

## Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Russell McVaugh—March 3  
 Louise Styer—March 13  
 Bud Bowman—March 18  
 Art Gordon—March 19  
 Joe Smith—March 19  
 Lois Beam—March 20  
 Mim Spence—March 30

### Coming up in April:

Charlotte O'Neill—April 5  
 Henry Smith—April 17  
 Ethel Mason—April 27  
 Dale Creed—April 30

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:

### FUNERAL:

2/21/17 - Raymond L. Keinard, 75. Interment in Robeson Cemetery.

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



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## The Parish Digest

### From the Pastor:

*<sup>22</sup>While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' <sup>23</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. <sup>24</sup>He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'* (Mark 14:22-25)

**How Shall I Approach the Lord's Table?**  
 Or  
**It's a Time to Weep, and a Time to Laugh; a Time to Mourn, and a Time to Dance.**

When you come up to receive Holy Communion, what is it that goes through your mind: As you approach the altar? As you kneel or stand at the railing? As you receive the elements? As you consider the words, "given for you."? As you partake of the elements? As you depart from the altar?

Growing up in the church, I feel like in my early years I learned to approach Holy Communion almost as if it were a funeral service. I remember that it seemed to be such a serious event; people were always very quiet or they spoke in hushed tones as they slowly approached the altar and the communion rail, the organist would be softly playing some hymn as we received the elements with an "Amen" on our lips and our heads (continued on p. 4)

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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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**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**presents Albright Angels and Mane Men,**

a cappella ensembles from Albright College, performing a variety of styles from Renaissance to the present. Saturday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 527 Washington Street, Reading PA 19601. Free parking on the church lot. A free will offering will be received.

Talking to Your Son About Growing Up—Tuesday, April 18, 6-8 p.m. at Crowne Plaza, Papermill Road, Wyomissing. Reading Health System invites you to **BOYS TO MEN**, a special event designed for boys 9 to 13 years of age and a parent or caregiver. Boys to Men provided a venue for parents, caregivers, and sons to learn about the physical and emotional changes that occur in the male body during puberty. This program offers age-appropriate information to prepare young boys for what lies ahead. Presenter: Lee Radosh, MD. Registration required, call 484-628-4357.

**Flag Retirement—Bring your old flags**

On April 15th, 10:00 till noon, Excelsior Royal Arch Chapter #237, Reading Commandery #9 Knights Templar, the Boy Scouts and veterans groups will host a dignified flag retirement ceremony for damaged or soiled US flags. It will be held at the Masonic Center, behind the Reading Hospital, GPS location 300 South 7th Avenue, West Reading PA.

Please attend, or give flags needing retirement to Mike Wisniewski for proper disposal (flags can be dropped off at the church for pick up by Mike). The ceremony is open to all.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Twin Valley High School presents “**42nd Street**” on the weekend of April 7-9, with a senior citizens performance on Wednesday, April 5 by reservation only. The breakfast will begin at 7:45 a.m. followed by the performance at 9:15 a.m. Cost is only \$5 which includes breakfast and show. Tickets must be preordered on a first come basis by emailing or calling Mrs. Weaver at [nweaver@tvsd.org](mailto:nweaver@tvsd.org) or 484-336-9173.

### Free Walking Program at Nolde Forest:

**Stretch and Stroll**, Tuesdays March 14, 21, 28 & April 4, 11 & 18 from 10-11 a.m. Join a Nolde educator for some light stretching indoors and out, followed by an easy stroll on the more level forest trails. Please call Rachel at 610-796-3699, or email [noldeforestsp@pa.gov](mailto:noldeforestsp@pa.gov) with your name, phone number, and email to register for Stretch and Stroll.

### Zerbe Nursing Center needs your help!

The residents at the Zerbe Nursing Center are very busy doing many activities. We need volunteers to assist our residents with fun activities. No pushing wheelchairs or lifting, only fun and easy volunteering! Come as often as you like or just once in a while, it's up to you. Your rewards will be smiles, friendships, and many blessings. Please call Cheryl or Ilsa at 717-445-8734 to help with:

**Bingo**—Monday and Friday, 2-3 p.m. Help with number recognition, placing chips on cards, and to holler “bingo.”

**Servers**—help serve up cake and other goodies at monthly birthday parties and other special parties. Birthday parties are the second Thursday of the month from 2-3 p.m.

