

Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

MAY:
Joy O'Donnell—May 6

JUNE:
Billie Bannon—June 14



Did we miss anyone? If you are a “Senior” Member over age 55 and wish to be included on the birthday list, please call the church office at 610-856-7242.

PARISH REGISTER:

Nothing to report.

SOME OF OUR MEMBERS who have moved out of the area keep in touch and want us to convey their greetings to you. They are: Don and Mary Adomaitis
Mim Spence
Pete and Sue Albohn (transferred but still in touch)

We miss them and wish them well.

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The Parish Digest



From the Pastor:

⁶¹ Therefore such people must learn that it is the highest art to know that our Sacrament does not depend upon our worthiness. For we are not baptized because we are worthy and holy, nor do we go to confession because we are pure and without sin, but the contrary, because we are poor miserable men, and just because we are unworthy; unless it be someone who desires no grace and absolution nor intends to reform.

⁶² But whoever would gladly obtain grace and consolation should impel himself, and allow no one to frighten him away, but say: I, indeed, would like to be worthy; but I come, not upon any worthiness, but upon Thy Word, because Thou hast commanded it, as one who would gladly be Thy disciple, no matter what becomes of my worthiness.

(Martin Luther - Large Catechism V. 61-62)

37 Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized.

Application 37G When an unbaptized person comes to the table seeking Christ's presence and is inadvertently communed, neither that person nor the ministers of Communion need be ashamed. Rather, Christ's gift of love and mercy to all is praised. That person is invited to learn the faith of the Church, be baptized, and thereafter faithfully receive Holy Communion.

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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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Joy O'Donnell

Sue Besecker

Abby Moore (youth)

Ed Haag

Julia Bond

Nepal earthquake

All donations can be sent or delivered to Lutheran Congregational Services, 1923 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, PA 18109 and are tax deductible. Please make donation checks out to Lutheran Congregational Services and leave the memo blank. Checks for registration should include "Camp Noah Registration" in the memo.

For more information contact:

Ruth Doty, Co-coordinator for 2015 Crisfield Maryland Camp Noah programs
484.553.1162 cell, RDCampN@gmail.com or Lutheran Congregational Services, 610.770.9205.



GRIEF CAMP FOR CHILDREN:

We have recently been contacted by Hospice of Central Pennsylvania regarding a grief group for children they will be holding on June 5-7 from 6 p.m. Friday until 3 p.m. on Sunday at Camp Swatara in Bethel, PA. The camp is free to all children ages 6-13 who

have suffered some type of loss.

You can visit their website at hospiceofcentralpa.org. Click on: Learn More – Camp Dragonfly. There you will find the camp application, packing list, and information for the camp. The registration deadline is May 18. You can also reach them at the numbers listed on the website.

The camp will be led by Pam Geberich who is a certified grief counselor and social worker.



MAY SERVICES



MAY 2: 5:30 **Holy Communion Service**

MAY 3—7:45 & 10:15 **Holy Communion**; 9:00 SCS

MAY 10—7:45 & 10:15 **Holy Communion**; 9:00 SCS
Mother's Day; Baptism (7:45)

MAY 17—7:45 & 10:15 **Worship**; 9:00 SCS



MAY 24—7:45 & 10:15 **PENTECOST Holy Communion**

Praise Service with Laudate Praise Team

Memorial Day Sunday

Joyful Noise Offering for our Missionaries, Dr.

Mark and Linda Jacobson

9:00 SCS

MAY 31— **9:00 a.m. Holy Trinity—Holy Communion**
(One Service only—Summer schedule begins)

MAY EVENTS

May 10—**Mother's Day Plant sale**—sponsored by the Robeson Robins. Please stop by their stand outside the double doors and check out their assortment of flowering plants just in time for Mother's Day and Spring planting! All proceeds go to help fund the monthly programs enjoyed by our seniors. They appreciate your support.



(ELCA - The Use and Means of Grace – Part 3 Holy Communion and the Christian Assembly – Principle 37 & Application 37G)

Holy Communion – Rationale and Practical Application Part 4

(Who should come to the Lord's Table?)

You may not be aware of this, but currently the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) is in talks regarding who is officially welcome to receive Holy Communion. This is due to the fact that there have been changes in the last many years regarding the Holy Communion among our various congregations to the extent that more and more congregations are practicing a truly open invitation to Holy Communion.

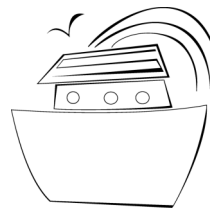
Now, traditionally in the church, Communion (understood as a Sacrament – A Gift of God's Grace, Commanded by Christ, using a Physical element) was offered only to those who were baptized. However as Biblical interpretation has grown and the image and practice of Jesus has been more deeply examined, it has brought forth a change in practice regarding Holy Communion by which some congregations now welcome the non-baptized more regularly at the communion table.

