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Congregational Meetings after the 10:15 services:
Nov. 15 to discuss and vote on flooring for Hoeffler Hall.
Dec. 13 to elect new council people and approve 2016 budget.



The Parish Digest



From the Pastor:

*¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: **forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,** ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.*

(Philippians 3:12-16)

*¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a **new thing**; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

(Isaiah 43:18-19)

Avoiding the “Death Spiral”

by

Rev. Michael Ware

Ah, the good old days; back then our churches were full, Blue Laws kept us focused on God, and church council was a position people actually competed for because it was such an honor.

Remember the old church picnic? Remember how Christmas Eve (cont. 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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Other Council Members:

Craig Eppright

Joy O'Donnell

Sue Besecker

Abby Moore (youth)

Ed Haag

Julia Bond

Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

NOVEMBER:

Elaine Gordon—Nov. 4

Buddie Bannon—Nov. 10

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:

FUNERAL:

10/17/15—**Mary McVaugh**. Interment in Robeson Cemetery.

Andy Roulston passed away on October 15.

CONFIRMATION: October 25

Sam Karwic

Jared Amey

Clayton Amey

²²FROM OUR MAILBOX:

(We received this thank you note from Marion Gehman of Marian and Friends Ventriloquist)

Dear Sue,

Thank you so very much for inviting me to be a part of Robeson Lutheran's Community Night. It was a wonderful evening and I was thankful to be a part of it. The audience was lots of fun! It was great to see you again. Thanks again for the opportunity to share my show.

Blessings,

Marian

Thank you for your generous support of ELCA World Hunger. Your leadership in this work of our church makes a difference for families and communities in need. Blessings to you as you continue to live out God's call to love our neighbor.

Robin Brown

ELCA World Hunger

Congregational Support

At the Reading Public Museum:

500 Museum Rd., West Reading, PA 19611

Now through January 10, 2016—

Curious George, Let's Get Curious

Come, explore the curious world of Curious George through this interactive exhibit. Help solve problems in George's apartment, the sidewalk produce stand, a construction site, and the Park where a huggable George appears for a memory-making photo op.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE—Nov. 7, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.

At St. Benedict's R.C. Church. Visit www.GIVEaPINT.org for online scheduling—use sponsor code 6638 or call Frank Burns at 610-913-6630.

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SERVICES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Nov. 1—7:45 & 10:15 All Saints Sunday
Holy Communion; 9:00 SCS



Each year the church remembers with thanksgiving the lives and witness of those believers who have gone on ahead of us to be in the Church Triumphant. We especially give thanks for those members who have died since the 1st of November, 2014 and will light a candle and mention them in our prayers on this day.

Nov. 7—Annual Church Bazaar 7:30-2:00
Sat. Evening Communion Service 5:30



Nov. 8—7:45 & 10:15 Holy Communion; 9:00 SCS

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

Special Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote on replacing the carpet in Hoeffler Hall—after the 10:15 service.

Nov. 22—Christ the King Sunday

7:45 & 10:15 Communion; 9:00 SCS
Joyful Noise offering for Berks Women in Crisis



Nov. 25—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. 29—First Sunday in Advent
7:45 & 10:15 Worship; 9:00 SCS



4 was standing room only, and likewise with Easter? It seemed like everywhere you walked in the church you might trip over a young child or bump into a new family.

Yes indeed, if only we could somehow get back to those days, then things could be better.....or at least that is what we tell ourselves.

Are you familiar with Army Ants? Here are a couple of interesting facts for you:

The name army ant is actually used for some 200 different ant species. They are also sometimes known as driver ants, legionary ants, or visiting ants. What makes army ants so special is that they have two particular characteristics: they live a nomadic lifestyle (they are pretty much always on the move) and they practice group predation (they go out on group “raids” and destroy anything in their path.)

Army ants, when on the march, are truly a force to be reckoned with and this is why larger animals, such as lizards and birds, will quickly run or fly away when they hear the ants on the move.

Yet for all their power, army ants can also run into terrible trouble. You see, most ants navigate by eyesight, but some types of army ants are blind and so they must navigate through use of pheromones (they follow the scent trail left by the ant ahead of them). As the colony begins to march, each ant follows the scent of the one in front of it, which is all well and good until a tree limb falls into the path or the ants find themselves in an enclosed space.

With the pheromone trail blocked or suddenly confused, the ants will suddenly go into a spiral pattern, each ant following the scent of the one in front of it in a growing circle. *Unless a significant number of the ants break out of the circle and form a **new path**, the entire colony will continue en masse to circle around and around until they all die of exhaustion.* This behavior is known as an “Ant Mill” or “Death Spiral.” (Yes, there are videos of this on YouTube!)

