

Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Elaine Gordon—Nov. 4
 Buddie Bannon—Nov. 10
 Mary Muhlenberg—Nov. 17—91st!
 Marie Brooks—Nov. 28
 Peggy Haag—Nov. 30



Coming up in December:

Bob Rivers—Dec. 1
 William Moore—Dec. 12—Every birthday is a special one when you're 102! Please send a card to Bill at :
 Country Meadows
 1800 Tulpehocken Road
 Wyomissing PA 19610

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:

Nothing to report.



Do we have your **EMAIL ADDRESS**? If not, please send it to dde-marco@dejazzd.com with your name in the subject. We are hoping to have as many emails as possible in order to notify our members of any cancelations, send out reminders, and alert you of changes. Your help will be appreciated!

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The Parish Digest



From the Pastor:

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. (Philippians 1:3-5)

A Word of Thanksgiving

On Sunday, October 21st, I was presented with a surprise gift of on behalf of the congregation in honor of my upcoming 15th anniversary of ordination (November 29, 2003).

The gift, a beautiful red and black stole (a colorful sash worn by clergy over the white "gown" or alb) commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, was not only visually stunning; it was also something that immediately touched my heart in the same way that a favorite Hymn sometimes brings an involuntary tear to my eyes.

I suppose it is kind of funny that a stole could hold so much meaning, but the truth is that it is just as much about the giver as it is the gift. That is to say, this stole touches my heart because the people of Robeson touch my heart.

For eight years now I have been pastor at Robeson, and there is not a day that goes by that I do not thank the good Lord for the privilege of being able to serve here.

It is a joy and an honor to be part of the ministry in this congregation, and when I consider the amazing things we have done together over these (continued on page 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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Karen Kercher

Ava Gerace (youth)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Holiday Shopping Extravaganza at the Heritage of Green Hills at 200 Tranquility Lane, Reading, PA 19607, on Sunday, November 11, 11:00-3:00. 35 vendors, refreshments, and free gift wrap.

In Celebration of National Family Caregiver Support Day

Green Hills Manor at the Heritage would like to celebrate a very important person...YOU!!!

Please join us on November 21, 2018 from 2-3:30 p.m. for a time of networking with other caregivers and to learn tips on how to prevent Caregiver Burnout from our guest speaker from Compassus Hospice. Please RSVP to Sally Schnitter at 610-775-1451 or a sschnitter@heritagegh.com by November 13. In appreciation for all you do, all preregistered attendees will receive our Fresh Homemade Apple Crisp to take home.

Knight's of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 here at Robeson Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 11, at 2:00 p.m. Champions in all 6 age groups for both girls and boys divisions (12 champions!) Contact John Coccia at 610-404-0712, email johncoccia3@gmail.com, or just show up at 2:00 on November 11th. Free hot dogs and soda will be served. All champions move on to the District Shoot-off.

COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS:

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



NOVEMBER SERVICES & EVENTS



Every Sunday: Children's SCS is held during the worship services.

Sunday Church School for teens and adults is held at 9:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 4—7:45 & 10:15 a.m.—**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY; Holy Communion**

NOVEMBER 11—7:45 & 10:15 a.m.—**Holy Communion; Baptism (10:15); Pumpkin Pancake breakfast 9:00 a.m.**

NOVEMBER 18—7:45 & 10:15 a.m. **Worship; Baptism (10:15); Reception & fellowship hour at 9:00 a.m. to celebrate Pastor Michael's 15th Anniversary of Ordination.**

NOVEMBER 21—**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE, 7:00 p.m.** The service will be held here at Robeson Lutheran; Father Phil will preach and Pastor Michael will lead the service. Laudate, our worship team, will provide the music. A fellowship hour will follow the service (please bring a food item to share; little sandwiches or barbecue are especially needed but desserts are also appreciated!) Please plan to attend and worship with our friends from St. Benedict's.

NOVEMBER 25—7:45 & 10:15 a.m.—**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY; Holy Communion; Praise Service;** Joyful Noise offering.

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH:

November 11, 9:00 a.m.—Pancake Breakfast—all you can eat for a donation!

November 18, 9:00 a.m.—Reception for Pastor Michael in honor of his 15th anniversary of ordination; please come out and be a part of this milestone celebration and bring a non-perishable food item for our local food pantries.

