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A Prayer of Moses, the man of God. <sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
<sup>3</sup> You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'

<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

<sup>5</sup> You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; <sup>6</sup>in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

<sup>7</sup> For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

<sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
<sup>9</sup> For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup> The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

<sup>11</sup> Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due to you.

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

<sup>13</sup> Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice (cont. on page 4)

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VBS & Activity Camp —June 22-26 Call the church to register 610-856-7242 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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Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

JUNE: Billie Bannon—June 14

Coming up in July: Elsie Evans—July 4 Louise Wilson—July 12 Grace Rhoads—July 18 Mildred Buss—July 20 Mary McVaugh—July 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:

05/10/15—**Elizabeth Rose Breneman**, daughter of Jennifer Beth (Yocum) Breneman and Christopher James Breneman.

New Members: 05/24/15—Shane and Jarrod Neiffer

<u>Vacation</u>: Pastor Michael will be on vacation from June 10-June 24. If you have a pastoral need during this time please call the church office or 610-823-5849.

#### "EVERY HERO HAS A STORY" SUMMER READING SCHEDULE @ THE VILLAGE LIBRARY IN MORGANTOWN



Mon., June 8: @ 6:30pm: Summer Kick Off with "Two of a Kind" Interactive Music for Children and Families.

#### Wed., June 10: NO PROGRAM TODAY

Wed., June 17: "Middle Creek Search and Rescue" 11:30am

Wed., June 24: "Animal Heroes"/ We will be showing "Balto" after story hour. Design your own comic strip contest. Entry due today.

Wed., July 1: "Story Book Heroes"

Wed., July 8: "Everyday Heroes"

Wed., July 15: "Nature's Pollinators – Nature's Heroes" with Jennifer Brooks from Berks County Parks and Recreation. (Must preregister for this program.)

Wed., July 22: "Super Heroes" : Design a super hero contest due today.

Wed., July 29: "Community Heroes Day"

Wed., Aug. 5: "Miss Electricity" with the Yocum Institute for Arts Ed.

Wed., Aug.12: Summer Reading Closing Program: Details to follow.

\*All Wednesday programs begin at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted.



JUNE 6: 5:30 Holy Communion Service

JUNE 7-9:00 Holy Communion; Installation of VBS Staff

<u>JUNE 14</u>—9:00 **Holy Communion** Rev. Martin DeWalt, supply pastor

<u>JUNE 21</u>—9:00 **Worship**; **Praise Service** with Laudate Praise Team; <u>Happy Father's Day!</u>

<u>JUNE 28</u>—9:00 **VBS Sunday;** Worship in Hoeffer Hall; Joyful Noise Offering for the Reading Food Banks

#### JUNE EVENTS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22-26—9:00– Noon

VBS Fun for All 12:30-2:00 ACTIVITY CAMP



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and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup> Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

<sup>16</sup> Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

<sup>17</sup> Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands! (Psalm 90)

As many of you know by now, I was born with several heart defects. What this meant for me during my childhood was a reality whereby I was not as fast or as durable as my peers, particularly when it came to physical activity. Internally I was different, and that expressed itself in my external abilities.

However, I wish to point out that I have little to complain about regarding my childhood and youth, for my parents never used my heart as an excuse to be overly-protective, nor did they allow me to wallow in frustration. Likewise, my "heart condition" did not rob me of friendships or prevent me from having some semblance of normalcy as I was growing up.

I share this with you as we enter the month of June, because it is the month of my birth, and it was in this same month some 29 years ago that a doctor told me (when I was eleven) that the time had come to make a decision about whether or not I should have open heart surgery,

I remember asking the doctor what my future would look like if I decided against the surgery and he gently explained that I would begin to struggle greatly over the next years as my heart would not be able to properly nourish my body. The doctor stated that by thirty, if I somehow survived, I would most likely be wheelchair-bound and severely limited.

Naturally I chose to have the open-heart surgery, and now each June, as the  $18^{th}$  arrives, I celebrate not only my birthday, but also the gift of another year beyond the age of 30 (10 as of this year).

In looking at the above psalm, I am thoughtful of how these words express the immortality of God and the very mortal nature of man. Our lives can seem to blaze by and for some



invites you to a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Saturday, June 20 -8:00-11:00 AM at The Kenhorst Dairy Queen



Tickets are just \$7.00 and are available through you congregational FP coordinator or by calling the Family Promise office at 610-373-3323. All proceeds benefit Family Promise! Breakfast includes: pancakes, bacon, smoothies and coffee.

Come, enjoy a great breakfast and help your neighbors in need.



