

Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Elaine Gordon—Nov. 4
Buddie Bannon—Nov. 10
Marie Brooks—Nov. 28

Coming up in December:
Bob Rivers—Dec. 1
William Moore—Dec. 12



WISHING YOU
A HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

Did we miss anyone? If you are a “Senior” Member over age 55 and wish to be included on the birthday list, please call the church office at 610-856-7242.

PARISH REGISTER:

Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism)
October 30—Vincent Moore

Congratulations Vincent!

Do we have your **EMAIL ADDRESS**? If not, please send it to ddemarco@dejazzd.com with your name in the subject.

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NOVEMBER 2016

The Parish Digest

From the Pastor:

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¹ Praise the LORD, all you nations!
Extol him, all you peoples!
² For great is his steadfast love towards us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.

Praise the LORD!

-Psalm 117

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

-2 Corinthians 9:10-12

“It ain't cool being no Jive Turkey so close to Thanksgiving!”

or

You can never be too Thank-Full.

Last year I had done some research on the American holiday of Thanksgiving in order to give a special presentation to our very own Robeson Robins senior group. What I discovered in my research was that there are in fact several variations as to the actual origin story of the first celebration of Thanksgiving.

Some say the first Thanksgiving took place in San Elizario, Texas in 1598 (some 23 years before the Pilgrims arrived), while others suggest that it took place (cont. on page 4)

A mailbox is located outside the church office for anyone who has written information for staff, chairpersons, preschool, or other leaders.

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Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

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Karen Kercher



RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES:

HELP YOUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY:

Please bring in your used **ink cartridges** (any kind) and we will recycle them at Staples earning \$2 each for the church.

Cell phones, eyeglasses, and hearing aid batteries also continue to be collected for local ministries.

Paper Recycling Bins are located at the rear of Hoefffer Hall to accept your **newspaper, magazines, office paper, “junk” mail, and now phonebooks and cardboard (must be smashed flat).** Please no plastic; take your paper out of the plastic bags before you throw it in the bin. Thanks for your help!

OUR ONGOING FUNDRAISER:

REDNER'S RECEIPTS. We continue to collect Redner's receipts as an ongoing fundraiser. Marion would like to thank everyone who participates and remind you to always use your gas card when making a purchase at Redners. **Receipts without the gas card number printed on them are invalid and will not be accepted by the store.**

UPDATE ON CARDS: As most of you probably know, Redner's has changed their cards, so it is very important that you get your new one immediately, You will need to show them your old card to get the new one; or if you don't yet have one just ask for a card—it's free!

COMMUNITY NEWS:

BREAKFASTS: Geigertown Fire Company—First Sunday; Brecknock Fire Company—Second Sunday; Joanna Furnace—Third Saturday, 7-11 a.m.

FROM OUR MAILBOX:

(sorry, this was overlooked in the last Digest)
August 15, 2016

To our dear friends and neighbors at Robeson Lutheran,
Please allow us to express our deepest thanks to all of you for
so generously and unquestioningly allowing us to use your
facilities in order that we could keep our commitment to Family
Promise this year.

As you know, we were anticipating a ground-breaking during
the scheduled Family Promise weeks and did not want to risk
subjecting the families to any further stress than that which
they are already under should we have had to change the venue
midstream.

How comforting it is to know you are always there, supporting
us not just with your attitude of helpfulness, but your material
generosity as well.

It is encouraging to us to know you are our partners no matter
what the occasion, but in this instance, you were indispensable
to the effort.

I hope you will convey our sincerest thanks to your congregation!

Carol Nygard, President
St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Benedict Conference
2020 Chestnut Hill Road, Mohnton PA 19540

(We in turn thank the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Benedict Roman Catholic Church for the very generous donation of \$500 which was sent to our church with this kind letter of thanks.)

NOVEMBER SERVICES & EVENTS

NOVEMBER 6—**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**—**7:45 & 10:15 a.m.**
HOLY COMMUNION; 9:00 SCS



Each year the church remembers with thanksgiving the lives and witness of those believers who have gone on ahead of us to be in the Church Triumphant. We especially give thanks for those members who have died since the 1st of November, 2015 and will light a candle and mention them in our prayers on this day.

NOVEMBER 13—**7:45 & 10:15 HOLY COMMUNION**
9:00 SCS

Veterans will be recognized at both services; Those who would like, are encouraged to wear their uniforms to the service.

