

Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

SEPTEMBER:

Bill Haney—Sept. 14
 Ada Peters—Sept. 18
 Henry Eyrich—Sept. 22
 Betty Zellner—Sept. 25



Coming up in OCTOBER:

Annabelle Fancher—Oct. 3
 Barbara Rivers—Oct. 14
 Marion Kachel—Oct. 17
 Helen Shupp—Oct. 17
 Marie Verville—Oct. 17
 Elsie Trout—Oct. 19
 George Grubb—Oct. 23
 Betty Sotzin—Oct. 31

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

Weddings:

5/24/14—Jake Gebhart and Alyce Smith
 7/24/14—Timothy Hanks and Cara McCormick

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Special Congregational Meeting on Sept. 21st after the 10:15 service to discuss and vote on the boiler situation in the church sanctuary.

The Parish Digest



From the Pastor:

“Christian life consists of faith and charity.”

- Martin Luther

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

– Hebrews 13:16

CHURCH GIVING – Part 2

Or

Why the church is my favorite charity

I am sure you have seen these types of commercials. The first fades in to a child or group of children in Africa or some other third world nation, barely able to stand as they show hungry and distended bellies. In the background there is a piece of sad but hopeful music playing as the voiceover begins to explain how these children have little food to eat, no safe water to drink, and how for only pennies a day you can make a difference in their lives.

Turning the channel you are presented with a sad-eyed dog in a decrepit cage, a crying and disfigured kitten and other images of sickly and abused animals. And as these images run past the screen, Sarah McLachlan begins to explain that there are so many animals who are hurting and abused; and as her song, “Arms of an Angel” creates the background music, she invites you to please donate your money to support the work of the SPCA. (cont. p. 4)

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

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Other Council Members:

Maggie Lauer (youth)

Jane Meyers

Sue Besecker

Joy O'Donnell

FROM OUR MAILBOX:

Our neighbors at Buck Hollow Llama Farm will be holding an “OPEN BARN” on September 13-14, Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12-5. Please consider coming to visit and see their breeding program, animals and products for sale. Numerous vendors will be there and it promises to be a fun family day and a perfect time to find out about owning llamas. Be sure to register when you arrive.

Parish Register:

Members removed due to inactivity: August 14, 2014

Gary Amoroso

Susie Bennett and children Randon, Mason, and Jessica

Brad & Kathleen Burrows and children Brenden and Brooke

Linda Dyer

Jonathan Fisher

Patrician Fisher

Ed Fitzsimmons

Bill and Melissa Folmar

Bradley Fox

Edith Frederick

Jillian & Nick Gordon

Ken Hamilton

Kathy Knoll & son Robert

Courtney Less

Susan Linton & sons Christopher and Jonathan

Julie Lisney

Lori Rock

Scott & Jennifer Sharp and daughters Kathryn and Lilian

Kim & Suzanne Smith and children Nathan, Nolan, and

Samuel

Donald & Jill Sternat and children Kaitlyn and Tyler



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

SEPT. 6—5:30 Saturday Evening Communion

SEPT. 7—7:45 & 10:15 Holy Communion

SEPT. 14—7:45 & 10:15 Holy Communion

9:00 Rally Day in SCS - Please join everyone in Hoeffler Hall for a Bible Story, games, and some inspirational music provided by the Twin Valley Middle School Fiddlers!

SEPT. 21—7:45 & 10:15 Worship

9:00 SCS

A **special congregational meeting** will be held immediately after the 10:15 a.m. service

SEPT. 28—7:45 & 10:15 Worship

9:00 SCS

SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

Taste of Hope—Night of Promise

September 15, 5:30-8:30 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Join us for a night of tasting the best of Berks Restaurants. Tickets are \$30 in advance (see Bill Haney or call the church office); \$35 at the door. All proceeds benefit Family Promise in Berks County.

Sept. 21, 3:00 p.m. Sr. Youth Mini-Golf

Sept. 26, 6-8 p.m. Jr. Youth Night (formerly Family Fun Night); outside activities on the ballfield and sundaes!