#### THANK YOU QUILTERS!

We received this picture from Omar Rahaman, LWR's Senior Director for Asia and the Middle East. He is working in Nepal to coordinate our response to the April 25 earthquake. One

part of our immediate response was to ship 9,240 Quilts, 1,000 Personal Care Kits and 100 water filtration units to Nepal to distribute to families and communities affected by the quake. This photo is taken in Lamjung district, where 75 percent of homes are reported to have been destroyed. LWR is focusing its response in Lamjung District as well as the remote, mountainous Ghorka district. LWR Quilts provide warmth, especially as the monsoon season approaches, and reminds the people of Nepal that they are not forgotten. Omar sends this message to our Quilt till You Wilt group, "Thank you quilters for all that you do!"

#### Dear Friends,

We wanted to express our gratitude and sincere thanks for your generous donations of sheets, sleeping pads, men's clothing and books. You should know that all of the donations we receive go directly to the men who come to us seeking physical sustenance and spiritual guidance.

Because of your generosity, you are a valued partner in our ministry here, and therefore, the Lord is using you to directly impact the lives of the men!

**Blessings Robeson Family!** 

Sincerely yours,

Robert Turchi, Executive Director

Hope Rescue Mission of Reading PA

#### **GOLF OUTING!**



The Heritage of Green Hills Golf Outing will be held on Friday, June 12 at Flying Hills Golf Club.

Registration at 8 a.m.—Tee off at 9 a.m.— Cost: \$80

Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, registration gift bag, riding cart, on-course beverages, lunch on the golf course, chance to

win prizes, foursome photo, dinner at the

Heritage of Green Hills, including two drink tickets and a raffle ticket.

To register visit: www.TheHeritageGolfOuting.org or call 484-269-5100.

Golf attire is required. Collared shirts and slacks are appropriate. No steel spikes are allowed on the course. All participants must be at least 7 years of age. this thought is frightening and depressing. Even the writer of the psalm seems to lament the human condition that leads to death.

Yet it is inspiring to see the passion for life that comes from this knowledge of one's mortality. The closing verses (12-17) turn the writer's heart to thankfulness even in the midst of challenging conditions and dark times; a hope to find gladness in the midst of affliction and evil days.

To come to terms with our own mortality can be such a frightening journey, and for some they simply refuse to acknowledge it until they issue their last breath. However, in facing our mortality (at least on this side of existence) it offers an opportunity to grow in our appreciation for every blessed moment we have, every relationship that is precious to us, and especially every memory that remains.

As much as our culture likes to avoid the topic of death (at least outside of entertainment) there is such wisdom to be gained in facing our own mortality. This is why the psalm writer asks God to teach us to count our days so that we might gain wise hearts; for only in coming to terms with our limits, our brokenness, and our mortality, do we gain an insight into the power and wonder of an eternal and loving God who watches over all our days and sustains us both in this life and the next.

For me, June is a special time to thank God for all His wonders in my life, and His guiding presence even in the midst of tears, trials, and loss. I cannot even guess who I might have become had I been born without heart defects, yet even so, I thank God for who I have become in spite of them.

That said, as we enter this month of June, it is my prayer for all of you, my brothers and sisters, that you will remember that all of our earthly days are numbered, and each one is precious. Let this reality not drive you to fear, but rather inspire you to truly celebrate and honor the time you have been given in this life; even as you look forward to something greater to come in the next. May God bless us all wise hearts! Your brother in Christ, **PASTOR MICHAEL** 



Have you heard about our upcoming week of fun, learning and connecting with friends?

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If not, now is the time to read this information and sign up for our Vacation Bible School and the fun we will have doing science experiments, playing "new" games, being creative with our crafts and most of all learning about the life and mission of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Classes are planned for 3 year olds (completed 3 year old preschool) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. **The time is 9:00a.m. – noon.** 

Parents, grandparents and older siblings are urged to volunteer to help with various areas of Vacation Bible School. You need not volunteer every day, but it would be great if you could help with this ministry and have some fun with the children.

**INSTALLATION OF THE STAFF will be held Sunday, June 7 at the 9:00a.m worship service.** Please plan to be present if you are teaching or helping in any way.

<u>ACTIVITY CAMP</u> will be held the afternoons of VBS week from 12:30 - 2:00.

Registration forms are available in the church at the various entrances. Also, you can email Sue Creed (screed@dejazzd.com) or call the church office and we will see that you get a form to complete and return. <u>Pre-registration is very helpful</u> for having plenty of material on hand.

See you soon, Sue Creed Director of Vacation Bible School

#### From our Mailbox:

Dear Members of Robeson Lutheran Church,

The members of our chapter of the St. Vincent DePaul Society are sincerely grateful for your donation in the amount of \$263.80 to the food bank at St. Benedicts. We will use the donation to continue the work of helping God's poor in Berks County by providing food. It is our prayer that God continues to bless all of you as you have helped those that are the face of God.