November 20—Pastor/Comedian Nancy Clark—Everyone is invited to this event! Please come at **12 noon** with a covered dish to share and stay for Pastor Clark's uplifting program.

eight years so far – building projects, community service, outreach events, becoming a Reconciled in Christ Ministry, and so much more, why it is simply incredible!

That being said, in closing, I want to thank each and every one of you; thank you not only for the wonderful gift of the stole, but also for the joy that it is to be pastor among you.

Your brother in Christ,

PASTOR MICHAEL



**“Keep the Light Shining”
Capital Campaign Kickoff**

On Sunday, October 28, 2018, in anticipation of the 250th anniversary of Robeson Evangelical Lutheran Church in 2020, we began the two year journey of our “Keep the Light Shining” Endowment Anniversary Campaign.

It is our great hope that you will support this campaign to help strengthen the congregational endowment that supports the future needs of our church. Each generous and loving gift will sustain the wonderful ministry that this congregation does in the local community, and indeed to the world.

It is not too late to become a part of the campaign! In fact, you can join in and support this campaign at any time within the next two years. All gifts are important and will be greatly appreciated and received with thanksgiving to the glory of God.

Lastly, a reminder - those wishing to support the campaign should mark checks or offering envelopes with the word “Pledge” or, if using our online e-giving service, make gifts out to the “endowment” category.

Thank you for your generous and prayerful support!

(You should have received a letter explaining the “Keep the Light Shining” Capital Campaign and Pledge Card which were mailed out prior to October 28.)

Dear Pastor Michael, Today I made a poor decision which affected a parish that I don't even belong to. This makes the incident even worse in my opinion. I can see the burden this puts upon your shoulders as the pastor of the parish. As an older scout I should have stepped in and said something. I really regret letting this happen. I belong to my own parish and I can imagine the upset and anger I would've felt if this happened to my own. I will totally understand the disappointment this parish might have at not just us few but the entire troop. The parish has been kind in letting our troop have our meetings every Sunday here and all the other things. This is an offense against not just the parish but against the whole of Boy Scouts of America.

Sincerest apologies,

Nicholas Barse

P.S. I am also sorry to the quilt women whose room was destroyed.

Dear Pastor Michael,

Today I made a poor decision that effected the church building in a negative way. I am truly sorry for what I have done, and I hope that you share my apology with the women who quilt in that room. I have learned a lesson that will stay with me my entire life. The lesson is that I have to not only think about my decisions but also how my decisions effect other people and their belongings. I will try to the best of my abilities to never do something so foolish again.

Sincerest apologies,

Pierce Kasting

Note: The repair to the window has been paid by the Scouts and will be fixed as soon as possible.

FILL THE PANTRY!

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for our local pantries in honor of Pastor Michael who will be celebrating his 15th anniversary of ordination at a reception on November 18 at 9 a.m.. Please bring items to the church on this day or any day this month and place them in the shopping cart outside the office. As you shop for your Thanksgiving meal, why not pick up a few foods to help feed the hungry? It will be appreciated.



TRAVEL ANYONE?

Tyler Werner and I went to a White Star Tours travel seminar. There are many possibilities for day trips or overnight trips in 2019 and beyond. **I would like your feedback if interested in taking a bus trip. This is open to our congregation, our families, and our friends.**

Contact Linell in the church office 610-856-7242 or Lmrm52@aol.com.

Here are a few examples to whet your appetite. A day trip to New York City costs \$139 and includes bus transportation, dinner, One World Observation Tower, and entrance into the National 9/11 Memorial Museum. A day trip during the holidays 2019 costs \$189 and includes bus transportation, dinner, and a ticket to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes. An overnight trip to Cape May, New Jersey – 3 days and 2 nights – includes a dolphin watch boat cruise as well as other tours and meals; the cost is \$399. *Christmas Time in Cape May* is the same duration and cost and features holiday tours; it is called *the Gaslight & Gingerbread tour*. A Cape Cod, Massachusetts trip of 5 days and 4 nights includes excursions in Cape Cod, Hyannis Port, Boston, Plymouth, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners, a visit to the Foxwoods Casino, and much more for \$559. There are many more options from other New England tours to Savannah, Georgia. More details will follow.... Plan ahead to take a vacation in 2019!

Pumpkin Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:

Sunday, Nov. 11th @ 9am

All-you-care-to-eat, featuring pumpkin and regular pancakes, pumpkin coffee, bacon, sausage and other breakfast treats - Support the Youth of Robeson and indulge before or after worship!