4 Of course TV is not the only place you see advertisements for charity. Why just consider how every year around Christmas time there is constant ringing of bells by the Salvation Army Santa in front of the local supermarket, or how many times you have been in line at the grocery store and been asked, "Would you like to donate a dollar to benefit the _____ charity?" Even just sitting around most stores there are bins and buckets and collection cases for all sorts of things from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, to the American Cancer Society.

Charities are everywhere, and while a very small percentage of them are scams, for the great majority they are excellent causes and worthwhile places to offer our gifts.

However, I would like to share with you my all-time favorite charity and to try and explain why I think it is one of the best in the world to support.

My favorite charity is....the Church.

I am a big proponent of giving to the church because of a number of factors:

The Church is the father/mother of many of today's modern charitable organizations as well as many of the social movements that have helped to improve the lives of people throughout the world.

Churches are also the founders and owners of many hospitals, nursing homes, and mental health clinics.

Churches help society by providing substance abuse treatment, building affordable housing and offering job training and many after-school programs.

Churches run close to 70 percent of the United States food pantries (of which 1 in 7 Americans now rely on), as well as 27 percent of emergency shelters and half-way houses. Likewise one out of every six child-care centers is run by a church or synagogue.

Churches are a part of the community, and so they con-

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income for July:	\$15,486.54
Other Income:	\$ 651.68(in/out)
Transfer from Gifts & Bequests	\$10,000.00
Transfer from Special Funds	\$ 500.00
Checks issued for July:	\$18,728.19
Checking balance brought forth:	\$ -1,613.37
Checking balance as of 7/31/14	\$ 6,296.66
Unpaid Bills: Synod Benevolence	\$1,000.00
World Hunger	\$ 707.00

In/Out accounts: \$ 958.49

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

TOTAL ASSETS: 6/30/14	\$ 26,356.40
Special funds received in July:	\$ 65.00
Heat fund contributions	\$ 2,575.00
BALANCES:	
Checking Account balance 7/31/14	\$ 28,468.21
National Penn Money Market Fund	\$ 26.19
TOTAL ASSETS: 7/31/14	\$ 28,494.40

-Kay Good, Treas. Spec. Funds

The Joyful Noise offering of \$151.50 received in August was designated for Shady Hollow Assisted Riding and their ministry to individuals with physical, emotional or cognitive challenges.



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.

tinue to work with victims of natural disasters, viral outbreaks, and other catastrophes long after other social organizations (Red Cross, FEMA, etc...) have moved on into other areas of the world.

Now I know that many people today are of the attitude that churches, "only want your money", or that churches are wasteful because of all the money spent on staff and buildings and administration compared to that which goes to actual charity.

It would be a very nice world if churches could operate all the services and blessings they offer to a community without any costs, but sadly that is simply not reality. Caring for people, especially those that have little to no resources or ability to care for themselves is not a free endeavor, it takes time, wealth, and a commitment to help.

As to the money we spend on buildings, administration and staffing, it seems like it is assumed by some that such costs are wasted, and certainly the money would be better spent if given directly to the poor (sounds a bit familiar to Judas' argument).

But consider this tiny example for just a moment. Robeson Lutheran Church has been a stable part of this community for some 247 years. (That's well over two centuries people!) And while I have only been here a short while, let me tell you some of the ministries that we have been able to do in this place in my four years thanks to our building, staff, and administrative costs. (Note: This does not include some 243 years of other things we have done for the local community)

Currently our church has or continues to provide a location and support for: The Boy Scouts, the Plowville Athletic Association, an exercise class, Berks County Agency on Aging, and Family Promise.

We offer a playground and pavilion for usage by the community, VBS, Halloween Party, Easter Egg Hunt, and opportunities for local vendors to sell wares at our various fundraising events.

Like most churches, we host a number of weddings

6 for the community and we provide a dignified place for family to gather for funerals. Along with this we provide both “pre” and “post” marital counseling, offer financial support for the needy in our community, and maintain visitation to sick and homebound members.

From our parking lot to our sanctuary, our pre-school to our Sunday school, our worship service to our community service, Robeson Lutheran Church benefits the local community in ways that are difficult to put into monetary terms, but nevertheless are worth their weight in gold to the lives of those who have been touched by the ministries here.

