

Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

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



Coming up in April:

Charlotte O'Neill—April 5—Charlotte will be celebrating her 90th birthday this year. If you would like to send a card, her address is: Mifflin Court, Rm. 316, Shillington, PA 19607

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:

BAPTISM:

2/17/19—Christie Marie Wegener, daughter of Amber Dawn (Huyett) and Michael Robert Wegener.



Do we have your **EMAIL ADDRESS**? If not, please send it to ddemarco@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:



(As in all the churches of the saints,³⁴ women should be silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be subordinate, as the law also says.³⁵ If there is anything they desire to know, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.³⁶ Or did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the only ones it has reached?)

(1 Corinthians 14:34-36)

Misreading Paul... Part 1

Or

Why women should be preachers too!

One of the questions that had troubled Biblical scholars for some time was trying to figure out the Apostle Paul's understanding of the role of women in church leadership; especially in light of Paul's words in the book of 1st Corinthians (Chapters 11-14 in particular) that many turn to in order to dissuade women from pastoral ministry.

The reason this issue was so troubling is because of what we know of Paul from his own historical context – the fact that he worked closely with many women leaders in the church:

*“I commend to you our sister **Phoebe**, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae,² so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of (continued 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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What's happening in our community:

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The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters invite you to Taize prayer—a meditative, ecumenical Christian experience that includes silence and music.

When: Every 1st Thursday of each month (except July/Aug)

Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Place: Bernardine Franciscan Sisters

Motherhouse Chapel

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Reception on Friday evening, March 22, 5-8 p.m. Public invited to meet artists, light refreshment.

*Amy is a member of Robeson Lutheran and a graduate of West Virginia University with a BFA in Graphic Design. She offers adult instruction for Twin Valley Community Education Foundation and Yocum Institute for the Arts. Her work is included in private, public and corporate collections in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland and Florida. Pictures above are some of her works. www.AmySchade.com



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 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. We are still receiving checks on a regular basis; thank you Marion! All those who faithfully drop off your receipts, keep up the good work and keep saving those tapes; it's a big help for our church! Remember 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!

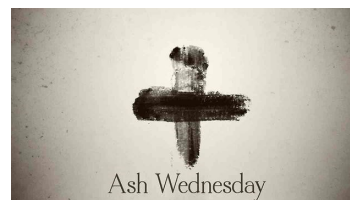
COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS:

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

MARCH 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.

MARCH 3: 7:45 & 10:15 **Transfiguration of Our Lord; Holy Communion**



MARCH 6—3:00 & 7:00 **Ash Wednesday Services**

Holy Communion; Optional imposition of ashes

MARCH 10—7:45 & 10:15 **Holy Communion**
(Daylight Savings Time begins)

MARCH 17— 7:45 & 10:15 Worship; Soup Sale

MARCH 24—7:45 & 10:15 **Praise Service** with Laudate Praise Team; Joyful Noise Offering for Habitat for Humanity.

LENTEN SERVICES: Beginning March 13, **Lenten Supper** in Hoeffler Hall at 6:00 p.m.



(please bring a dessert to share) followed by the **Lenten Service** at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The topic will focus on “Heaven and Hell.”

Please see the enclosed Lenten Letter for more information.

NEW MEMBERS will be formally received on Easter. Please see Pastor Michael if you would like to be a part of this group or need more information.

myself as well. ³Greet **Prisca** and Aquila, who work with me in Christ Jesus, ⁴and who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. ⁵Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. ⁶Greet **Mary**, who has worked very hard among you. ⁷Greet Andronicus and **Junia**, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.” (Romans 16:1-7)

So how is it that Paul recognizes the role of women as leaders and apostles in the church, and yet seems to suggest in a letter to the church of Corinth that they (women) should be forced to wear a veil, and show subordination to their husbands (and any other man) by keeping silent in church?

What’s more – if women truly are to truly keep silent in church, then how are they supposed to prophesy as Paul recommends? – “²⁰Brothers **and sisters**, do not be children in your thinking; rather, be infants in evil, but in thinking be adults. ²¹In the law it is written, ‘By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners I will speak to this people; yet even then they will not listen to me,’ says the Lord. ²²Tongues, then, are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is not for unbelievers but for believers. ²³If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your mind? ²⁴**But if all prophesy**, an unbeliever or outsider who enters is reproved by all and called to account by all. ²⁵After the secrets of the unbeliever’s heart are disclosed, that person will bow down before God and worship him, declaring, ‘God is really among you.’ (1 Corinthians 14:20-25)

And finally, how can Paul suggest such things regarding women in light of his words that the Holy Spirit gives gifts to God’s people as the spirit pleases? – “⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates



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 different area restaurants. This is a great opportunity to get to know your brothers in Christ. **The next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for March 9. Please contact John Lauer for details at 610-286-0800 or email John Lauer, johnwmlauer@gmail.com.**

Robeson Robins Senior Group

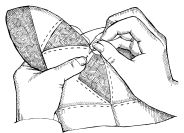
The Robeson Robins welcome spring with our first event on March 27, when we meet at Twin Valley High School for breakfast and the play "The Addams Family," which is sure to be a crowd pleaser! Please RSVP to Billie ASAP at 610-401-8496. We also plan to go to the Rainbow Dinner Theater in May to see "Nana Does Vegas." Join the group for some good Pennsylvania Dutch cooking and some good laughs.