**Friendly Visitors**—come visit a resident and make new friends. Come at your convenience to talk, read, or play games.

## MARCH SERVICES

### MARCH 1—**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

3:00 & 7:00 p.m. Optional imposition of ashes

**Ashes:** On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In Old Testament days, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. The speaking of Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

MARCH 5—7:45 & 10:15 **Holy Communion**; 9:00 SCS

MARCH 12—7:45 & 10:15 **Holy Communion**; 9:00 SCS

MARCH 19—7:45 & 10:15 Worship; 9:00 SCS

MARCH 26—7:45 & 10:15 Praise Service; 9:00 SCS

Joyful Noise offering for Habitat for Humanity

**LENTEN SERVICES:** Beginning March 8, Lenten Supper in Hoeffler Hall (**please bring a dessert to share**) followed by the Lenten Service in the sanctuary focusing on Luther's Small Catechism as listed.

March 8: 6:00 p.m. – Supper provided by Outreach & Staff

7:00 p.m. – The Ten Commandments

March 15: 6:00 p.m. – Supper provided by Music Dept.

7:00 p.m. – The Apostle's Creed

March 22: 6:00 p.m. – Supper provided by Social Ministry & Youth

7:00 p.m. – The Lord's Prayer

March 29: 6:00 p.m. – Supper provided by Finance & Property

7:00 p.m. – Baptism

April 5: 6:00 p.m. – Supper provided by Christ. Ed. & SCS staff

7:00 p.m. – Holy Communion

bowed down, and then, after we partook of the meal and were dismissed, we would make our way back to our pews and spend that time in sullen silence until everyone else was communed.

It's funny to me that, as I write this now and am thinking back, there is this sudden realization of the great dissonance between having such a somber moment immediately followed by a joyous tune whereby, when Holy Communion was done, we all rose out of our pews and joyfully proclaimed in loud song, "Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done..."

Truly, it wasn't until I went to seminary that I learned that the sacrament of Holy Communion could be approached with a different tone. That is, one of joyous celebration.

Now, to be fair, there is nothing wrong with approaching the Lord's Supper in a somber and solemn way; after all, it is an event that has a historical context of betrayal and the approaching crucifixion of Jesus, it is a "Last Supper", and it is a story of willing sacrifice made for the sake of God's people.

Yet even so, Holy Communion is also so much more than that, for it is also a moment of divine contact, a time in which we receive the very presence of Jesus the Christ in, with, and under the elements (in Lutheran-speak). It is also a moment where we are mystically joined with all the saints; the congregation we share fellowship with, our fellow Christians throughout the world, and the many faithful loved ones who have gone before us.

That said, I would suggest that it is equally appropriate to approach the altar with a spirit of great joy and celebration, even doing so with smile on our faces and gladness in our hearts, because we have the gift of fellowship with other believers and, even better, we have the expectation to partake of the very presence of God's.

Now I don't write this with the intention of telling you what you should think or how you should feel as you come to partake of God's Holy Meal. Instead, what I would offer to you would be to reflect upon the many different facets and



#### 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 Hoeffler 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!

Please note, we no longer are collecting clothing for Steeple to People. We encourage you to continue to donate your good, used clothing to Steeple to People in Honey Brook or the Reusit Shop or Goodwill in Morgantown. Thank you!

#### **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.



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.

aspects of Holy Communion, so that;

You may feel inspired to approach God's table as the Holy Spirit moves you, whether it is with fear and trembling or with joyous anticipation.

You may appreciate and understand that your brother or sister in Christ may approach God's table in a very different way, depending on how the Holy Spirit is working in them.

You may recognize in Holy Communion (as it is with all things in the Christian faith) that there is both a deeply personal and a deeply communal opportunity to be experienced in such a sacred moment.