NOVEMBER 20—**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**—
7:45 & 10:15 Worship; 9:00 SCS



A Service of Thanksgiving NOVEMBER 23—**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE, 7:00 p.m.** The service will be held here at Robeson Lutheran Church; Pastor Michael will lead the service and Father Phil will preach. A fellowship hour will follow the service. Please plan to attend and worship with our friends at St. Benedict's.

NOVEMBER 27—**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Praise Service at 7:45 & 10:15; 9:00 SCS
Joyful Noise offering for Berks Women in Crisis



EVENTS: *(please see special articles with details about events)*

November 2—**Wednesday Community Night** featuring **Jennifer Brooks “Animals of the Night”** and **Kate Harms, “Bat Lady”**; meal at 6:00 followed by the program at 6:45-7:30 p.m.

November 5—**Annual Bazaar**, 8-2.

on December 4, 1619 at Berkeley Plantation in Virginia. Most of us are familiar with the 1621 version at Plymouth, Massachusetts, yet even so there are at least two more stories that claim Thanksgiving has its roots in events that transpired either in 1623 or 1637.

While history may provide no absolute certainty about the true roots of the Holiday, nevertheless there is always good reason for us as Christians to celebrate a day of Thanksgiving for the many blessings we have in our lives. After all, everything we have, everything that we are, all of it is a gift; a freely given, love-filled, generous, and wondrous gift from our God and creator. In that respect, every day should be a day of Thanksgiving for us.

To that end I wanted to offer up some suggestions as to how we as God's people may seek to celebrate every day as the true Thanksgiving day that it is.

1. Look to begin each day in prayer and contemplation. Take an extra moment in the morning to offer a prayer of Thanksgiving to God for everything that brings joy and meaning to your life. Give thanks to God for family, for shelter, for food, for health, and wherever such things may be lacking in your life, give thanks for those who are there to care and provide for you.
2. Look for opportunities to serve your local community; volunteer for activities that bring hope or education to people in need, take time to support your local food bank or homeless shelter, or work with an organization that fights poverty or social injustice.
3. Make time for worship amongst a community of believers. The go-it-alone model of Christianity is a modern invention of our own hyper-individualistic culture. God's presence in the midst of a community of believers is a biblical promise (Matthew 18:20) and there is strength and support to be had in fellowship.
4. Be a good steward of your time, talents, and treasure. Support the ministry of Robeson through active involvement in worship, in activities, and in roles of leadership. Use whatever gifts God has blessed you with to enliven our



MINISTRIES AVAILABLE TO OUR SENIORS, SHUT-INS, SICK, ETC.:

CD Ministry—CD's of the weekly services are being mailed out to all those senior, sick or and shut-in members who cannot attend church services.

Large Print Devotionals—these are the same as our small, daily devotionals but have larger print for those needing it.

Prayer Shawls—These are available for sick, hospitalized, shut-in or senior members who would like one. They are very comforting to those who have received them. Recipients do not need to be a member of Robeson so please take them for others who would like them.

Robeson Hammers—Helping members in need with minor repairs at home, mainly small projects that would make their homes safer or more comfortable.

Home Visits—Our visitation team now trained to bring Holy Communion is visiting a number of our seniors and shut-ins and would be more than happy to visit others if invited. It is our hope to visit with and bring Holy Communion to each shut-in and homebound member of Robeson up to 6 times a year. If you would like a visit, and have not yet been visited by a member of our team, please feel free to contact Pastor Michael or call the church office 610-856-7242.)

If you have a need or request for any of the above ministries, please call the church office and we will be happy to help you.

The **Berks County Area Agency on Aging** is available to help you over the phone. Please call their office at 610-478-6500 and a staff member will be able to explain available services, answer questions and provide information on programs and community resources for you, family members or anyone you know who is 60 years of age and older. Please don't hesitate to give them a call.

Men's Group

MEN'S
BREAKFAST



The men of Robeson Lutheran Church continue to meet for breakfast and fellowship on the second Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. here in our own Hoeffer Hall. This is a great opportunity to get to know your brothers in Christ and learn more about your faith through brief bible study and mutual conversation. Come and see how the men of Robeson live out their discipleship. The next

Men's Breakfast is scheduled for **November 12 at 7:30 a.m. in Hoeffer Hall.**

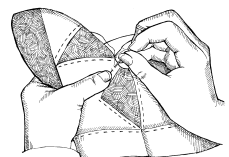
Robeson Robins Senior Group

The Robeson Robins will be meeting on November 15 at noon for lunch followed by a program by Banjo Bob Balthaser. Please bring a covered dish to share and plan to stay for the entertainment following lunch around 1:00 p.m. You won't want to miss this month's fun so please invite your friends and neighbors to this entertaining program, all are welcome!

