

Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

SEPT:

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
Elsie Trout—Oct. 19
Mike Wisniewski—Oct. 27

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:

WEDDING:

8/13/16—Bree Cassel and Sam Carr

FUNERALS:

5/16/16—Diane Rhode, 69. Interment in Robeson Cemetery. (I apologize, the name in the last Digest was listed incorrectly.)
8/4/16—Eva March, 92. Interment in Robeson Cemetery.

REQUEST FOR MAILING ADDRESSES FOR COLLEGE/ HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS:

If you would like to receive the Digest and other mailings from your church please make sure we have your school address. Thank you!

Do we have your **EMAIL ADDRESS**? If not, please send it to ddemarco@dejazzd.com with your name in the subject.

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The Parish Digest

From the Pastor:



¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
(Hebrews 10:19-25)

²⁵I will satisfy the weary, and all who are faint I will replenish.
(Jeremiah 31:25)

Energized for Life

or

How Christians keep going and going and going....

As some of you may know, every couple of years I make a special trip to Hershey Medical Center to get my pacemaker changed. My most recent surgery was back in January 2015, and it was to switch out the generator battery in my abdomen after almost six years of fully functioning pacing. It ran strong for six years, but like all batteries, (cont. on page 4)

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

Maggie Lauer

Sue Besecker

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Ed Haag

Karen Kercher



**ISAAC'S
"CROP Hunger Walk"
FUNDRAISER**

Thursday,
September 15, 5-9 p.m.
at Village Square,
94 Commerce Drive,
Wyomissing. Flyers are

available in the foyer and narthex if you are interested in supporting this fundraiser which benefits the Greater Berks Food Bank. 25% of your meal cost will be donated to help feed the hungry in our community.

FROM OUR MAILBOX:

Dear Friends at Robeson Lutheran Church,
We would like to thank you for your kind donation of \$300 from your Joyful Noise offering. Without people such as you, our athletes would not have the opportunity to train and compete with Special Olympics. We appreciate your help! Thank you!

The Management Team of Special Olympics PA Berks Co.

Dear Robeson Evangelical Congregation:

I sincerely want to thank you for your generous contribution of \$190.06, given to support the ministry of the Lutheran Pantry. Your gift allows us to continue to distribute food to our neighbors in need. Monetary donations make it possible to purchase food at greatly reduced prices through the Greater Berks Food Bank. Your support makes a difference and is greatly appreciated!

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.

Harmony United Methodist Church invites you to join their congregation on October 9 at 9:30 a.m. for **CHALK TALK** presented by James and Tracy Snyder. The presentation topic will be Thanksgiving in Prayer. Chalk Talk is an evangelistic ministry with an artistic flair. They use contemporary Christian music to tell the story while James draws with special chalk and elaborate lighting to illustrate and illumine God's Word.

FREE WALKING PROGRAM at NOLDE FOREST

Stretch and Stroll—Weekly Tuesday program Oct. 11-Nov. 15, 10-11 a.m. Join a Nolde educator for some light stretching indoors and out, followed by an easy stroll on the more level forest trails. Each week will be a slightly longer walk. Enrollment required: call Rachel at 610-796-3699.

Also at Nolde Forest—**FALL FOLIAGE WALK** for families: Sat., Oct. 22 10-11:30 a.m. Use different leaf shapes to learn how to identify trees. Walk the trails with a Nolde educator and enjoy the colors of the fall forest. Make a take home leaf craft. Register at 610-796-3699.

These are just two of the many programs offered at Nolde. Go to <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov> for a complete list of programs at Nolde and other state parks.

CONCERN, a private non-profit human services organization dedicated to providing placement and treatment services to children and their families, is looking for safe, loving homes for children who cannot remain with family. If you would like more information about being a foster parent please call 610-944-0445.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 4—9:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

CHURCH PICNIC following the service. Please bring drinks, desserts, salads, and snacks. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and corn will be provided. This will be our first event allowing responsible adults to BYOB of beer or wine if you'd like. All are invited!



SEPTEMBER 11—7:45 & 10:15 HOLY COMMUNION

We are back to two services beginning this day.

SEPTEMBER 18—7:45 & 10:15 HOLY COMMUNION

RALLY DAY, at 9:00 a.m. There will be activities for all the children and light refreshments. Help us kick-off the new SCS year—all are welcome!

