

Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

JULY:

Elsie Evans—July 4

Louise Wilson—July 12

AUGUST:

Mildred Ludwig—August 2

Janet Haney—August 15

Bill Wilson—August 15

Evelyn Hoffert—August 24

COMING UP IN SEPT:

Bill Haney—Sept. 14

Ada Peters—Sept. 18

Henry Eyrich—Sept. 22

Betty Zellner—Sept. 25

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:

FUNERALS:

5/16/16—Elaine Rhoads, 69. Interment in Robeson Cemetery

6/22/16—Helen Shupp, 84. Interment in Robeson Cemetery

REQUEST FOR EMAIL ADDRESSES:

We are always updating our email addresses for church members and friends who would like to receive reminders about upcoming events, closings during bad weather, and other pertinent information. Please send an email to Debbie at ddemarco@dejazzd.com and list your name in the subject. Thanks for helping us to improve our communication!



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The Parish Digest

From the Pastor:



¹⁶ “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷ “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”;

¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

Matthew 11:16-19

Spiritual but not Religious

Or

The Growth of Disorganized Religion

One of the topics for discussion during synod assembly this year was taking a serious look at the growing body of folks in this country who are collectively recognized as the “Nones.”

Now the term “Nones” refers to those who are unaffiliated with any particular organized religion, and it was derived from various secular and religious research surveys in which “None” (or “None of the above”) was a choice in regards to one’s religious affiliation.

Apparently, “Nones” as they are called are on the rise in the U.S. and actually are close to about one fifth of the US population. That would mean that 1 in 5 (continued 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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Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

Maggie Lauer

Abby Moore (youth)

Karen Kercher

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.

Support our Neighbors:

St. Benedict 60th Annual Summer Festival & Chicken BBQ

& Fireworks

Saturday, August 6th



Dinners—12 noon until 7p.m.

\$10.00 each

Festival with auction, bingo, games, food, crafters, clown, Blood mobile (1-5), Music (6 p.m.)

See you at the festival!



HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT:

Because hosting an International Exchange Student shouldn't be a foreign idea. Don't miss out on an adventure of a lifetime!

Volunteer families are needed to host students aged 15 to 18 years old from Germany,

China, Brazil, Belgium, Italy, Spain and more countries.

Families are able to review the student applications and

choose the boy or girl that best matches their family. The

students arrive mid-August for the upcoming school year.

Host families provide: a bed, 3 meals a day, as well as a lov-

ing environment, friendship and a desire to share American

culture. Students all speak English, come fully medically in-

sured and with their own spending money for personal ex-

penses. They attend the host family's local high school for a

year or semester. Call Kris Greenawalt at 717-271-2743 or

the northeast office at 866-900-3728.

FROM OUR MAILBOX:

Dear Rev. Ware and the congregation of Robeson Church,
On behalf of Shady Hollow Assisted Riding, I would like to thank you for the generous donation of \$254.04. This will be added to our General Fund which provides necessary equipment for our riding program, grain and hay for the horses. This gift specifically, and the overall support of our community and individuals such as you, is what makes it possible to provide services to our riders with special needs. Sincerely, Michele Cooper, Program Director, Shady Hollow Assisted Riding

The Reading Lutheran Parish Invites You:

The Congregations of the Reading Lutheran Parish are organizing a special combined worship service at 11:00 a.m. at the Band Shell in City Park in Reading on Sunday, September 11, 2016. They will be honoring first responders, sharing lunch and participating in service projects. The Rev. Peggy Wuertele, who was serving as a pastor in Queens NY on 9/11/2001, will be the guest preacher. All are welcome to participate.

To the West Berks Mission District:

We at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 33 South 11th Street in Reading will be holding a Back to School Give-Away on August 20, 2016. We will also serve a light lunch that is free to the public. Our plan is to distribute backpacks filled with school supplies, new socks and underwear, and gently used clothing and coats. If anyone would like to donate items, please contact Rita Wilk at [484.509.4156](tel:484.509.4156), or the church office at [610.375.3961](tel:610.375.3961). Items needed include: School supplies; New Clothing - underwear and socks in boys and girls sizes; Gently used clothing - All clothing items should be clean and in good condition. Please call first to make sure someone is at church to accept your donations.