**Robeson Raptors - Youth of Robeson Lutheran Church
Robeson Lutheran Church & Preschool**

YOUTH FUNDRAISER: The next big fundraiser will be the **PUMPKIN PANCAKE BREAKFAST** on Sunday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m. **All you can eat, for a donation!**

Ongoing Youth Fundraisers: In order to raise funds for youth activities, our senior youth continue to sell:

- **Sandwich Tickets:** \$5 each for a sub of your choice at Weaver's Orchard. Stock up now and use whenever you are hungry for a good hoagie. They never expire!
- **Giant gift cards**—use to buy your groceries at any Giant store. Available in \$25, \$50, or \$100 amounts. Please see Tyler or drop by the church office for purchase.

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

November 16—**Youth Activity Night:** Youth in Grade K and up are invited to come out and join Tyler for an action packed activity in Hoegger Hall. Please RSVP so he knows how many will be coming by emailing Tyler at twern9@gmail.com or by calling the church office and leaving a message for Tyler (610-856-7242).

FROM OUR MAILBOX:

Through the use of a Thrivent Action Team and the enthusiasm of Larry Piet, who volunteers at Shady Hollow regularly, a group of us were able to sand and paint some jumping poles for Shady Hollow Assisted Riding on two evenings in August. We also supplied some needed items on Shady Hollow's wish-list.

Shady Hollow Assisted Riding is a non-profit agency, incorporated in 1998, and provides a supportive equine environment where individuals with physical, cognitive and/or emotional disabilities can experience therapeutic, social and educational rewards.

I would like to thank Larry, Tyler, Ava, Valerie, and Libby and Mary Jo Connelly, for participating in this project with me.

-Carol Gerace

We received the following letters following an unfortunate incident which resulted in a broken window at the church:

Dear Pastor and the congregation of Robeson Lutheran Church,

Our troop apologizes for the window we broke. I am truly sorry for vandalizing the church by throwing soda. Even though I didn't break the window, I realize that I should think about what I do before I make a decision to do such a thing.

I regret what I did and I am sorry for my troop's foolish and stupid decisions to throw carbonated drinks at a church wall. I now realize what I did was wrong and I deeply regret my foolish actions myself. We also apologize for the room we impacted. I will never do such a thing again. I hope nobody from our troop will do it again either.

Most apologies,
Nicholas Grient



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.

PLEASE NOTE: The Paper Recycling Bins located at the rear of Hoeffler Hall have been emptied. We will continue to accept your **newspaper, magazines, office paper, “junk” mail, and cereal type boxes smashed flat.** Please no plastic; take your paper out of the plastic bags before you throw it in the bin. Thanks for your help!

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. Please call the church office (610-856-7242) to make arrangements for pick-up of items.

OUR ONGOING FUNDRAISER:

REDNER'S RECEIPTS. We continue to collect Redner's receipts as an ongoing fundraiser. Keep up the good work and keep saving those tapes; it's a big help for our church! 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. If you don't yet have a card just ask for one—it's free!



Our next game night will be held on November 9, 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!



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our Benefit Bingo for Jessica Shepherd a huge success! We were able to raise over \$2,500 toward Jessica's medical bills thanks to all of you!!

Thank you to John Lauer and Thrivent Lutheran who provided \$250 in start-up funds which paid for the bingo supplies and some of the food.

THANKS TO EVERYONE who helped with our 5th Annual Trunk or Treat. All of your donations helped to bring smiles to the many children who attended. The threat of rain didn't stop the fun. The event was moved indoors and Hoeffler Hall was filled with “Trunk Tables”, crafts, games, food and a BIG crowd! Thank you to Chris Gerace whose Thrivent Action Team provided hot dogs and other needed items.

The Holiday Bazaar, was a big success and we thank everyone who made it so! **SPECIAL THANKS** to the members of the Outreach Committee who worked many hours getting ready for the bazaar, and also to our coordinators and workers. Thanks to all of you who donated food, baked goods, and white elephant items, and those who attended and shopped! We couldn't do it without you! (Cont. on p. 8)

Bazaar Financial Report:

Table rentals:	\$430.00
White Elephant:	\$1,207.21
Kitchen:	\$925.01
Baked Goods	\$386.00
Raffle	\$1,389.00
Youth	\$84.25
Total:	\$4,421.47

Thank you!!!