If you are 55 or over and able to attend Tuesday meetings/trips once a month please consider joining the group. Lots of effort goes into planning events and the Robins would love to have more people participate. Please call Billie at 610-401-8496 if you would like more information about the Robeson Robins.



QUILT TILL YOU WILT every first Saturday of the month from 9-2. If you like to "quilt" which includes cutting, sewing, and knotting, then maybe Quilt Till You Wilt is for you. More sewers, quilters, knotters are needed. If you would like to try this art, please feel free to join the group on the first Saturday or call Cindy Stewart for more information (610-856-7041).



QUILTING GROUP

worship, to edify the body, and to uplift the heavy-hearted. Be generous with your giving so that we may continue to grow our ministries so that more lives can be changed and saved as we reach out into the community and the world.

May all that we say and do, on a daily basis, be a reflection of our gratefulness and thanksgiving for all the many wondrous things our God has done for us and through us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Your brother in Christ,
PASTOR MICHAEL

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

New Study Begins - November 6

The adult Sunday School class will begin a study of a new publication "Together By Grace: Introducing the Lutherans" in November. This is a resource which tells who Lutherans are, what they believe and where they are going in today's world. The class is intended for life-long Lutherans, people new to the faith or those who want to know what the Lutheran faith is all about. Everyone is welcome. The more people we have the greater the exchange of ideas and thoughts that can be shared.

The class meets in the old parlor on the upper level of the education building the last room on the right. Learning is a life-long event so why not join the group and expand or refresh your knowledge of the Lutheran faith.



ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Where are the children on Sunday mornings? We have yet to have more than a few students in the combined groups of Kindergarten – 6th grade Sunday School. It is the job of the Christian Ed. committee to provide instruction in the Christian faith to our youth to help them grow in faith and knowledge. However, we need the support of the parents who agreed at Baptism “to bring them to the word of God and the holy supper and nurture them in faith and prayer”. I know that there are many things that pull us in many directions every day of the week. However, sometimes we have to make the decision that we can give one to two hours of time to our Lord per week. Weekly worship is almost a thing of the past, but it is my hope that children can attend Sunday School and worship a few times per month. Children grow up quickly and the chance to have them in classes that help with their spiritual growth quickly become memories of “oh, I should have done that, but there was no time”. If anyone has a suggestion for a new approach to Christian Education for our children I would be happy to sit down and discuss it with you. My email is screed@dejazzd.com. Or you can call me at the church office 610-856-7242. Let's do it for our children's sake. God loves each one of them and has claimed them for his own. May you be willing to help them find time to grow in the love and service of their Lord.

Sue Creed

THIS AND THAT AT ROBESON LUTHERAN:



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! We have posted volunteer sheets on the bulletin board in the new foyer. If you are willing to help during any of the worship services please sign up on this board. There are lists for acolytes, lectors, ushers, greeters, sound technicians, worship assistants, and communion servers. We appreciate and need our volunteers!

ALTAR GUILD: Altar care volunteers are still needed for 2016 and 2017. If you are willing to serve on altar care for a month with at least one other volunteer please call Marion Kachel (610-856-1683) or the church office.

REMINDERS:

Committee reports are due in the church office on the first Thursday of the month for the council meeting which will be held on the 2nd Thursday.

All Property concerns and requests should be brought to the attention of Dale Creed or the church office. Please do not take concerns directly to the Property Committee. Thanks for your help with this.

PARISH DIGEST DEADLINE: Articles for the December/January newsletter are due in the office by November 28.

ALTAR FLOWERS and BULLETIN SPONSORS: Please check with Linell in the church office for any openings. Reminder: Altar flowers cost is \$33 and bulletins are \$25.

