

Lent



at Robeson Lutheran

2016

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SUPPERS – 6:00 P.M.

Come before worship and share in a simple Lenten supper in Hoeffler Hall. Everyone is invited.

LENTEN MEAL SCHEDULE: Soup and sandwiches, salads or other light meals provided by members of our committees and staff; congregation is please asked to bring desserts.

Feb. 17 – Outreach and Staff

Feb. 24 – Choir/Praise Team/Worship and Music

March 2 – Social Ministry & Youth

March 9 – Finance/Gifts and Bequests & Property

March 16 – Christian Ed. and SCS Teachers

LENTEN SERVICES at 7:00 p.m. featuring “TED” on the following topics:

Feb. 17 - True Leadership

Feb. 24 - The Doubt Necessary to Faith

March 2 - Loving the Enemy

March 9 - Defining the Self and the Other

March 16 - Working as a Team

A LENTEN ENVELOPE is included in this mailing. Please return it to the church anytime during the Lenten/Easter season. It is in place of the coin folder and box used over the years. Envelopes are less expensive and easier to mail. Please use it as you did your folder etc. for your cash or check. The church council has designated that the offerings from this envelope be used for the Hoeffler Hall flooring project.

THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES are always in need of food; some of the items most needed are:

Canned meats such as tuna, chicken, meatballs

Beef Stew and chunky soups

Boxed Cereals – low sugar please

Macaroni and cheese

Canned fruits

Crackers

Peanut butter and Jelly

Rice and Pasta

Spaghetti Sauce

Apple Juice

Coffee, Tea bags

Please bring your donations to the church and place in the shopping cart in the new foyer.

Cash donations are equally acceptable. Please be sure to mark your donation “Food Pantry” and make your check payable to Robeson Lutheran Church. The donations will be divided among the local pantries which serve our community. Thank you for helping us to help others in need.



A LENTEN TREE FROM A CHRISTMAS TREE

Sunday Church Project

This year's Lenten project for our elementary children will be decorating a "transformed" Christmas Tree. Each week the children will make one symbol from the life of Christ. The decorations being planned are: butterflies, lilies, a nail cross with a crown of thorns, bread and a chalice, Easter eggs, and an open tomb.

The Sunday School teaching staff will be using their creativity to come up with various ways to make these decorations. They will then be hung on a pruned Christmas Tree. By the time Easter arrives the tree will be transformed into a cross with a little help from a number of congregational members. The tree/cross will be displayed in the new foyer for all to follow the progress of how to change a Christmas tree into a Lenten/Easter tree.

As a Lenten devotional item for the young people each one will receive a booklet titled: "Upon This Tree". This should be very appropriate since we have chosen the Lenten Tree as our overall focus. The children and their families will be able to read a brief devotion and put a corresponding sticker on the "tree" each day until they arrive at Easter.

Many times we do not put the same emphasis on Lent and Easter for our young people as we do for Advent and Christmas. Hopefully, these items will help parents to enrich their child/children's understanding of this very special time of the church year.



FLOWERS FOR EASTER: Each year on Easter, we adorn our chancel with lilies and other spring plants. Please use the enclosed form and indicate which plant you prefer to order (orders will be filled as indicated based on seasonal availability). All plants are \$9.00 each.



ANNUAL EGG HUNT for the children of the church and community will be held on **Saturday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m.**

Please use the form below if you are able to make a donation for this event.

EGG HUNT DONATION FORM

March 26 – 2:00 p.m.

I will donate:

_____ bags of candy

_____ money to be used for candy
and prizes

Name: _____

Phone: _____

EASTER FLOWER RESERVATION

Deadline March 13 – Cost \$9.00 each

Please order _____ plant(s) for me.

LILY DAFFODIL TULIP HYACINTH
(please circle choice of plant(s))

IN MEMORY OF or BY or IN HONOR OF
(please circle one)

BY _____

() give to shut-in () will pick up

I will bring my own plant(s) _____.

Please mail forms to the church office:

Robeson Lutheran Church, 3520 Plow Road, Mohnton PA 19540 or drop in the offering plate.



Spending Lent with TED

True Leadership
The Doubt Necessary to Faith
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Dearest Friends in Christ,

I am part of the generation that saw the rise of the internet and has since spent countless hours lost in the depths of cyberspace. Truth be told, the internet is a wonderful tool, but with so much “information” available; animal memes, viral videos, Facebook opinions, and the ever distracting slideshows of Walmart shoppers, celebrity bloopers, and toddler antics, it is easy to get lost in tons of mind-numbing material.

For this reason I am so thankful for TED talks. TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) is a series of conferences that occur all over the world and raise up speakers from different backgrounds and disciplines under the tagline: “Ideas Worth Spreading.” I find the TED talks to easily be some of the most inspiring and useful resources to be found on the internet today.

With that in mind, during each week of Lent, we will be watching a six to fifteen minute TED Talk in combination with reading of biblical scripture and inviting you to break into small groups for meaningful conversations with a spiritual depth that connects to your daily lives.

It is my hope that you will join with us during our Wednesday night Lenten services so that you may share your wisdom and life experience with others and be yourself inspired by what you will see and hear.

May God bless you in this season of Lent!

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Michael



Midweek Lenten and Easter Schedule 2016



February 10 – 3 & 7 p.m.
Holy Communion;
Optional imposition of ashes

February 17, 24, March 2, 9, & 16:
6:00 p.m. – Lenten Supper
7:00 p.m. – “TED talks” in Hoeffler Hall

March 20



7:45 & 10:15 a.m. – Holy Communion

March 23 – NO SUPPER, NO WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 24



7:00 p.m. – Holy Communion, Stripping of Altar

March 25



3:00 p.m. – Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m. – Tenebrae Service



March 27 – **Easter**

7:45 a.m. – Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. – Easter Breakfast

10:15 a.m. – Holy Communion