There were 28 beautiful raffle baskets, donated by our committees, local businesses and a few of our vendors. Here are the lucky winners of those baskets:

- 1—Wine—Seidel
- 2—Hair Care—Stacey
- 3—Wine and Snacks—Sharon Haas
- 4—Wine and Snacks—Taylor Kerling
- 5—Movie Basket—Robin Grundstom
- 6—Wine Basket—Paige Bennett
- 7—Beer Basket—John Jarmoski
- 8—Italian Basket—Claire Sniegoski
- 9—Bird Basket—Ryan Ritter
- 10—Bird Basket—Charlotte Gehman
- 11—Coffee Basket—Amanda Karwic
- 12—Chocolate Basket—J. Wagner
- 13—Car Care Basket—Charlotte Gehman
- 14—Game Basket—Serafina Ware
- 15—Subaru Basket—Katelyn McGowan
- 16—Christmas Basket—Tim Kercher
- 17—Painting and Gift Card—Janel Myers
- 18—Emily's Gift Card—Marion Kachel
- 19—Dan's Gift Card—Amanda Baylor
- 20—Purse/ Gift Cards: Flying Hills Pharmacy, Paolo's & Flying Hills Fitness—Cookie Onushko

**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



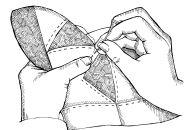
The men of Robeson Lutheran Church continue to meet for breakfast and fellowship on the second Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. (usually here in Hoeffler Hall). This is a great opportunity to get to know your brothers in Christ and learn more about your faith through brief bible study and mutual conversation. Come and see how the men of Robeson live out their discipleship. The next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for **November 10 at 7:30 a.m. in Hoeffler Hall.**

Robeson Robins Senior Group

Join the Robeson Robins Seniors Group as they welcome Comedian and Pastor Nancy Clark on November 20 beginning at 12 noon.

People of all ages are invited to bring a food dish to share and join our Robeson Robins for a free event. Although this event is sponsored by the Robins, all ages are invited and urged to join them and laugh the afternoon away as Pastor Nancy Clark presents her program, "Humor for the Health of It." Let's get a good crowd together and have some fun!

For more information or to express your interest in the Robeson Robins please speak to Billie at 610-401-8496



QUILTING GROUP

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 always welcome. If you would like to try this art, please feel free to join the group on the first Saturday in Hoeffler Hall, or call Cindy Stewart for more information (610-856-7041).

Raffle Basket Winners:

- 21—Purse/ Gift Cards: Flying Hills Pharmacy, JR's, & Flying Hills Fitness—Shirley McGowan
- 22—Gift Cards: Weaver's Orchard, BB's, Antonio's Pizza—Amanda Karwic
- 23—Gift Cards: Creekside Inn, Shady Maple, Nuse's Deli—Kelly Matthews
- 24—Godiva Chocolate—Jen
- 25—Philosophy Basket from Stein's—Kim Bedner
- 26—Plow Farms—J. Wagner
- 27—Picnic—M. Gundy
- 28—Candles Inc.—Kathy Gundy

THANKS

To the following businesses who made donations to the 2018 Bazaar

REDNERS	STEIN'S FLOWERS
FLYING HILLS FITNESS	PAINTING WITH A TWIST
GREEN HILLS LUMBER	STEVE MOYER SUBARU
PAOLO'S PIZZA	
EMILY'S RESTAURANT	
SHADY MAPLE	
AUTO ZONE	
AJ'S PIZZA	
SMART STYLE HAIR SALON	
PLOW FARMS-Brenda Eshelman – like us on facebook	
GREEN HILLS MANOR AT THE HERITAGE	
BB's GROCERY OUTLET	
ANTONIO'S PIZZA	
CHRISTINE'S CREEKSIDE INN	
BONNIE ESHELMAN-REMAX	
FLYING HILLS PHARMACY	
DAN'S RESTAURANT	
GIOVANNI'S PIZZA & PASTA	
JOHN LAUER, THRIVENT FINANCIAL	
GODIVA CHOCOLATIERS	
WEAVER'S ORCHARD	

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISING:

Here is an opportunity to participate in and earn CASH for our preschool from the **Giant A+ School Rewards program**. Visit www.giantfoodstores.com and select Savings and Rewards. Create your online account. You will need your 11 digit BonusCard number and the School ID# 26822. Support our youth by buying gift cards and then designate your school rewards to our preschool! Thank you!!!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 8, 9-11 a.m.

Sponsored by the Preschool
Save the Date!
(More information to follow.)