Truthfully, I have experienced very similar behavior in the life of the church. That is to say, I have been in congregations where we kept on following the same well-worn paths

left behind from the past generations that pretty soon we were merely going in circles. Instead of trying new ministries, we kept trying to revive dead ones. Instead of reaching out to and welcoming new members, we spent precious time trying to restore old members who had abandoned the congregation for any number of reasons (some of them very sensible, I am sure). Instead of seeing opportunity in change and actively planning for the future, we spent time reminiscing about and trying to re-create the past.

In focusing so much on who and where we once were and trying to follow that trail, the congregations merely spun around in an endless circle of their own needs, their own wants, their own memories, and each day brought them closer and closer to the utter death of the congregational colony.

Please don't get me wrong. I do believe the past is important, that traditions are helpful, and that it is okay to remember fondly who we once were. However, I am not one for spending time or energy in re-creating the past.

Indeed, one of the reasons I love it here at Robeson so much is that there continues to be ample opportunity for us to try something new, to create future opportunities and to even reinvent ourselves as we follow the path of Jesus Christ.

To that end, it is my hope that you will continue to be an active part of the congregational colony as we are constantly on the march, always looking ahead to plan for new ministries and to engage in new projects. Likewise, be aware, that in the months ahead of us, there will be opportunities and challenges as we'll look to do further renovation on our facility, grow in our community outreach, and enter into prayerful conversation regarding changes both in our society and in the developing theology of the Church.

Together we are strong, and as we continue following in the footsteps of the Christ, I am convinced that there is great future ahead of us.

Indeed, if I may close by quoting the 80's band Timbuk3, "The future's so bright, I gotta wear shades!"

Your brother in Christ,
PASTOR MICHAEL

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

NOVEMBER 4, 2015, 6:00-7:30 P.M.

STRESS-LESS COOKING/FREEZER MEALS

Wednesday, November 4

6:00 Pasta buffet with salad

6:40 Make a Freezer Meal – adults

Make Dessert – older kids

Make a Chex Mix – younger kids

7:15 Dessert for everyone!

You do not have to make a meal to attend this evening. Come out and socialize and enjoy some good food! A Free-will offering will be taken. Members are asked to please bring a dessert to share.



**DECEMBER WED. COMMUNITY NIGHT
CELEBRATE ADVENT WITH A JESSE TREE!
DECEMBER 2, 2015**

The evening will begin with a meal at 6:00 (please bring a dessert to share). The program following the meal will feature the making of a Jesse Tree. Creating a Jesse Tree can be an individual or family activity. The Jesse Tree is a type of advent calendar, counting down the days until Christmas. It is named from Isaiah 11:1-2 “A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon Him.” The program will include a short story, “The Jesse Tree” by Geraldine McCaughrean, and making the ornaments. (a limited supply of books will be available to purchase, \$15 each) The ornaments are simple to make and will appeal to all ages. All supplies will be provided. A daily devotion schedule will be included with the project. This is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts during the season of Advent.



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.

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. 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.

VOLUNTEER SHEETS FOR THE SUNDAY SERVICES are posted on the bulletin board next to the church office. Please stop by and sign up where you are able.

ZUMBA!!

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO while getting some exercise at the same time? Julie Rodeck may have the answer for you! She is starting another ZUMBA CLASS on Wednesday, November 11 at 9:15 a.m. Cost is \$30 for the six-week session; or if you prefer to drop in, \$7 per class. The class meets in the old hall here at Robeson Lutheran.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC NEWS:

MUSIC NOTES:



*Sounds
of the
Season*

Just a reminder that Christmas Cantata practice will start on November 8th right after the 10:15 service and will continue every Sunday until the performance on the Sunday before Christmas, December 20th. I'm hoping that everyone who is singing has picked up a

book and CD and is practicing the new cantata "A Song is Born." It's very easy to learn and will be an inspiration for everyone.

I would also like to thank everyone for your prayers and cards while I was in the hospital and recuperating at home.

Sing from your heart and praise the Lord,
Louise Wilson, Minister of Music

WORSHIP NOTE: Saturday Service

Following much thoughtful discussion with both the Worship and Music committee and Finance committee, we will be discontinuing the Saturday evening worship service beginning January 2016. The final service will be held on Saturday December 5th.

This decision was made after much conversation regarding issues such as low-attendance, proper stewardship of resources, and the thinning effect it has on the following Sunday morning crowd. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Michael.



Congregational Meetings

November 15 following the 10:15 service to discuss and vote on replacing the carpeting in Hoeffler Hall. Please see the special letter enclosed with this mailing.

December 13 following the 10:15 service to approve 2016 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.

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	



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 **November 14—**



in Hoeffer Hall!

Robeson Robins Senior Group

The Robins will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 17 beginning with lunch at noon. Please bring a covered dish to share for lunch. A program featuring Thanksgiving with Pastor Michael will be presented at 1:00 p.m.