In the end, Holy Communion is a gift from God to us, and although our hearts and minds may be in different places as we approach the altar, nevertheless, the fact remains that we all stand on common ground when it comes to the Lord's great love for each and every one of us. With such Good news, it is no wonder why we proudly "Thank the Lord and sing His praise..."

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Michael

**NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IN 2017!**

Photographers will be here March 23-25 (Thursday-Sunday)

Each individual or family photographed will receive a free 8X10 photo and a free directory with no obligation. Photographs will be taken on March 23-26. Pets and meaningful objects (like your favorite guitar) can be included in your photo. You will be contacted by Judy Mountz (717) 445-6130 or Marion Kachel (610) 856-1683 to schedule an appointment to have your photo taken.

Shut-ins and those living far from the church have the option of sending in a photo (cost is \$10; Shut-in cost to be paid by the church) and having their photo included and receiving a directory.

We thank the Outreach Committee for coordinating this project.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL class will be using a study produced by ELCA World Hunger that looks at economic justice and faith. This has ties to both Scripture and our Lutheran Heritage. Martin Luther was very concerned for economic justice and how it affects the poor. So, since this is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, this is very apropos to be looking at this study and Luther's concern. The class will begin **March 5 during the Sunday School** hour (9:00a.m. – 10:00) and continue through April 2. The group meets in the last room on the right in the upstairs hallway of the Christian Ed. building. ALL ARE WELCOME!

CHILDREN'S BOOKFAIR: **MARCH 19 – APRIL 2** – This will be set up in the new foyer and books can be ordered any time throughout the two weeks. There is a nice selection of books and a benefit is that most books are up to 50% off. Books are always a nice gift, but especially at Easter. They can take the place of candy and continue to be enjoyed for many years to come.

**APRIL 9 (Palm Sunday)** John Lauer will conduct a Thrivent information presentation on Thrivent Action Teams. There will be information on what is involved in setting up an Action Team, What can BE Used as an Action Event, Who Can Do This, etc. If you are a current member of Thrivent, an associate member or are considering becoming a member please plan to join us **from 9:00 – 10:00 in the old parlor** to learn more about this opportunity. Please RSVP to Sue Creed [screed@dejazzd.com](mailto:screed@dejazzd.com) by April 2 if you plan to attend.

**JUNE 12 – 16 & 18 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – This year's VBS will be held in early June. The time will be 9:00 – Noon, followed by some type of Activity Camp from 12:30 – 2:00. Please note these dates on your calendar and spread the word to family and friends. Children 3 years old (potty trained) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend.

## Men's Group



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 **March 11 at 7:30 a.m. in Hoeffer Hall.**

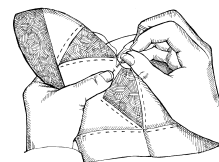
## Robeson Robins Senior Group

The Robeson Robins will be meeting on March 21 at noon for lunch followed by a program presented by Candy Lady Maria Harvey. All are welcome!



The April meeting will be breakfast and the Twin Valley play, "42nd Street" on April 5th. Reservations are due no later than March 14th. Please see Billie. If you are 55 or over and able to attend Tuesday meetings/trips once a month please consider joining the group. 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, (no experience necessary) 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

**DID YOU KNOW?** We have wheelchairs, potty chairs, shower chairs, canes, crutches, and walkers to loan out to anyone who might need one for a time.

### 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 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 April newsletter are due in the office by March 15.

**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](mailto:lmrm52@aol.com).



**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** “Free Indeed” are located on the tables in the narthex and the entrance/exit to the sanctuary from the old foyer. This devotional focuses on Luther’s Small Catechism in observance of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Please help yourself!

### **IMPORTANT CHANGE: Time and Place**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: April 13th at 6:00 p.m. in Hoeffler Hall.**

We will be doing something different this year. Since Maundy Thursday is the day of the Last Supper, we will be having a meal together that evening as part of our Maundy Thursday Service. We will gather in Hoeffler Hall no later than 6 p.m. so we can begin our prayers and meal together. Everyone is asked to please bring a pot luck dish (meats, sides, casseroles, sandwiches, salads, desserts—whatever you choose to share with those attending.) We will remain around the table where we continue the service including the sharing of Holy Communion.





