

RIVERSIDE REPORTER

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS....

Faith is more than simply believing that God exists. Faith is trust. Faith is living with the confidence that God is with us, guiding us, loving us, and calling us into deeper life. Faith is believing that God is the source of our life, our hope, and our love. It is trusting that even in difficult times, God is still present, still working, and still leading us forward.

When we speak of God as Trinity—God the creator, Son, and Holy Spirit—we are speaking of relationship, love, and community at the very heart of God.

We believe in God the Creator, the One who gave us life and continues to sustain us. God is not distant, but near—always calling us toward justice, mercy, compassion, and love. God stretches us beyond ourselves and teaches us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Man, who came to show us the heart of God. Jesus taught us that every person matters, especially “the least of these.” He showed us that diversity is not something to fear, but something beautiful within God’s creation. Jesus taught us that love is the only way to truly live—that forgiveness, mercy, and compassion are stronger than hatred and division. In Jesus, we see God’s unconditional love made visible.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the presence of God still alive and moving among us. The Spirit gathers us into community, comforts us when we are hurting, and leads us into abundant life. The Spirit nudges us toward kindness, grace, courage, and hope. The Spirit reminds us to be people of faith even when life feels uncertain.

Faith is expressed day by day—in prayer, in worship, in forgiveness, in service, in showing up for others, in speaking truth, and in trusting God when the path ahead is unclear.

Blessings!

Laura



Rev. Laura Norris Buisch

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DID in APRIL

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

We are thankful

...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 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.

May 3rd

(still available)

May 10th

(still available)

May 17th

(still available)

May 24th

In loving memory of

Bettie LaMacchia

given by

C J Tripi & Sue Brown

May 31st

(still available)



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

Prayer Requests



Our Shut-Ins:

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

Prayer List:

Mike Emmick, 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), Lesa Richmond's Mom & Uncle, Shirley Jones, Margaret Quarantiello, Jill Kudiba, Patricia Walck, Elaine McCombs (Elisa Poole's mom), Andrew Cowe, Virginia Quinn (friend of Laura & Stuart), Laurie (friend of Kristi Murawski), John Barbara Rodgers, Staff Sergeant Bryan O'Toole (Bobbi's son), Terry & Patty

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.

Rev. Laura will be out of the office May 20 - 25

Church Office ~ Lynda Grozio

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

Lynda will be out of the office May 1 - 8

UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR PEACE (FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY)

LEAD US FROM DEATH TO LIFE,
FROM FALSEHOOD TO TRUTH.
LEAD US FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE,
FROM FEAR TO TRUST.
LEAD US FROM HATE TO LOVE,
FROM WAR TO PEACE.
LET PEACE FILL OUR LIVES,
OUR WORLD, OUR UNIVERSE.
PEACE, PEACE, PEACE.

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 MAY 13th

RIVERSIDE WORKERS

RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH APPAREL SALE

Great News!!!

Our much anticipated **Apparel Sale** begins **May 10th**. We are very excited to be offering a wide array of items compiled in our online store by Stuart Sports of Lewiston. There is something for everyone: **T-shirts, sweatshirts, golf shirts, pullovers, fleece jackets, hats, aprons and tote bags**. The store will be open online **until May 26th**. Stay tuned for announcements in church and on our TV during coffee hour.

Riverside Workers Spring Luncheon will be held at **JetPort** on **June 9th** at **12:00pm**. Cost is **\$20.00**. Reservations will be taken before and after church on May 17th, May 24th, and May 31st. Don't forget to sign up!!!

Our **next business meeting** will be at **10:00AM** on **May 12th**. Come and join us for fellowship and dessert.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Soos, President



MAY

Birthdays

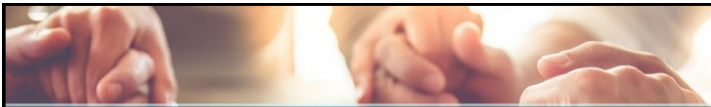
May 4	Rob Stevenson ★
	Madelynn Wells
May 6	Aria Zaffran ★
	Jacob Zaffran ★
May 8	Dominic Putaski
May 9	Diane Holt
May 10	C J Tripi
May 14	Dave Spagnolo
May 15	Kristi Murawski
May 17	Craig Bailey
	Fiona Westby
May 19	Sue Fallon
May 21	Jake Fischer ★
	Larry Gee
	Connie Merante ★
May 29	Jean Westmoore



May 1	Tina & Ray Jackson	17 yrs
May 2	Revs. Laura & Stuart Buisch	28 yrs
May 3	Janice & Mike Mocerri	18 yrs
May 7	Tammy & Paul Irving	38 yrs
May 18	Stephanie & Jake Fischer	2 yrs
May 21	Lynda & Mark Grozio	43 yrs



...will be held May 18th @ DeMarco's



DAILY ONLINE PRAYER SERVICE

12:00PM

Monday thru Friday



for May...

CASEY 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

May Scripture Readings ...