SEPTEMBER 25—7:45 & 10:15 Praise Service with Laudate; Joyful Noise offering for our Quilters—come see the display of beautiful quilts that they made this year.



HARVEST HOME. You are invited to bring canned and/or boxed goods for the local food banks. They can be placed in front of the altar as you arrive on this Sunday, or in the shopping cart in the new foyer at your convenience.

CHICKEN BARBECUE—11 a.m.—1 p.m.
(See special article on page 11)

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT KICK-OFF

September 21, with "Miss Maggie."

This program is designed to appeal to all ages, preschool through adult! The new flooring in Hoeffler Hall will be dedicated at this event. Please see the special article and reservation form on page 10 of this newsletter.



it too wore down and needed replaced.

Now, for those of you who don't know what a pacemaker is, it is a small electrical device that produces low voltage rhythmic electrical signals that keep the heart beating when the heart's own electrical signals are deficient. A pacemaker continuously monitors the electrical system of the heart and provides a needed electrical signal to stimulate a heartbeat if the heart does not do so on its own. During periods when the heart produces its own electrical signal normally, the pacemaker does nothing except to continue to monitor the heart.

Each time it becomes clear that I need a new battery, I have mixed feelings. On one hand I can be a little frightened (I do not relish the thought of someone opening me up with a scalpel) but on the other hand I am also excited because I know that the newer pacemakers generally work better and can give a person more energy through better heart stimulation. And honestly, who wouldn't like to have a little more energy to work with?

Having these surgical experiences gets me to thinking about how, while I (and some others at Robeson) have a literal physical battery inside, in a sense, all of us as Christians have a battery within us, a spiritual battery, and the truth is that from time to time, that battery may need to be either re-energized or replaced.

Our spiritual batteries run on the power of faith, and they keep our physical, emotional, and mental systems running with a positive and hopeful attitude for the days ahead of us. But like any battery, sometimes the energy source gets low. Stresses and struggles take a lot of energy to deal with, conflicts and concerns may wear us down over time, and major life crises can take a significant toll.

Because of all of these things, it is good that just as I have Hershey Medical to extend my battery life, so too do all of us have a place to re-energize or replace our spiritual batteries when they are low. Because the truth is, we all need a place to re-energize us so that our faith may burn strongly within, giving us direction for life lived in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, and sometimes we need to replace our old



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, and hearing aid batteries 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!



5K EVENT: Thrivent Mutual Funds is honored to sponsor **St. Jude for the St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer**. This inspiring, family-friendly 5K event helps raise funds to support the lifesaving mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital® and you can join their team for **FREE!** Please join the team for the St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer.

Date: Saturday, September 24 – Enjoy a Family Day at the Zoo & Help St. Jude!

Location: Philadelphia Zoo - Corner of 34th St. & Girard Ave (Zoo lot parking \$16)

Time: Registration 7:30 a.m. Ceremony 8:30 a.m. Run 9:00 a.m. Walk 9:10 a.m.

Register online: Fundraising.stjude.org/thrivent. To participate for FREE enter discount code GOLD. Share this code with family and friends.

ministering TO *Seniors*

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 safer or more comfortable.

Home Visits—Our visitation team now trained to bring Holy Communion is visiting a number of our seniors and shut-ins and would be more than happy to visit others if invited. 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.)

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.

spiritual battery, leaving behind outdated ideas or obsolete perceptions because of new faith insights and growth we find through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

That place is the Church, a community of faith where love and hope are in rich supply. For it is there, in fellowship with other believers, and standing in the presence of our God, that we may find a limitless power source from which to draw our faith energy for the days ahead of us. And what a blessing it is that each and every week we have an opportunity to get our spiritual batteries worked on!

In closing, it is my hope and prayer that, like me, you will also keep an eye on your own battery, whether physical or spiritual, and through proper maintenance and care keep it energized and "Eveready" for the life of ministry that God calls you to.

Your brother in Christ,

PASTOR MICHAEL

"THE WISDOM OF GENEROSITY"

Beginning in September, Pastor Michael will be leading a 5 week sermon discussion series focusing on the lectionary texts from Luke's gospel. Come and see how our God calls us to be generous in self-sacrifice, mercy, shrewdness, compassion, and humility. Each session will be an opportunity to participate as you are comfortable and to grow in your knowledge of the biblical witness. Hope to see you there!



