

Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

NOVEMBER:

Elaine Gordon—Nov. 4
Buddie Bannon—Nov. 10
Bertha Rhode—Nov. 13
Marie Brooks—Nov. 28



DECEMBER:

Bob Rivers—Dec. 1
William Moore—Dec. 12

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:

10/5/14—**Madelyn Marina McIntyre**, daughter of Jillian M. (Wojciechowski) and Richard J. McIntyre

FUNERAL:

10/17/14—**George E. Grubb**, 92. Interment in Caernarvon Cemetery.

CONFIRMATION: October 26

Nathan Karwic Mary Lauer Abby Moore.

FIRST COMMUNION: October 26

Jorja Amey Emelia Hauptert

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Congregational Meeting to elect new council people and approve 2015 budget on Sunday, Dec. 14, after the 10:15 service

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The Parish Digest



From the Pastor:

⁵ Therefore, just as the Ten Commandments, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Creed retain their nature and value even if we never keep, pray, or believe them, so also does this Blessed Sacrament remain unimpaired and inviolate even if we use and handle it unworthily. ⁶ Do you think God cares so much about our faith and conduct that He would permit them to affect His ordinance? No, all temporal things remain as God has created and ordered them, regardless of how we treat them. ⁷ This must always be emphasized, for thus we can thoroughly refute all the babbling of the seditious spirits who regard the sacraments, contrary to the Word of God, as human performances.

(Large Catechism Article 5, 5-7)

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.”

(John 6:52-53)

A funny thing happened on the way to Holy Communion.

or

If only I had the faith of an atheist.

by

Rev. Michael Ware

My friend Jochen is a self-proclaimed atheist. We have had many (cont. 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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Jane Meyers

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Sue Besecker

Maggie Lauer (youth)

FROM OUR MAILBOX:

Thank you to all my friends at Robeson for the cards, prayers and visits during my recent recuperation from my fall. I am now happily living at Mifflin Court. -Charlotte O'Neill

Dear Reverend Ware and the Congregation of Robeson Church,

On behalf of Shady Hollow Assisted Riding, I would like to thank you for the generous donation of \$151. This will be added to our General Fund which helps provide necessary equipment for our riding program, grain and hay for the horses. This gift specifically, and the overall support of our community and individuals such as you, is what makes it possible for us to expand and enrich the services we provide to our riders with special needs.

Sincerely,

Michele Cooper, Program Director

Shady Hollow Assisted Director

Dear Congregation of Robeson Lutheran:

I sincerely want to thank you for the very generous contribution of \$262.75 given to support the ministry of the Lutheran Pantry. Your gift allows us to continue to distribute food to our neighbors in need. Monetary donations make it possible to purchase food at greatly reduced prices through the Greater Berks Food Bank. Your support makes a difference and is greatly appreciated!

Your Partner in Christian Service,

Dawn Baxter, Director



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, good used clothing 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**, etc. Please no phone books, "trash" or cardboard. And please no plastic; take your paper out of the plastic bags before you throw it in the bin. Thanks for your help!

REDNER'S TAPES FUNDRAISER:

We continue to collect Redner's receipts as an ongoing fundraiser and we are waiting for our next check. Thank you Marion Kachel for coordinating this effort and handling all the paperwork. 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.** Please continue to save your Redner's receipts and bring them to the church at your convenience. Boxes are located in the narthex and foyer. Again we remind you to make sure you use your Redner's gas card when you make your purchase and then bring in your receipt—it's that easy! And you'll be helping your church.

(If you shop at Redners but don't have a gas card, just ask for one. It's free!)

Seniors and shut-ins: just send your receipts with any member of the visitation team or mail to the church office. Thank you!!!

COMMUNITY NEWS:

BREAKFASTS: Geigertown Fire Company—First Sunday; Brecknock Fire Company—Second Sunday; St. Benedict R.C.Church—Third Sunday; Joanna Furnace—Third Saturday, 7-11 a.m.; Union Lodge in Birdsboro Third Sunday, 7:30-11.