## Soup Sale 2017

The Outreach Committee is holding its Annual Soup Sale on March 19, from 9 to 1. We are asking help from the congregation in making the soups.

We are looking for the following soups: Chili, Chicken Noodle, Chicken Rice, Beef Vegetable, Vegetarian Vegetable, Turkey Vegetable Chowder, Bean, Ham & Bean and Tortellini. We are also looking for whatever your favorite soup is. The greater the variety the better. We are asking for 6 quarts of soup minimum.

Please notify Judy Mountz at 717-445-6130 or Marion Kachel at 610-856-1683 by March 11th if you are interested in making a soup for the sale. We have the quart containers and will be handing them out after church on March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday before the sale, or you can pick them up in the church office that week. We ask that the soup be delivered to the church on Saturday morning before 12 noon on March 18<sup>th</sup>. We will have coolers to keep them in until Sunday.



## BAKE SALE

We are also asking for baked goods to sell along with the soup. Anyone willing to provide baked goods would be greatly appreciated. We also ask that they be delivered on Saturday before the sale.

We will accept orders for the soup. Please use the enclosed order form and include payment with your order. The price is \$7.00 per quart. Order ahead to ensure that you get the soup of your choice.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income for January:	\$ 16,576.53
Other Income:	\$ 813.19(in/out)
Checks issued for January:	\$20,032.90
Checking balance brought forth:	\$ 143.18
Transfer from Special funds	\$ 2,500.00
Checking balance as of 1/31/17	\$ 447.52

### Unpaid Bills:

Synod—\$500.00      World Hunger—\$173.00

WBMD—\$250.00      Disaster—\$254.19

I/O Accounts—\$137.19

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

## SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

Special funds received in January      \$1858.00

Check from Nationwide      \$1270.91

### OUTFLOW:

Projector/Laptop Fund      \$ 805.83

Checking Account balance 1/31/17      \$18,114.76

-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](http://www.robesonlutheranchurch.org)** and look for the **"Donate Now" button.**

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.



### 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. In January we received \$687 thanks to :

Chris Gerace                      Greg Gehman                      John Lauer  
Louise Ziegler

### SOUP ORDER FORM

(pick up **Sunday, March 19**, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.)

\$7.00 per quart

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order the following soup(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ Bean soup

\_\_\_\_\_ Ham and Bean

\_\_\_\_\_ Tortellini

\_\_\_\_\_ Chili

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Noodle

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Rice

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Vegetable

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable Beef

\_\_\_\_\_ Turkey Vegetable Chowder

Total number of quarts ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$7 each)

Come prepared to purchase some delicious desserts as well. Your order is greatly appreciated! See you on the 19th of March!



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](mailto: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.
- **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 continue to purchase cards to support our youth. Contact Tyler at [twern9@gmail.com](mailto:twern9@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you!



ROBESON FAMILY AND FRIENDS GAME NIGHT: Our next game night will be held on Friday, March 10 from 6-8 p.m. Please note that the April game night has been moved to April 7th due to Holy Week.

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!

### Robeson Preschool



#### 2017-2018 Preschool Registration

The preschool registration is now open to the public. Please call the preschool office at 610-856-7613 for more information.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH & APRIL:

**March 4—Youth Laser Tag**—3:30-5:00 p.m. All ages are welcome! A free-will offering will be taken to support the youth group.

**March 12—Bowl-A-Thon** from 1-3 at Berks Lanes. All registered bowlers will meet for lunch and then car pool to the bowling alley.

**April 8—Senior Youth Activity Day**, for all youth in 7-12 grades; friend welcome; 12 –10 p.m.

**Youth Laser Tag** (all ages welcome) 3:30-5:00 p.m.

**April 15—Community Egghunt** sponsored by the Senior Youth Group; 2:00 p.m.

**April 30th—Youth Sunday**