Naturally in wishing for Biblical direction in this matter we first turn to the scriptures, but unfortunately the notion that one must first be baptized before being communed is nowhere directly stated in the scriptures. Indeed while Baptism and Communion are mentioned rather frequently by Jesus, in no place does Jesus or anyone else make the case or connection that one must first be baptized in order to receive communion.

So while some congregations and denominations still envision Holy Communion as a meal reserved only for those who are in the inner circle (read baptized Christians) there are those of us (such as here at Robeson) who see communion as a Means of Grace, meaning something which God uses to offer/give His grace to His people.

CHURCH AT LARGE:

CAMP NOAH 2015 – CRISFIELD, MARYLAND July 25-31, 2015



Camp Noah

We believe in the resurrection! And because we do, Lutheran Congregational Services will be supporting two Camp Noah teams this summer to the Crisfield, MD area whose long-term ongoing struggles with economic challenges and poor housing were exacerbated by Hurricane Sandy.

Camp Noah, a program of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, is a day camp program delivered within a child's community and uses a curriculum designed to help children process their disaster and trauma experience through creative activities and play. Lutheran Congregational Services has been involved with the program since 2006, and these will be our 17th and 18th camps. Since we have seen how God's Spirit works through this program to bring healing and growth not only for campers, but also to communities and members of the volunteer teams, we hope you will join us in this exciting work by:

- 1) Volunteering to serve on one or both of the Camp Noah teams. *Contact Ruth Doty, or go to www.lutherancongregationalservices.org*
- 2) Putting together Kids Kits, writing and art supplies needed by each camper. *go to www.campnoah.org/in-kind-donations*
- 3) Making tied fleece blankets for campers. *go to www.campnoah.org/in-kind-donations*
- 4) Donating to Lutheran Congregational Services to support its various ministries of healing and resiliency training for children, youth and families, including its involvement with Camp Noah.

From our Mailbox:

Thank you for your generous donation. Blessings like this helps us make a difference in our community.

Blessings,

Howard & Carol, Twin Valley Food Bank

Dear Robeson Congregation,

I sincerely want to thank you for your recent very generous contribution of \$263.80 given to support the ministry of the Lutheran Pantry in Reading. Your gift allows us to continue to distribute food to our neighbors in need. Your support makes a difference and is greatly appreciated!

Your Partner in Christian Service,

Dawn Baxter, Director

SAVE THE DATE! 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.

And before you assume that we are stepping outside the bounds of our own Lutheran denomination, I want to share with you something I found in looking at one of the ELCA's significant documents on this matter, "The Use and Means of Grace."

You might say I discovered something that seemed a little off; for while it clearly stated that Holy Communion is for the baptized, there was this little addendum stating that if an unbaptized person was "inadvertently" communed that no one should be ashamed, but rather "Christ's gift of love and mercy *to all* is praised.

Now, I am not sure if the writer of this document was being ironic or if they didn't really think about what they wrote, but if the inadvertent communing of an un-baptized person is something we should celebrate; because in the end it shows the gift of Christ's love and mercy to all, then it seems we already have the answer to the question of who should be welcome to God's table.

That is to say, Holy Communion is a gift of God's love for ALL of us Baptized or Not. Jesus doesn't say this gift is only for Bob, or Jill, or for the righteous, or for those who attend church on a weekly basis; rather, Jesus offers himself for the sake of us ALL.

Certainly such an understanding seems to fit in well with Jesus who eats with the sinners, spends time with tax collectors and prostitutes, lifts up the outcasts and the sick, and offers healing to all who are broken.

In the end, Holy Communion is not, and has never been about our worthiness to approach and receive, it has always been about God's openness to welcome and to offer his love to us ALL!

May God bless you my friends!

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Michael



SUNDAY SCHOOL ENDS MAY 24

The Sunday School year is quickly coming to an end. We have had a consistent group of young people and adults attending classes throughout this past year. Our final day will be **May 24th which is also Pentecost**. There will be a special kite making/flying event that day for the young people to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Mother's Day will also involved a special celebration with the children making prayer bracelets with their mothers and do a Bible lesson on mothers/parents and lite refreshments. Please be sure to mark these dates on your May calendar.



The adult class will have a final session on May 17.

Our Sunday School will then be on "vacation" until September 20 when "Johnny Appleseed" will be with us to help celebrate Rally Day/Back to Sunday School day.

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT: A new name, a new mission!

A committee is being formed to plan the Fall 2015 community night activities. Please see Sue Creed if you have an interest in helping with this; or email Sue at screed@dejazzd.com.



RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES:

HELP YOUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY:

Please bring in your used **ink cartridges** (any kind) and we will recycle them at Staples earning \$2 each for the church.

Cell phones, eyeglasses, 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, 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.



Visitation Team bringing communion to shut-ins

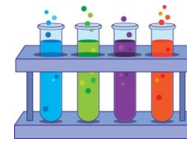
Members of our Visitation Team have now been trained to bring Holy Communion to our shut-ins. It is our hope to visit with and bring Holy Communion to each shut-in and homebound member of Robeson up to 6 times a year. If you would like a visit, and have not yet been visited by a member of our team, please feel free to contact Pastor Michael or call the church office 610-856-7242.)

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.

VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE MEALS: 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.



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has been preparing meals for our shut-ins. You can't imagine how much this is appreciated by the entire family.



"SON SPARK LABS" **YOUR INVITATION**

VBS 2015 June 22-26



It 's that time of year again to begin thinking about Vacation Bible School. We have chosen June as our month for VBS and hopefully, that will find many people still in the routine of school and not on vacation. This year's theme is centered on science and the fun one can have exploring God's world through science experiments. The principles that will be examined are: gravity, cause & effect, motion, transformation and chain reactions.

In the area of Bible study the children will be focusing on the following thoughts: The Creation Formulation (Genesis 1:-2:2); The Sin Separation (Genesis 2:8-9); The Personification Revelation (John 1:1-2:14) ; The Salvation Solution (Luke 22 -24:35) and The Infinite Implementation (Mark 16:15 and other passages). Each age group works at their own level of understanding on these topics.

It is not too early to register your child/children. Please fill out the accompanying form and drop it off at the church office or put it in the offering plate. As a reminder all children who have finished a 3 year old preschool class through those completing 6th grade are welcome to attend. Volunteers are also needed in all areas: preschool, snack, group leaders, center helpers especially(recreation and crafts). If you would be willing to have a position on the staff for VBS please let Sue Creed know or note it on your child's registration form.

As in other years you will be asked to sign Robeson Lutheran's policy on bullying. This is included on the back of the registration form enclosed with this newsletter. Please be sure to sign this when registering. We must have this on file in order for your child to be at VBS.

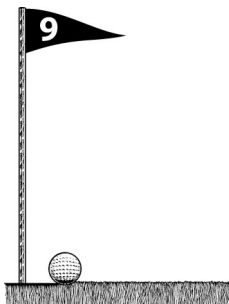
PlowShares Service Project Group

God's work, Our Hands



The PlowShares Service Project Club will be on hiatus again during the month of May. Watch future Digests for more information of upcoming events.

Please help spread the word. This is a community service project youth group. We are looking for youth from the community who would like to make a difference in our own community and the world. We would love to hear your suggestions on how our group can reach out to others in need. Although designed for youth in grades 5-12, younger youth may accompany their parents and help with the projects as well. PlowShares is always looking for adults to help on a monthly basis. To volunteer or for more information contact the church office, staff member or Bonnie Lauer at BonnieLeeL@windstream.net or 610-286-0800.



YOUTH NEWS:

The Senior Youth will be going miniature golfing on May 17 at 2:00 p.m. Please see Mark Lauer if you are interested in joining the fun.

We still have some “tickets” for the HOAGIE SALE for Weaver Orchard’s delicious sandwiches. Stop by the church office or see Mark Lauer to purchase a sandwich coupon. Cost is \$5 and they never expire! The youth appreciate your support as they raise funds for the upcoming National Youth Event in July!



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.

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 May 9.

Robeson Robins Senior Group

This month the Robins will travel to the Bird in Hand Dinner Theater to see Josiah for President on May 20th. This event is by reservation only.

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. Contributions received in March total \$1,113.00, thanks to our contributors:

Marie Brooks	Gerald Hoffert
Marion Kachel	Ruth Kennedy
William Kennedy	David Onushko
Miriam Spence	Rebecca Spieker

Thank you!!



WHAT'S YOUR CAUSE? WHERE'S YOUR PASSION?

If you have a connection to an organization in the community that has a need to fulfill, you might be able to help. Thrivent Action Teams are forming all over the country to help communities with special projects. If you are a Thrivent Beneficial Member you may organize an Action Team two times every year as long as you are a member. Even if you are not a Thrivent Beneficial Member, you can become an Associate Member by joining their credit union or paying \$19.95 a year, and hold an Action Team event once a year for a maximum of three years.

When you have identified your unmet need, you apply online or by phone to start your project. Once approved, you will receive a box of resources including shirts, banner, name tags, and seed money (\$250) to help you get started.

Thrivent Action Teams are member-led projects – fundraisers, one-time service activities, or educational events – that can be completed within 90 days, after which you must file the end of project paperwork.