SERVICES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Nov. 1—5:30 Saturday Evening Communion

Nov. 2—7:45 & 10:15 Holy Communion; 9:00 SCS

Nov. 9—7:45 & 10:15 Holy Communion; 9:00 SCS

Nov. 16—7:45 & 10:15 Worship; 9:00 SCS

Nov. 23—Christ the King Sunday

7:45 & 10:15 Holy Communion; 9:00 SCS

Joyful Noise offering for Berks Women in Crisis

Reception of New Members

Nov. 26—Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. at

St. Benedict R.C. Church; Father Phil will lead the service and Pastor Michael will preach. Plan to attend and worship with our friends at St. Benedict's.



Nov. 30—First Sunday in Advent

7:45 & 10:15 Holy Communion; 9:00 SCS

OTHER NOVEMBER EVENTS:

November 1—Annual Holiday Bazaar, 7:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

November 5—Wednesday Community Church Night

with Don & Wendy Yost 6:00-7:30 p.m.

November 27—Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

4 wonderful conversations around the topic of religion, but one of my favorites was a story that he shared with me regarding a trip he made to a church in the U.S. visiting with my wife and I.

Now you may be wondering what an atheist is doing going to church. Well, with Jochen I believe it is a case of respecting the friendship he has with Sonja and me; sort of like how Jochen still bows his head together with us during mealtime prayers and he even says, “Amen,” at the end of the prayers. As our friend, Jochen simply shows this behavior out of respect for the friendship, so as I said, at heart, Jochen is an atheist.

Well, now for the story:

It was a lovely Sunday morning and Jochen was going to church with Sonja (they had been best friends for years in Germany) and his role that morning was to help keep an eye on Seraphina (my daughter with Sonja) while Sonja was leading the worship service.

Unfortunately, Seraphina was not in the best mood that morning and rather than sit peacefully with Jochen, she cried for her mommy, and after making a bit of a scene, she got to sit up front with mommy behind the altar while Jochen sat in the front pew by himself.

As things settled down, Jochen was at last enjoying the service, watching his friend Sonja lead worship and preach a sermon, but then things got a little complicated for Jochen as it came time for Holy Communion.

Jochen knew that the people would be coming up for the Lord’s Supper and that they might be wondering why he didn’t. This made him somewhat uncomfortable. Jochen also knew that this special meal held sacred meaning for those gathering at the table and he didn’t want to cause any disturbance either. Jochen debated going up and just going along with the crowd, or staying in his seat, or simply walking out of the sanctuary, hoping not to be noticed.

As Jochen would later describe the moment of decision and the thoughts going through his head as Holy Communion began, he said the experience was “overwhelming.” The crowd, the meal, the pressure, the internal debate, the sacred-

Good News for Shut-in and Homebound members!

As we stated in the last newsletter, Pastor Michael and the visitation team have put together a visitation schedule whereby each shut-in member has been assigned a visitation team. Each team intends to visit with each member at least once a quarter. The teams are being trained so that they may offer Holy Communion during visits. In addition to the visitation teams, Pastor Michael also hopes to be able to personally visit with each shut-in and homebound member up to twice a year. With everything combined between the Pastor and visitation teams, 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.)

VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED as DRIVERS to provide transportation to and from church for individuals who are currently unable to drive. This is especially important for the 5:30 Saturday evening communion service the first Saturday of each month. Please contact the church office at 610-856-7242 if you are willing to drive or if you would like a ride.

The Reading Pretzel City Chorus proudly presents its
Annual Christmas Barbershop Harmony Production

“A SHEPHERD’S CHRISTMAS”

Sunday, December 7, 3:00 p.m.

At the Scottish Rite Cathedral, West Reading
Featuring the Exeter High School Concert Choir
And Reading Pretzel City Chorus

All main floor seating is reserved—\$14.00
Unreserved balcony seating—\$12.00; Students—\$7.00
For tickets call Joe Purdin 610-678-4901



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 more safe or comfortable.

Home Visits—Our visitation team is visiting a number of our seniors and would be more than happy to visit others if invited. If you would appreciate a visit please call the church office. 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.

ness, and the struggle, it was simply overwhelming for him and so he ended up choosing to walk out.

I often think about Jochen's story as I consider how sometimes it happens that we as Christians, as believers, lose our sense of awe and wonderment when we come to the Communion Table. Either in not thinking or reflecting about what we are doing in that moment, or simply not appreciating what an amazing gift of grace it is, that we receive the Christ in the Holy Communion, we Christians can sometimes just go through the motions, or even begrudge the amount of time it takes to celebrate the Sacrament as part of our worship.