Thank you for your generous support (and creativity—Souper Bowl) in partnership with the Twin Valley Food Pantry.
Blessings, Howard Moss

**JULY & AUGUST SERVICES**

- JULY 3—HOLY COMMUNION - 9:00 a.m.
10:30 Sr. Youth Sunday Church School
- JULY 10—HOLY COMMUNION - 9:00 a.m.
Supply Pastor: Rev. Marvin DeWalt
- JULY 17—WORSHIP—9:00 a.m.
Supply Pastor: Rev. Paul Hoh
- JULY 24—PRAISE SERVICE; HYMN SING - 9:00 a.m.
Joyful Noise Offering
- JULY 31—YOUTH SUNDAY— 9:00 a.m.
10:30 Sr. Youth Sunday Church School
- AUG. 7—HOLY COMMUNION—9:00 a.m.
- AUG. 14—HOLY COMMUNION—9:00 a.m.
10:30 Sr. Youth Sunday Church School
- AUG. 21—WORSHIP—9:00 a.m.
Youth Committee following the service
- AUG. 28—PRAISE SERVICE—9:00 a.m.
Joyful Noise offering for Family Promise
10:30 Sr. Youth Sunday Church School

**BIBLE STUDY on the real “Biblical View of Marriage”:
Wednesdays in August—3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
Please see article and sign up on page 6.**

Just a reminder: Family Promise Guests, hosted by members of St. Benedict’s R.C.C., will be here beginning Sunday, July 3 through July 17. During this time we request that their privacy be respected so please do not schedule any meetings, etc. in any of the rooms downstairs, including the old social hall, classrooms, and Hoefffer Hall. Thank you.

Americans consider themselves unaffiliated with any particular religion.

However, what is interesting to note is that the vast majority of “Nones” are not atheists or agnostics (contrary to popular belief), but rather people who consider themselves “spiritual but not religious” believing in some form of God or Supreme Being, but simply not involved with any particular religious persuasion.

Now, I don’t think it would take much time to begin listing all sorts of reason why religious un-affiliation is on the rise. After all the reasons are as varied as the people, but here are just a few to consider:

- Negative childhood or adult experience of religion
- How religion gets used as a mask for political agendas
- Increased value of individual over against the community
- The growing secularization of the overall society
- Perceptions that religious ideas have no modern relevance
- Various religious stereotypes and misunderstandings
- Religion used as a mask for violence and discord

Surely such a listing could go on and on; likewise such a listing should also give us pause as Christian believers to consider how we might address such issues in our own faith practices.

Indeed, we might even wonder if the growth of the “Nones” is a sign that religion is ultimately going to be rejected, and that the days of organized religion are numbered. I personally doubt it considering that folks wanting little to do with religion were just as much a part of Jesus day as they are in ours. After all just consider from the quoted biblical text how nothing could seem to satisfy some people when it came to the mission and work of Jesus himself.



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 received another check in May for \$150.40. We thank 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!!!



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.

In the text we see Jesus lament how some people are like complaining children who refuse to play nicely with one another, expecting the other person to always do exactly what they want (we play music, you must dance / we wail, you must mourn), and he goes on to point out how the people will unthinkingly write off both his ministry and that of John the Baptist for exact opposite reasons as they reject John for his social abstention yet reject Jesus for his social interaction. It is a strong reminder that there will always be those who expect life, faith, religion, or society itself to exist solely for their own needs and will participate in them only if it is on their own terms.

Even so, the fact that there are some folks who simply cannot be bothered with religion should not dissuade us as Christians from still trying to reach out though. After all, amongst the ranks of those “Nones” are people who actually are looking for something more in life, but they just haven't found it yet; and while they might not think on their own to seek organized religion as a way of meeting their spiritual needs, nevertheless they may welcome the invitation to come and see what a religious community has to offer them.

With that in mind, may we Christians seek to be a people of invitation, a people who welcome in the searching and who reach out to the disenchanting. May we live our lives in ways that vindicate our faith and our spiritual practices in the eyes of those who are uncertain about God's existence or God's love for them. And ultimately may we celebrate the true life we have found in the gift that is God's Church; the body of Christ, the community of saints, and the fellowship of Christian believers.