Play Group at Robeson Lutheran Church & Preschool

Who: Parents/caregivers and kids of all ages. Spread the word, invite a friend!

What: A casual, open play group to provide a way to get to know other families in the community, while the kids play and make new friends.

When: Every Monday and Wednesday from 11:15am-12:15pm

Where: Hoeffler Hall

Additional Info: If you are interested, please join the [Robeson Township Play Group](#) on Facebook. The group will be following the Twin Valley School District/Robeson Lutheran Preschool schedule so if there is no school, there will be no play group that day! Feel free to contact Julie Alessandrini (juldem3@gmail.com) for any questions.



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 always needed. 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 the church office.

PARISH DIGEST DEADLINE: Articles for the December newsletter are due in the office by Dec. 3. Information for the Advent mailing, is due by November 19.

ALTAR FLOWERS and BULLETIN SPONSORS: Altar flower openings: November 23 and December 23. Bulletins are open for Thanksgiving Eve and December 23. Please call Linell in the church office (610-856-7242) if you would be interested in sponsoring any of these dates. Reminder: **Altar flowers cost is now \$38** and bulletins are \$25.

IMPORTANT:

- Any group or individual sponsoring special projects, collections, etc. please contact the church office for coordination purposes and 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.



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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. This month we have received \$336.00 thanks to:

Marie J Brooks	Marion A Kachel
Evelyn G Hoffert	John W Lauer
Gerald M Hoffert	



REMINDER: The Advent/Christmas Mailing will go out the last week of November. Articles must be received by November 19 in order to be included in this mailing.

THE DECEMBER/JANUARY DIGEST will be mailed mid December. Articles for this newsletter are due by December 3. There will be no separate newsletter for January. Thank you!



WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT DECEMBER 5, 6:00-7:30

6:00 Kid-Friendly Meal
6:40-7:30 Family Christmas Bingo
Assembling Gifts for Shut-ins

Please bring a dessert to share, dabbers if you have them, and a wrapped bingo prize if you'd like. (Please indicate if the prize is appropriate for a child or adult.)

A free-will offering will be taken to help with expenses and ensure future community events.



CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR:

Shop books to help kids thrive emotionally, socially, and spiritually. All books are sold at a special discount!

Stop by the church foyer on November 18-December 3 and check out the selections. This is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and enrich a child's spiritual life.

Some books included in the sale (all at least 40% off) are:

The Story of Christmas: Spark Story Bible Adventures
 Rufus and the Very Special Baby: A Frolic Christmas Story
 The Birth of Jesus: A Christmas Pop-Up Book
 Thanksgiving in the Woods And many more!



THE ANGEL TREE

This year's Angel Tree Project will be collecting presents, money gift cards, and Christmas stockings for children in need in the Twin Valley Elementary Schools through contact with staff at the school. We are supporting children and their parents, allowing them to have a special Christmas not available without your support and generosity.

Beginning November 11, 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 during the Christmas season.

Money gift cards are needed allowing families to purchase meal supplies 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 on the Angel Tree table in the new foyer when taking cards, stockings, or providing money gift cards. Please return all gifts by Wednesday, December 12 to allow delivery before Christmas break. Angel Team members can assist you at the display table on Sundays after both services.

Team members are: Marie Carpenter, Roseann Jarmoski, Ruth Kennedy and Sue Besecker.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance Forward:	\$6,196.58
Sept. Income: (5 wks)	\$29,627.61
In/Out Account:	\$ 649.13
Sept. Expenses:	\$19,919.01
Balance 9/30/18	\$15,905.18

Unpaid Bills: None

-Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

Income:	
Donations received in Sept.	\$ 745.00
Outflow:	
1/2 payment to B&G glass	\$ 2,777.75
Checking Account balance 9/30/18	\$75,518.56

-Kay Good, Treas. Spec. Funds

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR

E-GIVING. E-giving is an ongoing service offered here at Robeson Lutheran but regrettably the site had been down for most of the summer months. It is now up and running but you will have to sign-up again. (your old password will not work.) You should have received information directly from our envelope company explaining the new process. You can continue to access the new site through our website, **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.

THINK AHEAD: How can you help organize a fund-raising event and receive \$250 in start up funds? It's easy if you form a **Thrivent Action Team!** If you would like more information about forming a team for a fundraiser in our church or your community please contact John Lauer (610-286-5986) or the church office (610-856-7242).