As a true fan of irony, I can't help but take notice that a Christian might act so underwhelmed in response to God's Holy Meal while an atheist, of all people, finds himself so "overwhelmed" by the same event.

To me it is kind of like seeing God winking at us and reminding us that there is often so much more to our understanding of faith and belief, and that just because someone claims a certain point of view doesn't mean there isn't room to grow.

In the end, I can't help but wonder what might have transpired for Jochen had he gone up and received Holy Communion that day. After all, just because he claims not to believe in God, does that necessarily mean that God wouldn't still seek to welcome him at the table? I don't think so. Who knows? Perhaps God might even have transformed Jochen's heart that very day.

I also wonder how communion might be different for the Christian who has steadily gotten used to the Sacrament, and who perhaps has lost the appreciation for just how powerful that moment really is. It could be that such a Christian might learn a thing or two from an atheist like Jochen, who even though he wouldn't claim belief in God, still felt and knew that something "overwhelming" was taking place in that moment of Holy Communion.

Either way, it's something worth thinking about!

Your brother in Christ,
PASTOR MICHAEL



IS UP AND RUNNING!

November is traditionally Stewardship Month here at Robeson Lutheran Church. This year as part of our stewardship campaign we will be promoting Egiving through our present envelope company's myEoffering.

We would like you to consider participating in this new program designed to simplify weekly giving in our congregation. Electronic giving will enable every household or individual to make their church offering using electronic funds transfer or credit card. You may already be using online bill pay for your mortgage, car payment, or insurance premium through an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. We have teamed up with my Eoffering to enable you to use the same process to give your offering electronically from your account. There is no cost to you for this new giving option. You can participate in the new electronic giving program immediately. **Just visit our church website at www.robesonlutheranchurch.org and look for the "Donate Now" button. Electronic Giving enrollment forms are also available in the church office.**

Thank you for considering this new giving opportunity.

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 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 8**—



in Hoeffler Hall!

Robeson Robins Senior Group

The Robins will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 18 beginning with lunch at noon. Please bring a covered dish to share for lunch. A program featuring the Singing Pastor Timothy Craven will be presented at 1:00 p.m.



In December, the group will be going to Yoder's for their Christmas Luncheon on December 11 at 12 noon, and to the Christmas show at the American Music Theater on December 17. We will leave at 8:30 a.m. Cost for the show is \$45 per person due on November 11.

Please call Billie at 610-401-8496 if you would like more information about the Robeson Robins.

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.

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

ALTAR GUILD: Altar care volunteers are still needed for 2015. 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.

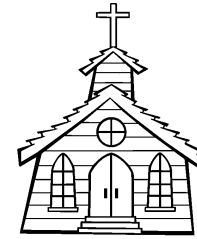
All Property concerns and requests should be brought to the attention of Dale Creed or the church office. Please do not take concerns directly to the Property Committee. Thanks for your help with this.

PARISH DIGEST DEADLINE: Articles for the next newsletter are due in the office by Nov. 24 for the Dec/Jan. Digest.

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 especially 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.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

December 14 following the 10:15 service

to approve 2015 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.

We are in need of six council people for 1, 2 or 3 year terms, so please give this position prayerful consideration and speak to Pastor Michael or Chris Gerace for more information or to be placed on the ballot.

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	

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING:



Shoeboxes for kids

Deadline for the return of shoeboxes is November 23rd. It's not too late to pick up your box and fill it with small toys, school supplies, hygiene products, socks and hats, or a hand written letter. Please leave out food, war related items, liquids, and items that could easily break.



Robeson Lutheran Church Angel Tree

This year's Angel Tree Project has identified needy children at ***The Robeson Elementary***

School through contact with staff at the school. We are adopting twelve local needy children and their parents to allow them to have a joyous Christmas that they could not have without our support and generosity.

Beginning Sunday, November 9th, the Angel tree will be decorated with approximately 40 gift card ideas given to us by the children and school staff. You can help by selecting one or more gift cards to provide wrapped presents of happiness for local families during this Christmas Season.