Your brother in Christ,
PASTOR MICHAEL

Bible Study: You are invited!

The real “Biblical View of Marriage”

This August bible study will look at the issue of biblical interpretation regarding the topic of Marriage. This will be a prime opportunity to examine more deeply the scriptural background of marriage and other issues surrounding marriage (i.e. divorce, sexual relations, gender inequality, etc...). This study will seek to get beyond what have often been overly simplistic and politically propagandistic understandings of the “Biblical View of Marriage” in the hope of finding a more balanced and sensitive approach to this gift from God that is Marriage.

Please be aware that this is a Mature-themed study and so terminology regarding sex and sexuality will be part of the discussion.

Wednesdays in August – August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Please let Pastor Michael know which times you are able to attend: 1:00-2:30 6:00-7:30 7:00-8:30

Sign up sheets are located in the narthex and foyer.

THRIVENT WORKSHOP on Medicare 101 is being offered by John Lauer on Sunday, August 28 at 10:15 a.m. in Hoeffler Hall. At this workshop John will cover the following topics:

- Introduction to Original Medicare—Parts A & B
- Applying for Medicare
- Medicare supplement insurance (Medigap)
- Medicare Advantage and other plans
- Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D)
- Medicaid and Medicare Savings Programs

This presentation is designed to give you an overview of the Medicare program and to let you know where you can get more information.

Pass this information on to family and friends. Please RSVP to John at John.Lauer@Thrivent.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 **July 9 and August 13—in Hoeffler Hall** (please call the church office to verify location).

Robeson Robins Senior Group

The Robeson Robins will be enjoying dinner at Red Lobster on July 19. The group will also be eating out at Emily’s on August 16. Their next regular meeting will be held 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. 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. The Robins wish to thank everyone who supported their annual flower sale on Mother’s Day. It was a huge success!

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. This is the group that makes the beautiful quilts that are displayed each year prior to sending them to the distribution center for Lutheran World Relief. Why not give it a try? Join the group on August 6th or call Cindy Stewart for more information (610-856-7041).

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, 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 September newsletter are due in the office by August 15.

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.

Thanks!

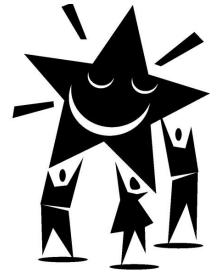
WE REJOICE AND GIVE THANKS to all those who have contributed to the Hoeffler Hall Flooring Project. We are happy to report that with the major contribution (over half the cost of the project!) from the preschool and the generous donations from members, we have reached our goal and the new flooring will be installed during the week of July 17. Watch for details of a special celebration of the new flooring in September.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to the Defibrillator Fund as well. A special thank you to Larry Hummel who began the fund and Willis Everhart who paid the balance. The defibrillator has been purchased and will be installed at the ballfield next week in time for Fall Ball! Thank you!

Did you look at our flower beds lately? They are absolutely beautiful, so when you see Ben McCormick and his helper Linell, please thank them. Ben spends a lot of time planting, watering and a lot of his own money to keep them that way. Thank you Ben (and Linell)!



THANK YOU to all who helped make VBS successful. Ministry happens because of dedicated volunteers and committed parents. Please worship with us at 9:00 Sundays throughout July/August.



Thanks to Our

Robeson Hammers!

Each month on our ministering to seniors page of this newsletter we indicate the willingness of the Robeson Hammers group to help members where needed with minor repairs and small projects. In the past month they have done an awesome job of helping some families and we thank them for this.

Here are the thank you letters that we have received on their behalf:

Hey Guys! Thanks for all your hard work Saturday morning through the rain. Our driveway is 100% better! Pete and I are really feeling the “love” and it gave us one less thing to worry about. Maxine also really enjoyed working the guys! Luv, Beth

A big thank you to the Robeson Hammers for the great job they did in redoing Peter’s ramp coming up to our front porch. It started with a couple of meetings with Bill Haney, Greg Gehman, and Chris Leister deciding on the best course of action, the materials needed, the equipment to rent, and the date to do it. The project included jack hammering, hauling, framing, and pouring and smoothing concrete. Bill, Greg, Keith Gehman, Dale Creed, Chris, and Larry Piet all worked together to build a new ramp that is one wide gradual slope up to the front porch. This makes my life easier and is much appreciated the older I get. Greg came back on Sunday to remove the frame and took Pete down and up the new ramp for the first time. Of course I have pictures recording every magic moment!
Cookie (and Pete)