In December, the group will be going to Yoder's for their Christmas Luncheon on December 15. Please call Billie at 610-401-8496 if you would like more information about the Robeson Robins or would like to make a reservation for the luncheon.

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. Thanks to Chris Gerace for this month's contribution.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING:



Robeson Lutheran Church Angel Tree

This year's Angel Tree Project has once again identified needy children

at **The Robeson Elementary School** through contact with staff at the school. We are adopting these 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 15th, the Angel tree will be decorated with 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 13th** to allow delivery to the school before Christmas break.

Christmas Stockings: In addition to the gifts requested on the tree tags, we are asking for your help in filling stockings for the children as well. Most of us have had the joy of receiving stockings filled with goodies and trinkets for Christmas. It is our hope that this joyous tradition can be passed on by you and/or your children when you shop for these little gifts and fill a stocking this Christmas. We are hoping to have enough stockings so that we can share them with children in other schools

who will not be receiving Christmas gifts this year. Empty stockings for each age group will be available in the new foyer by November 15th. Take as many as you would like to fill and please return them by Sunday, December 13th.



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Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: Nov. 1-22

Starting Sunday, November 1st, we will have OCC shoe boxes in the new foyer for the annual Samaritan's Purse event. Each shoe box will contain instructions for what items to put in for a boy or girl who will receive this precious gift during the Christmas season.

The Senior Youth will also be packing shoe boxes to send. Please consider picking up and filling a shoe box, and spreading your Christmas joy with a needy child.

Reminder: Please do not overfill the shoe boxes as they need to travel far to get to the children. Please have all shoe boxes in by Sunday, November 22nd, 2015 as they will be delivered to the drop off point the same day.

ROBESON'S SECOND ANNUAL 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, outpouring 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 Rhode, who is also a close friend of Maddox's family, will again coordinate the collection at Robeson. A donation box will be available in the new foyer during the month of November for your new and unopened toy trucks. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 610-856-7242 or Susan at 267-446-9576.



THIS AND THAT AT ROBESON LUTHERAN:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! We have posted volunteer sheets on the bulletin board in the new foyer. If you are willing to help during any of the 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 2016. 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. 23 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income for September:	\$13,937.14
Other Income:	\$ 1,067.71 (in/out)
Checks issued for September:	\$17,838.67
Checking balance brought forth:	\$ 2,892.75
Checking balance as of 9/30/15	\$ 58.93
Unpaid Bills: Twin Valley School District	\$2,198.25
	(due 10/31/15)
Synod	\$1310 (Benevolence \$500; WH \$810)
In/Out accounts:	\$ 1,006.65

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

TOTAL ASSETS: 8/31/15	\$ 18,889.21
Special funds received in September	\$ 271.00
Chicken BBQ	\$ 959.00
OUTFLOW:	
Improvement Fund—church exterior painting	\$ 2,998.00
Improvement Fund—church plumbing work	\$ 3,600.00
Council Discretionary Fund (gift)	\$ 150.00
BALANCES:	
Checking Account balance 9/30/15	\$ 18,889.21

-Kay Good, Treas. Spec. Funds

Robeson Lutheran 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.

In December 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 and the Elverson/Morgantown Lions Club for doing vision screenings on all preschoolers.

Robeson Preschool



The preschool is now holding a **Weaver sandwich ticket fundraiser** and would appreciate your support. Please stop by the preschool or church office and purchase your tickets for \$5.00 each. Proceeds from Preschool fundraisers this year are being used to help replace the flooring in Hoeffler Hall.

Youth News:

THE OCTOBER SENIOR YOUTH LOCK-IN was another great success. We had a very good turn-out; 24 youth and chaperones were in attendance. The youth participated in devotions, group conversations, a scavenger hunt, filling candy bags for Trunk-or-Treat, multiple games, and two choices of movies.



A special thank you to Roger Mauchline who donated the ping pong table to Robeson Youth. It was already a big hit at the Lock-in.

Thank You!

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 \$785 was raised and will be used along with other fundraisers toward the flooring fund for Hoeffler Hall.

Chicken Barbecue:

The annual chicken barbecue was a great success! Thanks to all of you who purchased dinners, baked, gave monetary donations and supported us in any way. We sold all the dinners and with the generous donation of \$250 from Thrivent Financial, we were able to raise \$960 toward the flooring. Baked goods sold \$201.50. Without your support it would not have been a success. Thank you everyone!

Redners Receipts:

This ongoing fundraiser goes toward the general fund here at Robeson as well. Receipts have recently been sent in and we are waiting for the next check to come in the mail. 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:

The Outreach Committee thanks everyone who donated to the white elephant room (please bring your donations by Tuesday, Nov. 3), raffle baskets, kitchen, baked goods etc. Please come out and support all the work that goes into this biggest fundraiser of the year to be held on November 7th from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See you there!

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.