Please fill out the necessary information found on the Angel Tree Table in the new foyer when taking gift cards.

All gifts must be returned by Sun., December 14th to allow delivery to the school before Christmas break.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income for September:	\$15,366.25
Other Income:	\$ 831.75 (in/out)
Checks issued for September:	\$17,795.40
Checking balance brought forth:	\$ 2,073.75
Checking balance as of 9/30/14	\$ 498.75
Unpaid Bills: Twin Valley School District	\$2,095.93 (due 10/31/14)
Sauder Fuel (parsonage)	\$1,472.93 (due 10/15)

In/Out accounts: \$ 275.49

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

TOTAL ASSETS: 8/31/14	\$ 21,157.74
Special funds received in September	\$ 510.00
Heat fund contributions in Sept.	\$ 1,566.00

OUTFLOW:

Improvement Fund—church window repair	\$ 1,225.00
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BALANCES:

Checking Account balance 9/30/14	\$ 22,006.74
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-Kay Good, Treas. Spec. Funds

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.

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING FOR OCTOBER: \$202.92

For Steeple to People, a local charity reaching out to the poor in our community with food, clothing, household goods and housing. Please stop by their store in Honey Brook where you can shop for used clothing and household items; all money goes to help with their ministries.



WANTED:

Gently used (or new) coats, hats, mittens in all sizes, especially children's sizes, for boys and girls. One of our members who teaches in the Reading School District will be in charge of distributing them to her students and their families. If she has enough she will share them with other teachers in her building. Last year one of the little girls who received a coat from our church told her teacher that she slept in it every night because there was no heat in her house. Fall is here and many of us are shopping for new coats etc. so please consider sharing your gently used outgrown or unwanted items with these families. Donations will be greatly appreciated.

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, outpour 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 Reeser, who is also a close friend of Maddox's family, will coordinate the collection at Robeson. A donation box will be available in the new foyer from November 1- December 1st. The trucks that we collect will be donated to The Children's Home in Reading. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 610-856-7242 or Susan at 267-446-9576.

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND our next
Wednesday Community Church Night:**

NOVEMBER 5, 2014, 6:00-7:30 P.M.



**The 1st PA Regiment of the Continental Line
Presented by Don and Wendy Yost**

**6:00 p.m.—18th Century Meal of Brunswick Stew and
Crusty Bread**

**6:30 p.m.—Brief history of the First Pennsylvania Regi-
ment of the Continental Line and Camp life of a Revolu-
tionary War Soldier**

Tavern Games such as Captain's Mistress, Shut-the-
Box, Farkle

18th century clothing

A Free-will offering will be taken. Members are asked to
please bring a dessert to share.



PENGUIN PROJECT UPDATE:



As you are probably aware, the extensive repair work needed for the heating system in the Christian Ed. wing was completed this summer at a cost of \$18,600. The pre-school had given \$5,000 toward this repair. In order to pay the remaining \$13,600 the

finance committee under the leadership of Pastor Michael, initiated a "Penguin Project" where members of the congregation could make a contribution of any amount \$1.00 and up and remove Penguins from our sanctuary. We are happy to report that the majority of penguins have been removed and are happily residing in a colder climate at this time. You have generously given over \$12,000 to this project and we thank you for all your contributions! Additional contributions are appreciated to help us send the rest of the penguins home and meet our goal of \$13,600.

SANCTUARY FURNACES:

After the Penguin Project had been started, we discovered that the furnaces that heat the sanctuary needed to be replaced. This was approved at a congregational meeting and work was done shortly thereafter. Already we can notice the difference in the heat during worship services. The cost of this work was an additional \$6,995. Because of your generous gifts for this work, we now owe only \$2600 for the furnaces. Gifts toward the furnaces can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Please mark your gift "Heating or Furnace" so it goes to the proper account. Thank you all for your gifts, we are truly blessed here at Robeson Lutheran.

FUNDRAISER RESULTS:

We would like to thank our Outreach Committee for organizing the following fundraisers here at Robeson:

Friends Helping Friends:

Thanks to all of you who purchased the Boscov passes, we are happy to report that over \$1,000 was raised toward the cost of replacing the sanctuary furnaces. This and other generous contributions by members have significantly reduced the amount of money we need to pay for this cost.