May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
and Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
or Proverb 4:10-18
and Psalm 119:9-32
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 10, 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31
and Psalm 66:8-20
or Ezekiel 34:1-7a
and Psalm 115
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14
and Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
or Isaiah 45:1-7
and Psalm 21:1-7
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 24, 2026

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
or Numbers 11:24-30
and Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
or Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23
or John 7:37-39

May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2; 4a
and Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

May 16th 9:00AM - 12:30PM
May 17th 11:15AM - 12:30PM

CONFIRMATION DAY

Trinity Sunday, May 31st
@ 10:00AM service

Riverside Workers' Apparel Sale Logo...

"All Hearts are Welcome Here"



Riverside Presbyterian Church
Niagara Falls, NY

SALE: May 10th thru May 26th
(...watch for more details)

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

FELLOWSHIP
DINNER



5:00PM
Wednesday,
May 6th
HERE @ 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, May 12th

Hoover's
DAIRY INC.

6030 Ward Rd in Sanborn

Dutch Treat! Everyone is invited !

SUNDAY
SCHOOL

...IS GENERALLY HELD
THE 2nd & 4th SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH!

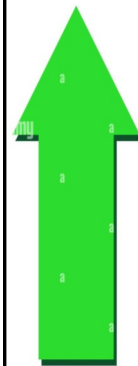
May 3rd and May 17th

IMPORTANT
DATE
CHANGE

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
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!!!

Easter at first light

Bacon Memorial and Riverside Presbyterian worshippers brave brisk temperatures to celebrate resurrection and community on the waterfront



RIVERSIDE'S
SUPPER CLUB

JOIN US

6:00PM

Tuesday, May 26th

WOOD COCK BROS
BREWING CO

908 Niagara Falls Blvd. Tonawanda

...for a DUTCH TREAT MEAL TOGETHER

SAVE THE DATE

THE UNVEILING OF OUR NEW BLESSING BOX
AND

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP



Bring your favorite gardening tools

ALL HANDS ARE WELCOME TO VOLUNTEER
(BIG & LITTLE)
FOR THIS CHURCH FAMILY EVENT

9:00AM

Saturday, May 16th

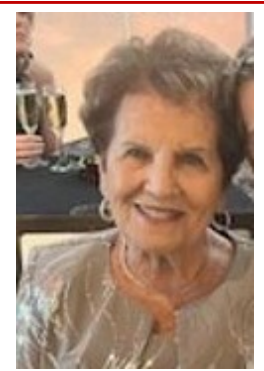
(Rain Date is Saturday, May 30th)

Lunch will be provided afterwards
please see the sign up sheet

May CELEBRATIONS



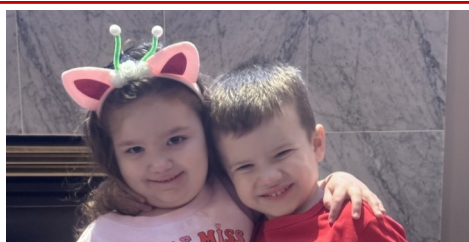
*Happy Birthday
Jake Fischer
who will turn 35
on May 21st*



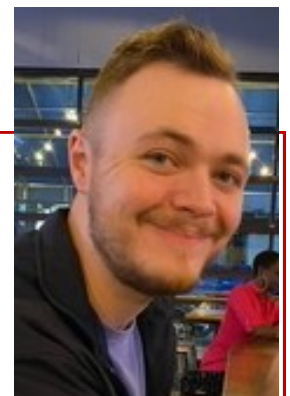
*Happy Birthday
Connie Merante
(Lynda's mom)
who will turn 90
on May 21st*



*Happy Birthday
Rob Stevenson
who will turn 50
on May 4th*



*Happy Birthday
Aria and Jacob Zaffran
who will turn 5
on May 6th*



*Ryan Kernin will graduate from Daemen University
on May 16th with his DPT, Doctor of Physical Therapy.
Ryan is also a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS).
He works at Impact Fitness in Hamburg and Delta Sonic.
He plans to take his boards in July 2026.*

MAY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Wishing everyone a blessed month of May</p>						1 9:30AM TGIF Coffee
3 10AM Worship w/Communion	4 12PM Online Prayer Service	5	6	7	8 9:30AM TGIF Coffee	9
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			5:00PM NAP Dinner HERE!			
10 10AM Worship <i>Mother's Day</i>	11 12PM Online Prayer Service	12 10:00AM R'Workers Business Mtg 12:00PM Lunch Bunch @ HOOVERS	13	14	15 9:30AM TGIF Coffee DEADLINE for June Newsletter	16 9:00AM 
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17 10AM Worship w/Sunday School 11:15AM - 12:30PM Confirmation Class	18 12PM Online Prayer Service 6:00PM Bible & Brew	19	20	21	22 9:30AM TGIF Coffee NO Prayer Svc	23
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24 10AM Worship <i>Day of Pentecost</i> <i>Tripi Flowers</i>	 <p><i>Building closed</i></p>	26 12PM Online Prayer Service 6:00PM Supper Club @ Woodcock Bros	27	28	29	30 
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31 10AM Worship  Confirmation Day Trinity Sunday	Reservations for the RIVERSIDE WORKER'S SPRING LUNCHEON will be taken on the following Sundays: May 17th May 24th May 31st 					

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Return Service Requested