After all, what price would you put on a marriage that can be salvaged, a young person talked down from suicide, an addict who breaks the habit, a convict who finds forgiveness and a second chance, or a person with the opportunity to escape poverty and homelessness to become an employed, home-owning, tax-paying citizen. (Surely these things are priceless.)

That said, I haven’t even begun to discuss the money that goes from our church to the synod and from there to church-wide that reaches out and touches lives around the world; perhaps that can be for another article.

However, I will give you just a tiny taste of what we at Robeson do for the world thanks to our affiliation with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and the larger Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

We support:

AIDS – Treatment and Care
 Lutheran Disaster Relief – USA and Globally
 Lutheran World Hunger – USA and Globally
 Anti-Malaria campaign – Nets, Education, Vaccination
 Literally thousands of local and global ministries and missionaries. (Check out the webpages of the ELCA and NEPA Synod, Lutheran Disaster Relief and Lutheran World Hunger if you want to see more!)

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 **September 13** in Hoeffler Hall.

Robeson Robins Senior Group

The Robins are off to the theater again on September 9th! This time they are going to the Rainbow Dinner Theater to see “Drinking Habits.” This trip was by reservation only. If you missed this one, please call for more information about upcoming shows in November and December. Contact Billie Bannon at 610-401-8496.



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. Gifts received during July totaled \$90. Thanks to:

John and Bonnie Lauer Harvey Martin

- 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 2014 and 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 September 15 for the October Digest.

ALTAR FLOWERS and BULLETIN SPONSOR openings this year so if you are interested please call the church office. 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.

Yes, there are truly some wonderful charities out there. However, for myself, I see the Church (particularly in its role of sharing the gospel and teachings of Jesus Christ) as the solid foundation of all charitable giving, and by supporting it, I know that I am supporting my local and global community and better yet, I am also providing for future Christians who will continue to shape the world; the kind of world I hope to give to my daughter Seraphina.

Until next time!

Your brother in Christ,

PASTOR MICHAEL

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
 SUNDAY, SEPT. 21**

Immediately following the 10:15 service

As stated in the letter to the congregation dated June 16, 2014: "After the congregational approval, our Property committee wasted no time in getting UGI on site to start working on the repairs and to perform the first inspection of all our heating and cooling equipment. Upon the UGI inspection, they discovered additional maintenance issues with some of our other heating and cooling systems.

There is a 3-compressor air conditioning system that cools the sanctuary. One of these compressors has failed and needs to be replaced.

One of the two hot air heaters used to heat the sanctuary has a cracked fire box and needs to be replaced. As these units are about 20 years old and inefficient by today's standards, it would be cheaper to replace them with new units of more than triple the energy efficiency – than to try to replace with expensive, hard-to-get parts and keep these inefficient heaters."

The property committee has obtained bids for this work and the council is preparing to make a recommendation for discussion and vote at this meeting. Please plan to attend.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - 9:00a.m.

This year's kickoff – Rally Day – for Sunday School will be a bit different from past years. The elementary Sunday School classes will be using new curriculum from Spark - house (a branch of Augsburg Publishing) that focuses on the lessons that will be read in worship for the day. This format is known as the lectionary. It is hoped that the children will see much more connection between worship and Sunday School using this material. So, in order to give the students a sampling of what a typical Sunday will be like our Rally Day will be structured around the lesson “The Unforgiving Servant”. There will be a group game, Bible lesson and special music will be provided by the “Twin Valley Fiddler’s Group”. These young people are in middle school under the direction of Charles Kydyk, an instrumental teacher at Twin Valley. **This morning is intended for students preschool through 6th grade and their parents!**

The adult Bible study group led by Linell McCormick will meet on Rally Day for an overview of what to expect in the coming year. (See article on page 9 in this DIGEST)

The jr/sr. high group will meet with Pastor Michael , Mark Lauer and Tyler Werner in the youth room.

Family Promise guests will be here October 5-12.

This is your opportunity to volunteer assistance to less fortunate families seeking return from being homeless to employment and self sufficiency.