HAVE A GENEROUS HEART



FROLIC-Little Steps, Big Faith Childhood Faith Formation Resources

A new family/toddler friendly publication has been introduced by Sparkhouse, the Lutheran Publishing House, that is intended to minister to children from birth to age 3. There are a number of facets to this program including a monthly Enewsletter. Each newsletter features articles about child development and faith formation. The goal of these articles is to support parents in helping their young children take their first steps of faith.

There is also material to lead parenting classes, bible story books for the children, coloring pages and much more. A huge benefit this year is that the subscription is entirely free. Children can be added to our list as they are born or as they join our church. It is hoped that at this busy time of parents lives this material will help to stimulate their thinking about developing their child's faith life as well as other aspects of the child's life.

The initial enewsletter should arrive in September or early October. If you have a child in this age group and do not receive the material please let the church office know and we will get you on the list.



KIDSYOGA for ages 7-12 will be offered this fall at Robeson Lutheran Church on Fridays, Sept. 30-Nov. 18 from 4:45-5:45. 8 weeks for \$70. Sign up with Celeste at www.celestepedersen.weebly.com.

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 Breakfasts are scheduled for **September 10 at Hay Creek at 8 a.m. and October 8 at 7:30 a.m. in Hoeffler Hall.**

Robeson Robins Senior Group

The Robeson Robins will be meeting on September 20 at noon. Please bring a covered dish to share and plan to stay for the program at 1:00 p.m. featuring Roger Mallow playing Mark Twain. Invite your friends and neighbors to this entertaining program, all are welcome!



If you are 55 or over and able to attend Tuesday meetings/trips once a month please consider joining the group. Lots of effort goes into planning events and the Robins would love to have more people participate. Please call Billie at 610-401-8496 if you would like more information about the Robeson Robins.

QUILT TILL YOU WILT every first Saturday of the month from 9-2. If you like to "quilt" which includes cutting, sewing, and knotting, then maybe Quilt Till You Wilt is for you. Don't miss the display of this year's quilts at the services on September 25 before they are sent to the distribution center for Lutheran World Relief. Join the group on the first Saturday or call Cindy Stewart for more information (610-856-7041).

ROBESON LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL has limited openings in the 3 and 4 year old classes. Call 610-856-7613 for more information.

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 worship services please sign up on this board. There are lists for acolytes, lectors, ushers, greeters, sound technicians, worship assistants, and communion servers. We appreciate and need our volunteers!

ALTAR GUILD: Altar care volunteers are still needed for 2016 and 2017. 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 October newsletter are due in the office by September 19.

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 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.



Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Stop by the **NEW FOYER**
on **SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 9**
between **9:00a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.



THE SENIOR YOUTH GROUP is holding the following fundraisers to help cover their costs to attend the 2018 national youth event in Houston, Texas. Contact Tyler at twern9@gmail.com to support fundraisers or with any questions.

- **Sandwich Tickets:** The Thrivent Action Team led by Maggie Lauer continues to sell tickets for Weaver Orchard's delicious sandwiches. Cost is \$5 and they never expire! See Tyler Werner or stop by the church office during the week to purchase tickets.
- **Sheetz coupon books**, \$10 each. These are good for 3 years. They are available from Tyler. They make nice gifts for graduates, dance teachers, music teachers, traveling friends, etc. Please check out the books and support the youth. Coupons for a fancy coffee and an M-T-O sandwich pay for the book; the rest of the coupons provide the bonus.
- **Giant gift cards**—Do you do your grocery shopping at Giant or would you like to start doing so? If your answer to this question is yes then this is the fundraiser for you! The youth group is selling Giant gift cards that you can use to buy your groceries (or give as gifts to others) and they will receive 5%. If 25 members purchased \$100 worth of gift cards each week, we would receive \$125 a week or \$6,500 each year! There is no extra money from your pocket. **Please sign up with Tyler or call the church office to purchase cards. Thanks to those who purchased cards this summer.** Contact Tyler at twern9@gmail.com for more information. Thank you!