If you would like to help plan the other 2-3 events or programs, please contact Billie. I'm sure some of you have seen some good acts around town or heard a great motivational speaker. Maybe there is a place that you think the group would like to see? Future events will be posted in the Digest and weekly bulletins.

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

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 join the group on the first Saturday of the month from 9-2 (bring a lunch) in Hoeffler Hall, or call Cindy Stewart for more information (610-856-7041).



QUILTING GROUP

*all of them in everyone.⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.¹¹**All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.**" (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)*

Is Paul out of his mind, or are we missing something?
Answers to this and more next month in part 2!

Your brother in Christ,
PASTOR MICHAEL



Robeson Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Adult Sunday School During Lent ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS

Would you like to study the events of Holy Week through the eyes of a Jewish, university professor? Beginning March 10 at 9:00a.m. the adult Sunday School class will be studying "Entering The Passion of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine which delves into the history and literature surrounding the last days of Jesus' life. The chapter titles are: Jerusalem; The Temple; Teachings: Risking Challenge; The First Dinner; The Last Supper; Gethsemane. Join the class as it looks at the texts for the various chapters listed above to examine ethical and spiritual questions that these readings create.

Robeson Raptors:



Calling all youth!

Next meeting of the RR Youth Committee - Sunday March 10th after the 10:15 service (food will be provided!)

Upcoming RR activities -
WDMD Bowl-A-Thon on Sunday March 3rd from 1pm to 3pm at Berks Lanes

Lenten Meal on Wednesday March 27th at 6pm
Easter Egg Hunt Preparation & Movie / Game Night on Friday April 12th starting at 6pm. (Movie TBD)
Easter Egg Hunt Preparation on Sunday April 14th at 9:00am
Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 20 from 2:00-approx. 4:00; Youth should meet at 12 noon to prepare for hunt.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Vacation Bible School will be held June 24-28, & June 30. This year's theme will be **ATHENS**, Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth.



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: We thank those of you who offered to help with Altar Guild since Marion's retirement. This will relieve those who have been filling in for more than one month during the year. We could still use a few more volunteers; if you are willing to serve on altar care for a month with at least one other volunteer please call the church office (610.856.7242).

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 April newsletter are due in the office by no later than March 18 .



BULLETINS & ALTAR FLOWERS:
 Sponsors are needed every Sunday to defray the costs of the Altar flowers and bulletins. We thank those members who answered the plea for sponsors by generously offering to sponsor the altar flowers and bulletins where needed for the rest of the year! The cost for bulletins on a regular Sunday is \$25. The altar flowers cost \$38.



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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. We received \$1,009 in January thanks to: Deb DeMarco, Ruth & Bill Kennedy, John Lauer, and Louise Ziegler. Thank you!!!

Please remember that you have until March 29th to designate your 2018 Choice Dollars before it's too late. If you are not sure you have Choice Dollars, ask your Thrivent representative.

MUSIC NOTES: "Better Late than Never"

Sending (late) a "Big Thank You" to our Christmas Cantata Choir for all their hard work in presenting the cantata this year. The choir singers gave of their talents and time and attended rehearsals every Sunday after the late service and also on Thursday evenings.

I thank them for their gift which I appreciated very much. It is a "hand massager" which was a very thoughtful gift since I have osteo-arthritis in my hands. It helps a lot. Thanks again.

I want to say a special thanks to those who participated in our program on Christmas Eve at the 8:00 p.m. service, especially Walt Hamilton, Karen Kercher, Vince Moore, Barbara Strough, and Tyler Werner. We have many talents here at this church.

I wanted to mention "Laudate," our Praise Team and it's eight regular members. I am also grateful for the few more who rehearse when they can and join the group for our Praise Services. We are happy to sing and are finding new music all the time. We would love to have more singers and instrumentalists of all types...guitar, violin, sax, drums, keyboard...any instrument and all are welcome! Rehearsals are held on two Thursday nights and one Saturday morning every month. We sing on the 4th Sunday. Thanks for the support given by our congregation. We are always willing to listen to any concerns and suggestions for our Praise Team.

Sing from the Heart and Worship the Lord,

Louise Wilson,
Minister of Music





ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter? Couples overwhelmingly report that the Weekend is the best thing they have ever done for their marriage.