Please call the church office at 610-856-7242 if you can help with set-up, meals, laundry, donations of supplies, overnights.

16 **Robeson Preschool****Robeson Lutheran Preschool**

Will hold orientation the week of September 1st with classes for toddlers, 3's, 4's, & Pre-K beginning the following week.

Please call the preschool office for availability of classes and more information (610-856-7613), or email Preschool610@dejazzd.com. Please check out our website at www.robesonlutheranpreschool.org

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.

PROPERTY UPDATES:

- UGI has completed the repairs to the heating system in the Christian Ed. wing.
- Ben McCormick and Dale Creed have fixed the insulation in the ceilings in the Christian Ed. wing. It was hot and itchy but they got the job done! Thank you Ben and Dale! The preschool staff and children will be happy to have warm rooms this winter!
- A big thanks to Bob Rivers and Dale Creed for patching the cracks on our parking lot. This is a back-breaking job that took many, many hours to complete. Hopefully, this will extend the life of our parking lot without the need for costly repairs in the near future.

The property committee would like to remind everyone to make sure that the doors are locked and closed properly and that the lights are turned out when you leave the building after meetings etc.



FALL 2014
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES

Adult Discussion Class
“YOU LOST ME”

Do you like to share your ideas and opinions with others in the area of issues that relate to children and families? The discussion group will be using the material “You Lost Me” as their initial topic. Through DVD and follow up questions the pressing faith issues of today are explored with the hope of building up the next generation of Christ followers. The session titles are: Overprotective; Shallow; Antiscience; Repressive; Exclusive; and Doubtless. This group is open to parents, grandparents and anyone interested in helping youth connect with the church. The group will meet in the new parlor just off the foyer beginning on **Sunday, September 21**.

Bible Study Class
THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES – THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH

Jesus said to his disciples right before his ascension, “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Who were the next generation of apostles who followed Jesus’ instructions? We will examine the teachings, travels, and turmoil faced by the 1st century church leaders. Linell McCormick will lead this journey through the Book of Acts and the Letters of Paul and his assistants. **Join us September 14 for Rally Day (and each Sunday morning thereafter) at 9:00 in the old parlor.** We will learn, laugh, snack, and socialize; all adults are welcome.



Vacation Bible School Recap “Weird Animals”

This year’s Vacation Bible School was held later in the summer (August) than most years due to the extended school year. It was hard to know if the attendance would be comparable to our June date, but it turned out that we were pleasantly surprised. There were 91 students and 35 leaders present. The preschool group had 39 pupils, which is what we usually have for this age group. The children seemed to have a lot of fun doing crafts, playing at recreation and learning at the video and Bible story centers. A special treat this year was learning sign language for the hymn “Jesus Loves Me”. Karen Ludwig and Louise Wilson worked with individual classes each day to teach them the words and sign language for the hymn. This was then performed for the parents at the closing program and also at the worship service on VBS Sunday. The week ended with a picnic and ice cream sundaes for all on Friday.

Now the question for next year will be do we prefer June or later in the summer. Your input is welcome. Send an email to Sue Creed at screed@dejazzd.com. if you have any feelings one way or another.

BOSCOV’S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS: October 21, 2014

The Outreach Committee is selling 25% off coupons for \$5. All \$5 goes to the ministries of our church. Plan now to shop at Boscovs on this date! You could save lots of money and help our church at the same time. See any Outreach Committee member or the church office staff to purchase a coupon up to 10/21.

SANDWICH SALES: THE SENIOR YOUTH would like to thank everyone who has been supporting their sandwich sales. The money raised will be used toward their trip to the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering. In order to promote the chicken barbecue in October, the youth will be holding their next sandwich sale in November. All orders are greatly appreciated!

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.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHURCH BAZAAR

November 1st

Save the date and plan to attend our church bazaar on November 1st. If you would like to rent a table call Cindy (610-856-7041) or if you are interested in helping at the bazaar please contact the church office. More information will be included in the October newsletter.