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income for June & July:	\$32,053.45
Other Income:	\$ 1,237.06 (in/out)
Checks issued for June & July:	\$ 43,441.21
Checking balance brought forth:	\$ 144.58
Transfer from Thrivent Funds	\$ 10,000.00
Checking balance as of 7/31/16	\$ 1,323.00

Unpaid Bills: None

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

Special funds received in June & July	\$ 605.00
Flooring Fund (Preschool \$16,000)	\$16,015.00
Defibrillator Fund	\$ 443.78
OUTFLOW:	
Defibrillator	\$1,469.00
Computer Router & Software	\$159.98
Checking Account balance 7/31/16	\$32,555.99

-Kay Good, Treas. Spec. Funds

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. The contributions to Robeson Lutheran for the months of June and July totaled \$913.00.

Thanks to the following for making this possible:

Chris Gerace	Carl Stewart	Cindy Stewart
Marie Brooks	Marion Kachel	Ruth Kennedy
William Kennedy	John Lauer	Harvey Martin
Ben McCormick	Linell McCormick	Claire Sniegowski
Jeffrey Vollenweider		

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 giving opportunity.

YOUTH CALENDAR:

Game Night—September 9, 6-8 p.m. in Hoeffler Hall. Tyler will be there so please join him for some fun games of your choice.

Laser Tag for all Ages—September 17, 1-3 p.m.

Last month we had about 20 youth who enjoyed an afternoon of free Laser Tag with their friends. Come join the fun this month!

Youth Committee—September 18 following the 10:15 service; Youth and adults should see Tyler if you would like to be a part of this planning committee.

Corn Maze—October 1st at 6 p.m. This event is for 7th-12th grade youth. Please see Tyler for more information.

Trunk or Treat—October 28. Lots of help will be needed for this community event.



MUSIC NOTES:

Hear Ye!! Hear Ye!!

September is the beginning of many things going on in our church, as well as the start of school. While summer is coming to an end, there are still some fun things coming up including our church picnic on September 4th.

I want to thank all those who provided special music this summer and invite all those who like to sing to join us for this year's Christmas Cantata which will be performed the Sunday before Christmas. Rehearsals will begin by the end of September. Please check the Sunday bulletin for the exact starting date. All singers from last year and anyone else who likes to sing are urged to attend the rehearsals and be a part of this year's cantata.

Enjoy the upcoming fall activities and as always,
Sing from your heart,
Louise Wilson, Minister of Music



YOU ARE INVITED TO
 Robeson Lutheran Church & Preschool
 Presents **"MISS MAGGIE SINGS"**
 On **Wednesday, September 21**



6:00 Family Friendly Meal
 6:30 Dedication
 of Hoeffler Hall Flooring

6:45 "Miss Maggie"
 Peggy Gerner is
Miss Maggie,
 a children's performer who
 combines singing, guitar,
 percussion, poems and stories
 to entertain and teach children
 of all ages (adults, too!).

Wednesday, Sept. 21
RESERVATION FORM
needed for Meal Preparation

_____ Number Attending
 _____ Will bring a dessert

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Jacobson Update—From Our Missionaries
 Greetings from the Jacobsons and Africa!

Our lives and ministries have been full and varied the last months. The work at ALMC continues to break new ground with the start of a dialysis unit and our first graduation for our School of Nursing. The Newborn Intensive Care Unit is the pride of the nation.

Our work has taken us into new areas of service as well as Mark and Linda have consulted for the ELCA's planned new clinic in Juba, South Sudan.

Mark has also been helping the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center start a zonal Cancer Care Center together with friends through the Foundation for Cancer Care in Tanzania.

Because of your love, support, and prayers God is making a difference in the lives of God's people.

Blessings,
 Mark and Linda



Grief
 Support
 Group

JOURNEYS THROUGH GRIEF
SUPPORT GROUP

This six week support group will be held on Monday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m., October 3 through November 7, at Frieden's Lutheran Church, 1076 Memorial Highway, Oley PA. Sylvia Havlist, M.Ed. will be leading this group sponsored by Lutheran Congregational Services. Thanks to Frieden's Lutheran Church and the Stitzel Funeral Home there is no registration fee to attend this event. Registration is required. Contact Sylvia Havlish at 610-395-5045 or call Debbie in our church office for a registration form to mail.

BRUNCH TO HONOR GOD'S SERVANTS

THAT IS EVERYONE

Sunday, October 30, 2017

The church would be nothing but a building if it were not for the members and friends who fill the pews each week.