Thank you and God bless you,

Carol Nygard, Chapter President

Dear Pastor Ware and the Congregation of Robeson Lutheran,

On behalf of Shady Hollow Assisted Riding, I would like to thank you for the generous donation of \$182.47. This will be added to our general fund which provides 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.

We'd also like to send a special thank you to two members of your congregation, Larry Piet and Russ Westendorf, who are both invaluable volunteers at our facility. Their work, dedication and willingness to help with anything is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Michele Cooper, Program Director

Shady Hollow Assisted Riding



#### PROTECT 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 Hoeffer Hall to accept your newspaper, magazines, office paper, "junk" mail, and now phonebooks and cardboard (must be smashed flat). Please no plastic; take your paper out of the plastic bags before you throw it in the bin. Thanks for your help!

#### **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.

#### Activities Camp June 22-25, 12:30-2:00

After VBS each day, there will be an opportunity for children in K-6 to spend a few hours playing games in the gym and outside. We will be playing a variety of group and



team games, such as various tag games, hockey, and kickball. Families who plan to have their kids be a part of camp, please pack a lunch each day for your child, which they will have time to eat from 12-12:30 before we begin. Also let the church know that they will be participating, either by making a note of it on your VBS registration forms, or contacting Mark Lauer (mark.lauer12@houghton.edu).

Parents are needed to help chaperone each day. Again if parents volunteer for one day, no one will be over extended for the entire week. Please consider sharing the responsibility for overseeing the children.

#### **YOUTH NEWS:**



This year the senior youth group is attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit, MI from July 15-19. We have seven youth and three chaperones who will be making the trip out to the Midwest for a week of service, worship, and fellowship. We have our tickets purchased, our hotel booked, and we're in

the final processes of finding a van to make the road trip out and back. We are so excited for our kids here at Robeson to have this opportunity to participate with other youth in the greater body of the ELCA. We also want to give a huge thank you to the entire congregation here at Robeson. From purchasing hoagies, to prayers, to words of encouragement, your support has truly made this trip a possibility!

#### PlowShares Service Project Group God's work, Our Hands



#### School is out and summer is in – and Plow-Shares is back! After a few months break, we hope the youth can regain their enthusiasm for helping others. PARENTS, here is the plan:

\*\*<u>Back In Action</u> --weekly gatherings for all who can make it, when they can make it, to make and do things that matter!! Each week will be a surprise activity to brighten someone's day or help someone in need. (pack school supplies for local kids, survival bracelets, card making, homeless kits,

etc.) Thursdays at 6pm--7:30pm beginning June 18 through August 20

\*\*<u>Project: Craft</u>—meet to make various crafts to be sold at the 8/8 Plowville Community Day event. Money raised will go to the 'Flooring Fund' (replace flooring in the church hall). Tuesdays at 6pm--7:30pm beginning June 30 through August 4

REMEMBER, the group is for youth in 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. All are welcome--kids from throughout the community; Mixed ages, mixed neighborhoods, mixed school districts; Everyone working together to show love and care for others.

<u>LIKE our Facebook</u> page for updates, info and inspiration. College students, young adults, parents and any interested adults are NEEDED to help lend a hand, ideas, and support! PLEASE contact the church office (610-856-7242) or <u>BonnieLeeLauer@gmail.com</u> if you can help or have any questions.



#### Visitation Team bringing communion to shut-ins

Members of our Visitation Team have now been trained to bring Holy Communion to our shut-ins. 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.)

<u>VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED as DRIVERS</u> 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.

<u>VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE MEALS</u>: If you would be willing to make a meal or even to buy a meal for a family who is struggling due to health issues please call the church office (610-856-7242) or email Debbie at ddemarco@dejazzd.com and we will put you on the schedule. This can make such a big difference to someone who is sick and to their caregivers who are already doing so much.



## 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.

#### MUSIC NOTES:

# Jim Hendricks

#### Coming to Robeson in September!

An outstanding pianist, Jim Hendricks from Illinois will be performing at our church on September 27th. this fall. He has performed

more than 1300 Christian piano concerts all across the land. Jim was a child prodigy and before going into Christian ministry, he performed with such legends as Dave Brubeck, Della Reese, and many others.

While on tour with the Glenn Miller orchestra, Jim realized he was not using his talents for God's glory. He knew it was time to leave the secular music world and follow God's calling into Christian ministry.

The Lord has greatly blessed his decision to bring glory to Christ through music.

So, please mark your calendar now to enjoy his Christian ministry through music.

We look forward to him coming this fall.

"Sing from your heart" Louise Wilson Minister of Music.





