:30AM TGIF Coffee Hour 12PM Online Prayer Service	17
18 10:AM Worship R'Worker's Luncheon reservations begin	19 12PM Online Prayer Service	20 12PM Online Prayer Service 12:00PM Lunch Bunch	21 12PM Online Prayer Service	22 12PM Online Prayer Service	23 9:30AM TGIF Coffee Hour 12PM Online Prayer Service	24 6:00PM Community Prayer
25 10:AM Worship w/Sunday School	26 NO Online Prayer Service  <i>Building closed</i>	27 12PM Online Prayer Service 6:00PM Supper Club	28 12PM Online Prayer Service 6:30PM Session Meeting	29 12PM Online Prayer Service	30 9:30AM TGIF Coffee Hour 12PM Online Prayer Service	31

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