IMPORTANT:

- Any group or individual sponsoring special projects, collections, etc. please contact Bill Haney (Social Ministry) for coordination purposes and Debbie at the church office for advertising these events and projects.
- Any committee or group that has events etc. to advertise in the area papers should please copy to Linell at lmrm52@aol.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income for September:	\$15,206.46
Other Income:	\$ 1,296.28 (in/out)
Checks issued for September:	\$ 18,751.68
Returned deposit item	100.00
Checking balance brought forth:	\$ 2,445.97
Checking balance as of 9/30/16	\$ 97.03

Unpaid Bills: Synod \$656. WBMD \$250. I/O \$833.28
Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

Special funds received in September	\$ 590.00
OUTFLOW:	
Well pump at Parsonage	\$2,867.30
Floor mats	\$ 371.28
Checking Account balance 9/30/16	\$28,488.29

-Kay Good, Treas. Spec. Funds



**An important
announcement about
E-giving!**

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR E-GIVING. We would like to remind those who are using E-giving to please go to the site and check your number of donations. Some members have noticed that their giving had stopped due to their number of donations having been reached. You now have the option to enter 999 to keep your giving going indefinitely until you choose to stop giving. E-giving is an ongoing service offered here at Robeson Lutheran. You can sign up on our church website at **www.robesonlutheranchurch.org** and look for the **“Donate Now” button**. Thank you for considering this giving opportunity.

Thank you for considering this giving opportunity that allows you to be good stewards of God's gifts even when you are unable to attend services.



THE SENIOR YOUTH GROUP is holding the following fundraisers to help cover their costs to attend the 2018 national youth event in Houston, Texas. Contact Tyler at twern9@gmail.com to support fundraisers or with any questions.

- **Sandwich Tickets:** The youth have restocked sandwich tickets and are ready for new and old customers to purchase some to be used for the delicious hoagies at Weaver's Orchard. Cost is \$5 and they never expire! See Tyler Werner or stop by the church office during the Week to purchase tickets.
- **Sheetz coupon books**, \$10 each. These are good for 3 years. They are available from Tyler. They make nice gifts for graduates, dance teachers, music teachers, traveling friends, etc. Please check out the books and support the youth. Coupons for a fancy coffee and an M-T-O sandwich pay for the book; the rest of the coupons provide the bonus.
- **Giant gift cards**—Do you do your grocery shopping at Giant or would you like to start doing so? If your answer to this question is yes then this is the fundraiser for you! The youth group is selling Giant gift cards that you can use to buy your groceries (or give as gifts to others) and they will receive 5%. If only 10 members purchased \$100 worth of gift cards each week, we would receive \$50 a week or \$2,500 each year—free and clear profit! There is no extra money from your pocket. Please sign up with Tyler or call the church office to purchase cards. Thanks to those who purchased cards and already raised \$150 for the youth group. Contact Tyler at twern9@gmail.com for more information. Thank you!



YOUTH CALENDAR:

Laser Tag for all Ages—November 12, 1-3 p.m. We are again asking you to please RSVP to Tyler if you plan to attend. Call the church office at 610-856-7242 or email

Tyler at twern9@gmail.com.

Youth Activity Day—November 26, noon to 10 p.m.

Details to follow.

MUSIC NOTES:

Cantata practice has started! The cantata is called “The Promise of a King” (A Christmas proclamation of hope.) It is written by Lloyd Larson and Joseph M. Martin. The cantata will be performed on Sunday, December 18th at 10:15 a.m. This will be the only service that day. We welcome anyone who likes to sing and give of their talent.

Sing from your heart,
Louise Wilson, Minister of Music



SIGN CHANGER NEEDED: We are still looking for someone to volunteer to fill this position. The sign is heavy so a strong man or woman would be best for this job. The sign is normally changed once a week at your convenience. If you think you might be interested or would like more information please see Pastor Michael, Dale, or call the church office.

LAST MINUTE REMINDER: The Volunteer Brunch will be held for everyone on Sunday, October 30 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us at this meal catered by Mandy and Dave Hinkel.

LEAVING A LEGACY THAT GOES BEYOND DEATH

When we recall the names of the faithful who have died, our minds are often filled with precious memories. In our thoughts we are reminded that we are their legacy, that is to say, much of what we have – in both material and non-material things – has been handed down to us from them. But what will we hand down to those who follow? How will we be remembered by those who come after us? Will we leave more than an empty spot in a pew?

As you plan for the distribution of your assets at your death, please consider a charitable bequest to Robeson Lutheran Church. This is one way your faith can be transferred to the next generation. This, and other types of planned gifts, can undergird our congregation’s ministry in perpetuity, providing resources that will allow future generations of Christians to worship, serve others, and continue the vital ministries of this church.