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Income for May:	\$15,459.07
Other Income:	\$ 762.00 (in/out)
Checks issued for May:	\$ 25,120.09
Checking balance brought forth:	\$ (956.40)
Transfer from Thrivent Funds	\$ 10,000.00
Checking balance as of 5/31/16	\$ 144.58

Unpaid Bills:	
Synod Benevolence	\$500.00
World Hunger	\$25.00
West Berks Mission	\$250.00
In/Out accounts:	\$455.00

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

Special funds received in May	\$ 332.50
Flooring Fund Donations	\$ 295.00
OUTFLOW:	
Deposit for Hoeffler Hall Flooring	\$ 13,687.50
Furniture leg caps (Hoeffler Hall)	373.79
Charitable Outreach	500.00
Checking Account balance 5/31/16	\$16,925.19

-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 April and May totaled \$766.00. Thanks to the following for making this possible:
John Lauer, Cindy Stewart, and Mim Spence.

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.

Congratulations to our Graduates!



Nathan Karwic has graduated from Twin Valley High School and will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute this fall where he will major in mechanical engineering.



Mary Lauer has graduated from the Community Home-school and will be attending Eastern University.

Maggie Lauer graduated from Empire Beauty School and will be attending Eastern University.

Lana Gerace received an Associates of Fine Arts degree with honors from Delaware College of Art and Design. She will continue her studies in the field of Animation at University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

Veronica Gerace graduated from Houghton College, New York, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Cum Laude in May. She is in pursuit of employment in the field of business.

We congratulate these youth and wish them well in their future endeavors. Thanks to those who sent their information to us. Please let us know if we have missed anyone.

Adult Sunday School Class



Adult Sunday School invites everyone interested in participating to join us in our room (the old parlor) **following the church service July 10** to make summer plans.

1. Determine other places of worship to visit as part of our comparative religions course.
2. Plan the service project we will do September 11 as part of the overall ELCA program.
3. Outline our plans to participate in the upcoming international Lutheran Church celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.



Operation Bookbag

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED: We are collecting school supplies for elementary school students now through early August. Bags will be filled for the local children who we helped through the Angel Tree and Stockings at Christmas.

Supplies can be placed in the school bus in the new foyer.

Items needed include:

Crayons	Pencil box or bag	Primer tablets
backpack/bookbag	#2 pencils	glue sticks
Construction paper	safety scissors	Erasers
small packs of tissues		Rulers

Robeson Preschool



ROBESON LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL has openings for a teacher/ aide/ or building sub position for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, please contact the preschool as soon as possible by phone,

610-856-7613 or email, preschool610@dejazzd.com.

UPCOMING FALL EVENTS: (Save the Dates!)

- **CHURCH PICNIC** following the 9:00 service on September 4. All are invited!
- **RALLY DAY**, Sunday, September 18th at 9:00 a.m.
- **WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT KICK-OFF**, September 21, with "Miss Maggie." This program is designed to appeal to all ages, preschool through adult! More information will follow concerning this event.
- **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. More details about table rentals, etc. will be available soon.



FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

I wanted to especially thank our Praise Team for the special services on Easter Sunday in late March and VBS Sunday in June. The team had many rehearsals to make our music special for these days. Many thanks to the team for a lot of hard work; and a special thanks to our trumpet player, Vince Moore, and violinist, Clayton Amey for joining us on Easter. In the month of May we had two vocal soloists: Tyler Werner on Mother's Day and Chris Gerace for Pentecost. I am always looking for people who can sing or play an instrument for special music for the summer months (July & August at 9:00 a.m.) Please see me if you are interested...or email me at: weeziecow2@yahoo.com, or call me 610 273-3911. I do have some vocal solo music if anyone needs it. Please don't be shy, this is your chance to use your talent... Sing from your heart and worship the Lord!

CHURCH FUNDRAISERS

sponsored by the Outreach Committee:



- **ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE**, September 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Tickets are \$8.50 and include half a chicken (freshly roasted here), baked potato, apple sauce and roll. Baked goods will also be for sale. If you would like tickets stop by the church office or see any member of the Outreach Committee.