#### PLOWVILLE COMMUNITY DAY Coming August 8th!

Plans are underway and work is being done to make this a successful, learning and fun day in Plowville for everyone.

The day will begin at 10 a.m. with a flea market and a cleanup of the grounds. We are hoping to have lots of help so we can get everything done by noon when the Healthy Living Fair begins along with lots of fun activities for all ages. There will be some "rides" for the children, and activities for the older youth, lots of good information and handouts for everyone. The Fire Company and other community service providers will be here. Food will be sold at the snack bar and dessert in Hoeffer Hall (hopefully this will feature peaches and ice cream). Another part of the fundraiser will be a basket/gift card raffle. We are hoping that our area businesses will donate to this. These activities will conclude by 4 p.m.

Everyone is invited to return to the ballfield at 7 p.m. for free entertainment including a battle of the bands and a movie so bring your blankets and beach chairs! The snack bar will again be open for late evening snacks!

Please save this date, plan to attend and bring your friends and neighbors. We are in need of lots of help so if you are willing to give an hour or two please call the church office and volunteer (610-856-7242).

#### **Men's Group**

The men of Robeson Lutheran Church continue to meet for breakfast and fellowship on the second Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. here in our own Hoeffer Hall. This is a great opportunity to get to know your brothers in Christ and learn more about your faith through brief bible study and mutual conversation. Come and see how the men of Robeson live out their discipleship. The next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for June 13.

#### **Robeson Robins Senior Group**

The Robins will be going to Red Lobster for lunch on June 16th.

Please call Billie at 610-401-8496 if you would like to join the group or for more information about the Robeson Robins.



<u>THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS</u>: 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. Contributions received in April total \$75, thanks to our contributor, John Lauer, Thrivent Financial Representative.

Thank you John!!

#### THIS AND THAT AT ROBESON LUTHERAN:

<u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u>!!! We have posted volunteer sheets on the bulletin board at the office 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!

<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>: 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.

#### **<u>REMINDERS</u>**:

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.

<u>PARISH DIGEST DEADLINE</u>: Articles for the summer newsletter (July/August) are due in the office by June 17. The next Digest will not be mailed until the end of August so please think ahead!

#### **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.

#### BAZAAR COMMITTEE:

We are still looking for a few people to join the Bazaar Committee to coordinate this year's holiday bazaar. This is a big fundraiser for our church that we would like to continue, so if you are able to help please call the church office or speak to Marion Kachel.

#### EXERCISE CLASSES WITH AMY SCHADE!

Amy will be back at Robeson again this summer beginning Tuesday, May 26. The cost is \$75 for 20 sessions. If you are interested please call Amy at 610-582-9044.

#### IT'S ZUMBA TIME!

Dance your way to better health and fitness! Julie Rodeck will be offering some summer Zumba classes. Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Wednesday mornings at 9:30. Cost is \$30 for 6 classes or \$7 per class for drop-ins. Please email Julie if you are interested or would like more information (julierodeck@yahoo.com) or call the church office.

#### FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS FUNDRAISER:

The Outreach Committee will be selling Boscov's Friends Helping Friends tickets again this year. Last year was a huge success. We raised over \$1000.00 for the general fund. This year we would like to sell more and with your help we can do it. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the church gets the full amount. With this you can save 25% on most items in the store, event the sale items. The date is October 20th to use the discount all day. It seems early to purchase them, but we want to start selling early to meet our goal so just attach them to your calendar as a reminder and they won't get lost! See anyone on our Outreach Committee: Diane Morlock, Judy Mountz, Barb Strough, Janet Haney, Carol Rousch, Marion Kachel to purchase your tickets or stop by the church office during regular hours. Why not buy 2 or 3, they also make nice gifts for family or friends!

#### LEAVING A LEGACY THAT GOES BEYOND DEATH When we recall the names of the faithful who have

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 nonmaterial 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.



E-giving will be an ongoing service offered here at Robeson Lutheran. You may sign up at any time. If you would like more information please contact the church office. To sign up just visit our church website at

### www.robesonlutheranchurch.org and look for the "Donate Now" button.

Thank you for considering this new giving opportunity.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income for April:	\$ 24,918.14
Other Income: Checks issued for April: Checking balance brought forth:	\$ 869.47(in/out) \$ 20,836.01 \$ 4,785.74
Checking balance as of 4/30/15	\$ 9,737.34

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

#### SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

TOTAL ASSETS: 3/31/15	\$ 21,291.74	
Special funds received in April	\$	120.00
BALANCES: Checking Account balance 4/30/15	\$ 21	,409.74

-Kay Good, Treas. Spec. Funds

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS and BULLETIN SPONSORS:</u> Please check with Linell in the church office for any openings. Reminder: Altar flowers cost is \$33 and bulletins are \$25.