The spring Weekends are:

April 5-7, 2019 at Country Inn & Suites in State College, PA

and

April 26-28, 2019 at Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, PA

For all the details and to sign up online, go to:

www.GodLovesMarriage.org.

For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at:

fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166. Act TODAY while there are still openings!



SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday afternoon, April 28, 2019

CASH BINGO at Robeson Lutheran Church! All proceeds will go to help fund the many outreach ministries of the church. Plans are underway to make this a fun time for everyone! Please see Amanda Baylor (610-207-2129) if you would like to be involved in the planning/ implementing of this event.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance Forward:	\$11,811.11
Jan. Income:	\$13,724.64
In/Out Account:	\$ 1,074.39
Jan. Expenses:	\$26,610.14
Balance 1/31/19	\$5,154.30

Unpaid Bills: None

-Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

Income:	
Donations received in January	\$ 5.00
Community Activities Fund	\$ 300.00
Donations to Capital Campaign Fund	\$1,165.00
Outflow:	
Organ Repair	\$ 790.00
Checking Account balance 1/31/19	\$49,526.93

-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.



THE NEXT GAME NIGHT will be held on March 8, from 6-8 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Bring your family, bring a guest, bring a snack to share, bring your favorite game to play, or just bring yourself!

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.

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). FYI, members from Robeson applied for 26 Thrivent Action Teams last year (2018) which amounts to \$6500 in funds for church and community fundraisers and other events.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to the families who bought Christmas gifts for my two girls. You made their Christmas very special!! Also, for the gift cards as well. It was truly a blessing. Thank you again so much it was truly appreciated. Stephanie

Thank you all for your generous support to "our" community mission.

Blessings, Howard and Carol Moss
Twin Valley Food Pantry



We haven't given up hope and we're still trying to get a group together to share an exciting day in NYC; we need more people to book this. Please respond today if you have any interest in the day trips below. If anyone remembers the trip to Washington D.C. you know that you will have a great time with Linell as tour director!

2019 Day Trips to New York City by White Star Tours

We are planning two bus trips to New York City and want you to respond on the sheet below or a phone call to the church office if you are interested. We don't need any money at this time, but I need to know interest.

The first trip can be a weekday, for example Wednesday, May 8 for \$139 or Saturday, May 11 for \$149 per person. This trip includes Motorcoach transportation, admission to the 9/11 Memorial Museum and the One World Observatory, dinner at Puglia's as well as taxes & meal gratuities.

The second trip is titled Christmas in New York City. It includes Motorcoach transportation, ticket to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes, a guided tour of Lower Manhattan, shopping at Macy's Herald Square or Rockefeller Center, dinner as well as taxes and meal gratuities. The cost for a weekday, for example Wednesday, December 11 is \$189 while Saturday, December 7 costs \$215 per person.

For more information, please contact Linell in the church office 610-856-7242. Please invite your family and friends. I would like to get 40 people to run the trip.

 _____ Yes, I am interested in the trip to the 9/11 Memorials in NYC @ a cost of \$139 (weekday) or \$149 (Saturday).

_____ Yes, I am interested in the December trip to Radio City & the Rockettes for \$189 (weekday) or \$215 (Saturday).

Name _____

I know of _____ family and friends who would also be interested in these trips.

A NOTE FROM MARION KACHEL:

Dear Friends at Robeson Lutheran Church,

I am saddened to say because of health reasons, I must step aside on the committees I am presently on. 1. Altar Care is near and dear to my heart. It is very important and does not require a lot of work, just organizing, with no meetings.

Thanks to Judy and Diane for stepping up when we were short of help. We really need a few new volunteers so that we have two different people each month of the year.

2. Fellowship. This is another fun project because of the fellowship and friendship created. Thanks to Debbie, Sue and the Gerace family, and others who have been extremely helpful when I was unable to do it.

3. Christmas decorating. We have been so blessed to have David Hill and David Frees set up the trees so many years and also to Amanda and Julie who did all the beautiful decorating this year. Thanks to Bob Lorah for always taking care of the candle standards and the members of the outreach committee for all their help.

4. I would like to remain on this busy little committee. This is the fundraising committee. We have raised a lot of money again this year, with the soup sale, bazaar and Redners tapes. Through support of baking, making soup and purchasing soup, helping at the bazaar or even just supporting the bazaar, and saving redners tapes, you have been important. I love the members like sisters. Judy, Diane, Barbara and Claire, and I know they will continue to work hard with your help.

I know Linell tries very hard to get volunteers, so please step up and pick what works best for you, greeter, usher, communion server, altar care, or a committee.

Thanks for all the prayers.