- **FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS** on October 18th at Boscovs! A \$5.00 donation (all \$5 goes to our church) will get you a 25% discount coupon to be used all day at any Boscov store. We have the potential to make \$1000 so please support this fundraiser! Tickets are available NOW in the church office or from any member of the Outreach Committee.

THINK AHEAD: How can you help organize a fundraising event and receive \$250 in start up funds? It's easy if you form a **Thrivent Action Team!** If you would like more information about forming a team for a fundraiser in our church or your community please contact John Lauer (610-286-5986) or the church office (610-856-7242).

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN:

SIGN UP NOW FOR KID'S YOGA at Robeson Lutheran Church: 5-week Kid's Yoga Series every Tuesday from July 19 to August 16th. 9:15-10:15—7-12 year olds (boys and girls); 10:30-11:15—Mommy and Me yoga (3-5 year olds with adult). Cost is \$50.00 with special pricing for multiple family members. Visit www.celestepedersen.weebly.com to sign up, pay with credit card or see other days, times and locations. Registration is necessary. Celeste Pedersen is a pediatric physical therapist and certified children's yoga instructor.

West Berks Mission District invites all children who have completed grades K-5 to attend **BEAR CREEK CAMP DAY CAMP** at Allegheny Lutheran Church, 1327 Alleghenyville Road in Knauers on Tuesday through Friday, July 5-8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is just \$20 for the week! Check the website www.westberksmissiondistrict.org. for registration info.

HEY KIDS! Come join us for West Berks Wednesdays at French Creek! July 13, 20 & 27 for kids who have completed grades K-5! Meet at our church at 9:15 a.m. to carpool to French Creek State Park and meet a bunch of kids from other Lutheran churches for a fun day of nature walks and activities, Bible Stories, crafts, games, and swimming in the pool! We will return to the church by 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per week or \$10 per family. Bring a packed lunch, swim suit, towel and a smile. Registration is necessary , see Sue Creed or call the church office for more information.

WMBD MUSIC CAMP August 1-5: One World...One Home...In Perfect Harmony for children entering grades K-6. The children will learn music and simple choreography during their week of camp, M-Th 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Friday 9:30-12, and will perform the show on Friday at 1:00. Cost is just \$20. All are invited to an ice cream social following the show. The camp will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 1301 Luzerne St. in Reading. Registration is required. Stop by the church office for a registration form if you are interested.

ROBESON FAMILY AND FRIENDS GAME NIGHT: The



next game night will be held on Friday, August 12, from 6-8 p.m. **Game Night for July has been cancelled** due to Family Promise. Those who have been coming out are having a great time but the more the merrier! 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! See you in August!

ADULT ZUMBA CLASS is being held here at Robeson this summer on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 in the old hall. Cost is still \$30 for the six-week session; or if you prefer to drop in, \$7 per class.

Contact Julie at Julierodeck@yahoo.com for more information or just show up for a class! (No class on July 4 or 11)



PICNIC!

We will once again be holding our annual picnic at the pavilion on Sunday, September 4 after the 9:00 a.m. service. Mark your calendar and plan to join your friends for a meal and fellowship. Please bring a covered dish and/or dessert to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided. Visitors/guests are always welcome! See you at the picnic.



The senior youth group is holding a “ticket” **HOAGIE SALE** for Weaver Orchard’s delicious sandwiches. Please consider supporting this fundraiser as the youth

begin to raise funds in order to attend the next national youth event to be held in Houston, Texas in 2018. Stop by the church office or see Tyler

Werner to purchase a sandwich coupon. Cost is \$5 and they never expire! We thank Maggie Lauer who has formed a Thrivent Action Team to help with this fundraiser and Thrivent Financial for providing the funding, shirts and other supplies.

Other fundraisers for the 2018 National Youth Event in Houston, Texas are:

Sheetz books—available now in the church office from Debbie or Tyler. \$10. each. These are good for 3 years. They will be available from the youth after services or in the church office from Debbie or 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! If there is enough interest, the youth group will sell 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 so please stop by the church office and sign up for a gift card or two. They are available in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. Thank you!