We are requesting donations for the following Baskets for the Bazaar. These are suggestions and if anyone thinks of other things to be included that would be great. The members of the Outreach Committee are donating items for additional baskets not listed. We will also supply the actual baskets so most of them will be approximately the same size.

New items only, Please. Monetary donations would also be gladly accepted to be used by the Committee to purchase items.

Coffee Basket

Regular and Decaf coffees
Coffee Mugs
Dunking Cookies
Jams and Jellies
Crossword Puzzle Book
Sudoku Puzzle Book

Bath Basket

Bubbles
Scrubby for washing
Lotions
Hand towel and Washcloth
Soap
Candle

Champagne Basket

Champagne
Cutting Board
Cheese & Crackers

Italian Basket

Cook Book
Pasta
Sauces
Bread Sticks
Olive Oil
Spices

Wine Basket

Bottle of wine
Cheese and Crackers
Small cutting board



OCTOBER WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT Features A Special Evening with Teen Challenge October 1, 6-7:30 p.m.

Please come out and support our Berks County division of Teen Challenge, Rehrersburg.

Join us for a special choral concert and testimonials from young men who have recovered from life-controlling addictions through the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Senior Youth is sponsoring the event which will begin at 6PM with a savory pizza and salad meal from Paolo's. Please bring a dessert to share. A free will offering will be taken for Teen Challenge (the youth are paying for the meal).

This is one night you won't want to miss as we will hear the results of the Lord's work through the awesome efforts of Teen Challenge: "Rekindling Hope, Renewing Life, Restoring Families."

The following months will include:

November 5 – Wendy and Don Yost will do a special Revolutionary War performance. They are very involved with the many reenactments that are done about the Revolutionary War.

December 3 – An Advent Workshop will be held. It is hoped that we can have crafts from various parts of the world available to be made by those in attendance. If you would like to help with the Advent workshop by leading a demonstration and making of an Advent craft perhaps from the country of your origin please let Sue Creed know as soon as possible. These crafts can be for adults and or children.

January 7, 2015 - "Compassion Child" – Veronica Gerace and the youth group have been active in this project for some years. Veronica will show a DVD and talk on the mission of this group.

February 4, 2015- "Game Night ?? – tentatively this evening has been set aside for games of all kinds from board games to active floor games. This event is subject to change should another program of interest surface in the near future.

Youth Activities

Senior Youth Event (7-12th grades) - **Mini Golf**

Sept. 21, 3pm: Join us for our first Senior Youth event of the new school year! We will be having a fun afternoon of mini golf, reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. We will be meeting at the church in order to drive to this event. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Mark Lauer at the church office or by email at Mark.Lauer12@houghton.edu



Junior Youth Night Kick-Off



September 26th 6-8: Junior Youth Night (formerly Family Fun Night) is starting back up on September 26th, from 6-8 PM, with an evening of ice cream sundaes and games on the ball field. (In the event of inclement weather this activity will be held in Hoeffler Hall.) Families are invited to bring a topping to share and enjoy some time together on a beautiful end-of-summer night. Junior Youth Night is for kids in K-6th. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mark Lauer at the church office or by email: Mark.Lauer12@houghton.edu



Halloween Trick or Treat Party

Oct 31: This year our annual Halloween party will take place in the church parking lot on Halloween night. We will have food, games, and trick or treating for church members and the local community. Keep an eye out for more information about the party in future digests and church bulletins.

MUSIC NOTES:

The big news this month is the resurrection of the Praise Team.

We will be rehearsing on September 18 & 25; Please join us for our first worship service on Sept. 28th! (we will play every 4th Sunday). If you are interested in joining the team please see me, we are still looking for singers and instrumentalists!



Sing from your heart,

Louise Wilson, Minister of Music

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!!

Our **Annual Chicken BBQ**

will be held on October 19th from 11:30-1:00. Donation is still only \$8.00 and includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll and butter. Baked goods will also be sold. Tickets are available from

any Outreach committee member (Judy, Barbara, Diane, Carol, Janet and Marion) and Debbie in the church office. Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated as well. This year all the money raised will be going into the general fund to cover expenses such as heating, electric, etc. at Robeson. Thank you for your support!

-Outreach Committee