Some of our church members have already organized Action Teams in 2014. Marion Kachel's team held a chicken barbecue in October and raised funds for our church. Debbie DeMarco led two teams in November, one for Special Olympics (the start-up funds were used to buy supplies and prizes for their auction fundraiser); and one for our church bazaar. Mark Lauer was able to form a team to sponsor the Halloween Trunk or Treat which was a huge success. Pastor Michael's team was dedicated to the Trucks for Maddox project. Our community has lots of needs so it's good to know that we also have many Thrivent members to help meet these needs. If you are a Thrivent member, please consider being a team leader and help your cause in 2015!

PENTECOST, THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT



Fifty days after Easter, the disciples were hiding in fear in Jerusalem when, suddenly, there was the rush of a mighty wind and tongues of fire descended on them. They were empowered to leave the locked room where they were and go out into the crowded streets of Jerusalem and proclaim in all the languages of the pilgrims gathered there that "Jesus, who has been crucified, has been raised from the dead." (Acts 2)

Thus the church was born, and we have been celebrating that birth ever since on the 50th day after Easter. This year will be no different.

The color of the day is RED. To highlight the day, we will adorn the nave with red geraniums (which can be ordered with the blank in this "Digest") and we ask that you wear something red if possible.

Because Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church Year (besides Christmas and Easter), the Holy Communion will be celebrated as a high festival on that day. Come, share the Spirit!

GERANIUM ORDER—for Sunday, May 24

Orders due by Sunday, May 10 but last minute orders
can be accepted by May 17

(Payment should accompany order please.)

I/We would like to order _____ geraniums@ \$9.00 each.

In Memory of In Honor Of or By (circle one)

By _____

Name: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

(Geraniums may be taken home after the service or on Wednesday or Thursday between 12-4)

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 May 18 for the June 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income for March:	\$ 26,058.34
Other Income:	\$ 1,390.33 (in/out)
Checks issued for March:	\$ 27,613.14
Checking balance brought forth:	\$ 2.75
Transfer from Gifts & Bequests	\$ 5,000.00
Checking balance as of 3/31/15	\$ 4,785.74

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

TOTAL ASSETS: 2/28/15	\$ 20,928.74
Special funds received in March	\$ 115.00
Plowville Athletic Association fees	\$ 300.00
BALANCES:	
Checking Account balance 3/31/15	\$ 21,291.74

-Kay Good, Treas. Spec. Funds

MUSIC NOTES:

Our "laudate" praise team has been growing. We are happy to have Russ Schade join our team. He has sung in the choir a number of years ago & has sung with a gospel group in the past. Also, Cookie Onushko has been singing with us since last month. She is also a member of the choir, and has musical experience, being the conductor of the bell choir in the past. We are so happy that our group is growing. If you like to sing, play an instrument, we would like to know about it. Just contact Louise Wilson or one of the members. We rehearse on the two Thursday nights at 6:30 pm before we play for the service. Laudate plays for the worship service on the 4th Sunday of every month.

The first rehearsal night is for picking out music and the second one is to practice. If needed, we will practice on the Saturday before the praise service at 10:30 am.

I would like to get together with the Sr. Choir sometime in May to have a short meeting. I will post it in the bulletin shortly.

Sing from your heart,
Louise Wilson



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!

Zumba classes continue every Wednesday from 9:30am-10:30am. with Julie Rodeck. Come see what the fuss is all about and dance your way to fitness! \$30 for 6 classes; or \$7 a class for walk-ins. Everyone is welcome!



Plowville Community Day **Coming in August!**

A committee comprised of members of the Plowville Athletic Association, Scouts, Preschool and church committee members met on April 23 to discuss plans to hold a Plowville Community Day, celebrating our local community. The date has been set for August 8 (raindate August 9) and it's not too late to join the committee and help to plan this event. Please call the church office if you are interested or show up at our next meeting on May 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Robeson Lutheran Church.

This year we are hoping to raise funds to replace the carpeting in Hoeffer Hall since it is used by many organizations in our community, including the Scouts, the Plowville Athletic Association, some youth sports like soccer clubs, exercise classes and more. We are hoping to replace the carpeting with a flooring that is more conducive to sports and similar activities. Future fundraising efforts might include a defibrillator for the pavilion, lights for the pavilion and ball-field, and future Scouting needs. In order to raise money we are asking for donations of gift baskets, gift certificates, and other items for the auction. Businesses and individuals who donate will be recognized at the event. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Please mark your calendar and plan to be here on August 8th as we celebrate Plowville! There will be something for everyone; more details to follow!

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.



**THANK YOU TO THOSE
WHO HAVE SIGNED UP
FOR E-GIVING.**

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.