God bless,
Marion Kachel



This email is an invitation to all the men of our synod to participate in the **Men's Ministry Regional Gathering - March 12, 2019 @** Advent Lutheran Church, 16 Telford Avenue, West Lawn, PA 19609 - 6pm.

If you are interested in starting or improving a vibrant men's ministry in your congregation, please consider attending this interactive light dinner and meeting sponsored by the Synod's Men in Mission group. The focus will be on sharing successful practices and listening to what's working well for Men's Groups at congregations *of various sizes*. Some resources will be provided, and together we hope to jointly develop some congregational action plans based on the experience in the room. The Synod's Men in Mission group hopes to offer this program at various locations around our territory. The first such offering will take place on Tuesday evening, March 12, at Advent Lutheran Church, 16 Telford Avenue, West Lawn, PA 19609. The event will begin with a catered light dinner at 6:00 p.m., with the program following at 7:00 and concluding by 8:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by March 5 with your name, congregation, and number of attendees



THANK YOU FROM OUR YOUTH:

Ten youth and adults plan to attend the WBMD Bowl-a-thon on Sunday, March 3. They would like to thank all those who have sponsored them for this event. All proceeds will go to the District's Youth Fund.

Thank you to everyone who supported the SOUPER BOWL luncheon and special offering. We are happy to report that we raised over \$600 for the local food pantries.

(A special thank you to the soup and dessert makers and the youth, Scouts, and other volunteers who worked at the event.)

TWIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS

"THE ADDAMS FAMILY" a New Musical Comedy on March 28, 29 & 30 at 7 p.m. and March 31 at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the door on a first-come, first-served basis, or you can pre-order tickets with a form available in the church office or online at <https://sites.google.com/tvsvd.info/addamsfamily>.

In the kooky, upside-down world of the Addams Family, to be sad is to be happy, to feel pain is to feel joy, and death and suffering are the stuff of their dreams. Nonetheless, this quirky family still has to deal with many of the same challenges faced by any other family, and the spookiest nightmare faced by every family creates the focus of this musical: the Addams kids are growing up. Their dark, macabre, beloved daughter Wednesday, however, is now an eighteen year-old woman in love with Lucas Beineke, a sweet, smart boy from a normal, respectable Ohio family. And to make matters worse, she has invited the Beinekes to their home for dinner. In one fateful, hilarious night, secrets are disclosed, relationships are tested, and the Addams family must face up to the one horrible thing they've managed to avoid for generations: change. Some of our church youth are involved in the play in various roles: Ava Gerace (lead ancestor and lead dancer) Leah Karwic (ensemble), Emma Bailey (stage crew), Steven and Justin Bolt (stage crew).

OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Annual Soup Sale, March 17:

The committee appreciates all the cooks who have offered to make soup for the soup sale later this month. The following soups will be available for sale: Cabbage & Sausage, Chicken Corn Noodle, Chicken Noodle, Chicken & Rice, Chili, Ham & Bean, New Orleans Bean, Potato & Leak, Sausage & Potato, Split Pea, Taco, Tortellini, Turkey Vegetable, Vegetable Beef, and Vegetarian Vegetable. Preorders will be taken up to March 9th but will not be accepted after that date. Due to preorders, we cannot guarantee that all varieties of soup will be available for you on the day of the sale. If you would like to order soup or would be willing to bake for the sale, please give Judy Mountz a call at 717-445-6130.



The committee is still looking for new members. They presently meet on a Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 but would be willing to change their meeting time to accommodate those who work and would like to join the committee. Please give Judy a call.

LOOKING FOR SOME RESOURCES:

If you know of anyone who does fund-raising Chicken Barbecues on site on a Sunday, please give their contact information to Judy or Diane. You can call Judy at 717-445-6130 or Diane at 610-913-0978 or send an email to them at tomandjudymountz@gmail.com.



Robeson Preschool PRESCHOOL News:



THANK YOU to everyone who helped with and attended the Valentine's Day Dinner Dance on February 15th. The event was a huge success with over 150 adults & children in attendance. There was a nice mix of all ages, be-

tween members of the congregation and preschool families. An event of this size can only happen with a lot of volunteers and we are blessed to have so many people willing to help when and where needed.

The preschool's outreach project for February in addition to the soup for the local pantries, was to collect boxes of cereal for Opportunity House. The shelter provides breakfast for all their residents in addition to many homeless people who come there for shelter especially in the winter. There was a nice article in the Reading Eagle about the cereal collection and the preschools who participated. We are very happy to be able to help those in our community.

FUNDRAISER:



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!!!



Robeson Township Play Group

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 11:15-12:15

Where: Hoeffer 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.



THE LITTLE LIBRARY located next to the church and parsonage, continues to provide books for young and old. We thank everyone who has been sharing their books and Bonnie Lauer who continues to take care of the library. Cozy up with a good book this winter!