These same people keep the "wheels" of the church turning throughout the week also in the many ministries that we are engaged in here at Robeson Lutheran. Many members carry out their responsibilities with little or no recognition and so this will be an opportunity for everyone to come out and acknowledge those who VOLUNTEER with their time, talent and energy. Therefore, in order to say thank you to everyone who serves to the glory of God, which includes those who add their voice and presence to our worship each week, a brunch is being held on Sunday, October 30 during the Sunday School hour- 9:00a.m – 10:00 a.m. in Hoeffler Hall. We hope that all will choose to be part of this celebration. Since it will be held between worship services it should be convenient for people worshipping at either the 7:45 or 10:15 worship service to participate.

The meal will be prepared by Mandy and Dave Hinkel who have done evening events for us in the past. There will be an array of food available. Among the offerings will be a crust-less quiche', pancakes, meat, potatoes and drinks. In order to have enough supplies on hand we need to have pre-registration – if you think you most likely will attend please fill out a form.

Please complete the form and place in the offering plate or you can email or call the church office with you reservation.

RESERVATION FOR BRUNCH-10/30/16

_____ I/ We will attend _____ I/We cannot attend

_____ Number of adults Number of children _____

Name: _____

**at Robeson Lutheran Church**

Rt. 10 & Plow Road

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Donation: \$8.50

**Includes ½ chicken,
baked potato, applesauce,
roll & butter**

Tickets are available at the church office or before and after worship Sunday services.

Baked goods will be available for sale. We would greatly appreciate anyone who would be willing to bake something for the sale. Please bring your baked goods to the church between 7:30 and 10 a.m. the morning of the barbecue.

Thank you for your support!

All proceeds benefit the heating fund of Robeson Lutheran Church, so if you would like to help with that cause, get your tickets now to ensure that you will have a great dinner for that day.

OTHER UPCOMING & ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

On Sale Now: Tickets for FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

on October 18th at Boscovs, for a \$5.00 donation. Almost everything is 25% off including sale items. The ticket is good for the whole day at any Boscov's store, and the church keeps the entire \$5.00. Do some early holiday shopping and save money while benefitting your church. (all \$5 goes to our church) We have the potential to make \$1000 so please support this fundraiser! Last year we made \$750. Tickets are available before and after worship services, in the church office, or from any Outreach member. If you can't get to church just call Debbie in the church office and we will see that you get your ticket. Thank you for your support!

REDNER'S RECEIPTS. We continue to collect Redner's receipts as an ongoing fundraiser. 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.**

UPDATE ON CARDS: As most of you probably know, Redner's has changed their cards, so it is very important that you get your new one immediately, There is a table set up in the front of each store to do that and it only takes a few minutes. You will need to show them your old card to get the new one; or if you don't yet have one just ask for a card—it's free! To give you an example of how much income we had previously from you saving the tapes, here is an example.

In 2014 we collected \$629.82, 2015 \$946.63, and 6 months of 2106 we collected \$524.31; so please keep up the good work, as it helps with general expenses of our church, If you didn't shop with the card before, now is a good time to start and you will get your gasoline discounted at the same time. 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. Just use your card and bring or mail in your receipt—it's that easy! And you'll be helping your church.



**Thanks
to Our**

Robeson Hammers!

This month our Hammers took on the project of replacing the picnic tables and benches in the pavilion. The group worked hard to build 4 new tables in time for the church picnic. Thank you Bill Haney for coordinating this project, Ben for many hours of painting, and **all the Hammers** for their hard work!



ROBESON FAMILY AND FRIENDS GAME NIGHT:

Following a break this summer from our monthly game night, due to vacations and renovations, we are happy to announce that we will be holding our next game night

on Friday, September 9 from 6-8 p.m. These evenings of fun and games have been enjoyed by those who have been coming, but we are hoping for some new gamers this month as well. Everyone is welcome however, an adult must accompany children under age 12. Bring your family, bring a guest, bring a snack to share, bring your favorite game to play, or just bring yourself!

Coming events: Mark Your Calendars!

- **GOLDEN AGE SUNDAY**, October 16.
- **TRUNK OR TREAT**, Friday, October 28. This community event is FREE! Please invite your friends and neighbors and bring the whole family!
- **HOLIDAY BAZAAR**, Saturday, November 5. If you or someone you know would like to rent a table, please call the church office and we will be happy to send you the information (or stop by during office hours). And please don't forget to save your White Elephant items for the bazaar. They can be dropped off at the church at your convenience.