If you have questions about planned giving, you can talk to your personal financial advisor or speak to our congregational Thrivent representative John Lauer at his Morgantown office (610)-286-5986.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Our thanks to those members/friends of the congregation who have designated Robeson Lutheran Church as the charity of choice for their Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you have received a letter from Thrivent indicating that you are eligible for this plan, please consider our congregation as you help direct Thrivent Financial’s charitable funds. The contributions to Robeson Lutheran for the month of September totaled \$25.00. Thanks to Claire Sniegowski for making this possible.

Robeson Lutheran Church Angel Tree



This year's Angel Tree Project will be collecting presents, money gift cards, and stockings for needy children at Twin Valley Elementary Schools through contact with staff at the schools. We

are supporting needy children and their parents to allow them to have a special Christmas not available without your support and generosity.

Beginning Sundays in November, the Angel tree will be decorated with gift ideas given to us by the children and school staff. You can help by selecting one or more **gift cards** to provide wrapped presents, money gift cards, and stuffed stockings for local families during this Christmas Season.

Money gift cards are needed allowing families to purchase needed meal supplies and/or holiday gifts at local stores. Any gift card amount will be greatly appreciated.

Stockings for children will be available on the table with a suggested list of "stocking stuffer items."

Please fill out the necessary information found on the Angel Tree Table in the new foyer when taking gift cards, stockings or providing money gifts cards.

All gifts must be returned by Sun., December 11th to allow delivery to the school before Christmas break.

WED. COMMUNITY NIGHT at Robeson Lutheran Church & Preschool Presents Jennifer Brooks and "Animals of the Night" along with Kate Harms, "Bat Lady" Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

6:00 Family Friendly Meal

6:45 Program: **Jennifer Brooks "Animals of the Night" and Kate Harms, "Bat Lady"**

"Animals of the Night" You may not see them often, but nocturnal animals live all around us! Skunks, raccoons, owls



and bats are just some of the local critters that become busiest at night. Join Jennifer Brooks, Environmental Education Program Manager with the Berks County Parks Department, as we look into the special adaptations that make these animals of the night so incredible! This natural

science program is filled with hands-on activities, games and stories.

Examine mounted specimens, bones and more! Designed especially for children ages 3 through 8. A parent should accompany preschoolers.

Kate Harms, of the Rodale Institute, will discuss the anatomy and behaviors of bats, how scientists study an elusive and nocturnal animal, where they like to live, how you can help build habitat for them, why we need them, and most importantly why they need our help. There will be a short video clip of bats and Kate's research equipment to display echolocation calls and talk about how scientists study them using acoustic equipment to hear and record their ultrasonic echolocation calls. Older children (age 9 and up) and adults will be enlightened on this very misunderstood creature that is vital to our ecosystem.



A free will offering will be taken for future community programs. Please RSVP for this event on page 13 or by calling the church office (610-856-7242).

Wednesday Community Night—November 2, 2016

RESERVATION FORM needed for Meal Preparation

_____ Number Attending Meal: _____ adults; _____ children

_____ Will bring a dessert

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return form to the church office by October 30 if possible.

Mark your calendar: Preschool and church staff are busy planning Wednesday Community Night on December 7.

Watch future bulletins for more information.

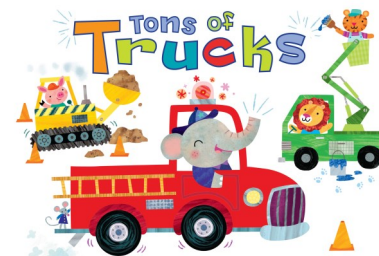


ROBESON FAMILY AND FRIENDS GAME NIGHT: Our next game night will be held on Friday, November 11 from 6-8 p.m. These evenings of fun and games have been enjoyed by those who have been coming and new

people are always appreciated! Everyone is welcome however, an adult must accompany children under age 12. Bring your family, bring a guest, bring a snack to share, bring your favorite game to play, or just bring yourself!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING:

ROBESON'S THIRD ANNUAL TRUCKS FOR MADDOX:



After tragically losing their beloved son Maddox in a terrible accident at the Pittsburgh Zoo, the family made a simple request in his obituary: "In lieu of flowers, the family requests everyone bring a toy construction truck to be donated to a children's charity." This idea was based on Maddox's love of construction trucks and his passion to share. This simple request prompted an unexpected and incredibly overwhelming, outpouring of support that inadvertently transformed into a Non-Profit Organization-Trucks For Maddox Charitable Trust. The primary goal is to bring smiles to disadvantaged children by gifting new toy construction trucks through multiple charities on an annual basis. It is the desire of Maddox's family to continue this cause while honoring him and keeping his vivacious spirit alive.