Chicken Barbecue:

The annual chicken barbecue was a great success! Thanks to all of you who purchased dinners and the generous donation of \$250 from Thrivent Financial, we were able to raise \$847 for the general fund. Baked goods sold \$187.

Redners Receipts:

This ongoing fundraiser goes toward the general fund here at Robeson as well. Recently we received a check for \$147.99 thanks to all of you who continue to hand in your Redner receipts and to Marion Kachel who tallies them and sends them to Redners for payment.

Bazaar Baskets:

The Outreach Committee thanks everyone who donated to the raffle baskets. Many of the items were purchased by this committee so your help was very much appreciated! Thanks to everyone who donated to the white elephant, bake stand, and kitchen as well. All proceeds for the bazaar (coming up Nov. 1) will also be donated to Robeson's general fund.

Community and worldwide ministries are very important to our church and we support these on an ongoing basis. However, as you can see, **all the proceeds from these fundraisers go for expenses right here at our church and we want to say thank you to everyone who made this possible!**

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY CHURCH NIGHT ST. NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION DECEMBER 3, 2014

What comes to mind when you hear the name St. Nicholas? A jolly man in a red suit? Well, that is more our americanized, Santa. St. Nicholas actually was born in the 4th century. Our event for the evening centers on learning about St. Nicholas' life, his "work" and his legacy. The evening is intended to be interesting for all ages. Children will get a special gift to mark St. Nicholas Day, which is December 6th.



The evening will begin at 6:00 with a meal of ham, green beans, red cabbage, spaetzel, potatoes and bread. Anyone attending is asked to bring a dessert to share with the group. At 6:30 our program for the evening will begin with Pastor Sonja offering an overview of the history of St. Nicholas Day and why and how it is celebrated in many countries (including Pastor Sonja's native Germany) throughout the world.

A craft will be made for the children and also each individual or couple attending will be asked to make this same craft to be given to our sick and shut-in members when we carol later in December. This should be a fun and informative evening for all. Any questions please talk with Sue Creed, Bonnie Lauer, Karen Kercher or Cookie Onushko.

A free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses of food and Community Church Night programs.



ADVENT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

November 30, 2014

This year an Advent craft day will only be held for the preschool – 6th grade Sunday School classes. The adult and jr./sr. high class will meet as usual November 30.

The children will make Advent wreaths and another craft that has yet to be determined. There will also be a short lesson on Advent.

Advent wreath frames will be available for anyone wanting to make a wreath for home use during the four weeks before Christmas. Frames will be in the new foyer.

Robeson Lutheran Preschool

Robeson Preschool



The children are enjoying all the fall activities here at the preschool. They went to the pumpkin patch at the Mast Farm this month and will be having their Halloween parades and parties this week.

One of the highlights in November will be Daddy's Day which will be held on Monday, Nov 24 for the 4 year olds and on Wednesday, Nov. 26 for the Pre-K class.

On Wednesday, December 3 the classes will be going to Plow Farms to get their Christmas trees.

We would like to thank the Geigertown Fire Company for coming to the preschool classes during fire safety week.

A big thank you to the Elverson/Morgantown Lions Club for doing vision screenings on all preschoolers.

PLOWSHARES Is Back!!!

Service project club for youth



GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Youth* of the community are invited to participate in serving others locally and globally. How? First, "LIKE" our page on Facebook: [PlowShares Service Project Club](#) or email: BonnieLeeL@windstream.net for info and updates. Next, mark your calendar for the next upcoming meeting on **Thurs, Nov.13 @6-7pm at Robeson Lutheran Church** when our activity will relate to the theme of GRATITUDE.

The club sponsors a variety of activities such as collections of specific needs, fund raising projects, 'hands-on' / 'on-site' visits, craft projects, kit assembly, educational programs, etc. **Youth in grades 5th-12th grade, as well as college students and interested adults are all welcomed. While all activities are suited for this age range, younger youth may attend **with a parent**. Questions? Call #610-856-7242.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

THANK YOU to all the youth who participated in the Corn Maze and lock-in this month, and especially those who helped with the Trunk or Treat!

All senior youth who are interested in attending the National Youth Gathering are reminded that now is the time to sign up. Please see Mark Lauer for more information.