One of our members, Susan Rhode, who is also a close friend of Maddox's family, will again coordinate the collection at Robeson. A kick-off was held on Sunday, October 23 and the Joyful Noise offering on that date was designated for Trucks for Maddox. \$147.21 was collected. For those who wish to purchase a new, unopened truck for this charity, a donation box is available in the new foyer now through the end of November. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 610-856-7242 or Susan at 267-446-9576.

BOOK FAIR

Our church is having a Book Fair!

Looking for that perfect Christmas gift for your kids or grandkids? Stop by our Book Fair and shop award-winning Bibles, books, and videos for babies to twelve-year-olds. Save up to 40% PLUS free shipping on all Book Fair titles.

Stop by the New Foyer at Robeson Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 23 through Sunday, November 6 between 9-12 on Sundays, and 9-4 Monday through Thursday, to get faith-filled books and videos for your kids.

Our Book Fair, sponsored by Sparkhouse Family, will feature a wide variety of new resources based on the beloved Spark Story Bible, including a family devotional, a collection of prayers for kids based on the Psalms, a picture book about Noah's Ark, the first-ever animated Spark video (starring Squiggles the caterpillar!), and a new line of Spark Play and Learn Books to help make family faith formation easy and fun. Other noteworthy titles included in the upcoming Book Fair are a new Christmas picture book from the Frolic series and a gorgeous Advent pop-up book that will make a delightful gift.

Each book and video is designed to help parents instill an open-hearted, transformational, lifelong Christian faith in their children at every age and stage.



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

November 5
7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
at Robeson Lutheran
Church

We have Crafts, White Elephant items,
Baked goods, Raffle Baskets, Gifts,
Children's Shopping Area, Babysitting

Breakfast and Lunch available

Please support our annual bazaar which is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We are still looking for a few donations, and if you haven't signed up to help, would you consider baking or bringing an item for the kitchen such as rolls etc.? Please call the church office for more information (610-856-7242) or email ddemarco@dejazzd.com. White elephant items will be accepted through Wednesday, November 3. Thanks for your help!!

This fundraiser is being supported by a Thrivent Action Team.

BILL MOORE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON



Bill's family would like to invite you to his 100th Birthday Luncheon to be held on Sunday, December 18th following the 10:15 church service. This is a VERY special event, and they would like to have a VERY special celebration for him. It's not every day that someone is 100 years old!

Because Bill is a proud veteran and is concerned about other veterans, we are asking that people consider bringing an item to his party that can be given to the Birdsboro VFW. They collect items year round for veterans and are in need of socks, gloves, sweat suits, and coats for the winter months (used items in good condition are also appreciated).

Also, we would like to invite guests to share short stories of memories they have of Bill – can certainly include Grace and can be serious and/or comical. We will have a microphone set up so Bill will be able to hear all the stories.

In order to plan for the amount of food needed for the luncheon, his family must have reservations made by December 5th. **All are invited but reservations are needed. Please call Lucille Freeman at 610-856-7349 or use the form below.** If there is no answer, please leave a message with your name and the number of people attending. Hope to see you at the party!

Bill Moore's 100th Birthday Party

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Phone number: _____

Please send reservation to Lucille Freeman at 612 Kurtz Mill Road, Mohnton, PA 19540 by December 1 (or drop off at the church office and we will see that Lucille receives it.)

BILL MOORE'S BIRTHDAY (continued)

If you are unable to attend Bill's party but would still like to send him a card, his address is:

William J. Moore
Country Meadows—Building 1—#33
1800 Tulpehocken Road
Wyomissing, PA 19610



December 11
following the 10:15 service to approve the 2017 budget and elect new council members; copies of the budget will be available at the church during the week prior to the meeting; please call if you would like one mailed to you.

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:



As you shop for your Thanksgiving turkey and all the trimmings perhaps you would be willing to buy an item or two for our local pantry at St. Benedict's R.C. Church. The Pantry is in great need of nonperishable food and any donations will be greatly appreciated. Below is a suggested list of items always needed and appreciated. Thank you.

Canned meats – tuna, chicken, meatballs	Peanut butter
Beef Stew and chunky soups	Rice and Pasta
Boxed cereals – low-sugar please such as Cheerios, Chex, Cornflakes, Raisin Bran	Apple Juice
Macaroni & Cheese	
Spaghetti Sauce	