

✧ **WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT** ✧
Newsletter – April 2017

The West Berks Mission District is a coalition of area Lutheran churches working together to do effective, cooperative ministry. YOU are a member of the West Berks Mission District!
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WBMD Ascension Day Service and Spring Assembly – Thursday, May 25

Hosted by Nativity Lutheran Church in Reading
1501 North 13th Street, Reading PA 19604

This year we are again combining our Spring Assembly and Ascension Day Worship Service! Worship will begin at 7:00 PM and our short business meeting will follow the service. The service will include special music and Holy Communion.

Come worship with others from across our West Berks Mission District and learn about the ministry that happens when we serve together. For the Assembly, each congregation should be represented by their rostered ministers and 2 lay voting members but we encourage others to attend as well. All are welcome!

Upcoming event for Rostered Ministers

Tuesday April 4 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church in Robesonia
“Preaching Easter 2017” with guest lecturer, The Rev. Dr. Audrey West.

Dr. West led our first Table Talk last fall, an overview of Matthew. She is an adjunct professor of the new Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and an adjunct instructor of pastoral theology at Moravian Theological Seminary. The event will begin with texts for Easter Day and run as far as the 7th Sunday of Easter. The focus will be on the Gospel. Easter Day text will include both Matthew and John's accounts of the resurrection.

Come out and enjoy the day of learning and fellowship. Lunch will be soup, sandwich and salad. Please email dawn@westberksmissiondistrict.org to register. Cost is \$50. Please make check payable to WBMD, Memo line: “Preaching Easter” and return it to West Berks Mission District at the above address.

REMINDER – Lenten Prayer Breakfast is Wednesday, April 5th beginning at 8:00 AM at the Inn at Reading. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. D. Michael Bennethum speaking on *The Prayer Life of Martin Luther*.



A big Thanks to all the participants of the **Bowl-a-Thon on March 12th!**

The pins were flying - and the bumpers were getting a work-out too!

We had 22 teams participate from 10 congregations! Bowlers enjoyed two games of bowling, a Philly soft pretzel and drink, and candy rewards for strikes and spares. A good time was had by all and after expenses, nearly \$1,700 was raised to help support our WBMD summer day camp. **THANK YOU!**



WBMD is working with BCC again to provide a great week of summer day camp - June 26-30 at Allegheny Lutheran Church

Camp is being offered to all children in the WBMD who have completed grades K – 5.

Transportation can be provided if needed.

Cost is just \$25 for the week!



WBMD Music Camp

August 7-11 9am - Noon
at Atonement Lutheran in Wyomissing
Show on Friday, August 11 at 1:00 PM
For youth who've completed grade 1-6.

Watch for Registration Materials coming soon!

SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS & VBS

We would like to share a listing of all summer camps and VBS opportunities happening in our WBMD congregations. Please send an email to Jane@westberksmissiondistrict.org including dates, time and theme for your program and we will post on our web-site and publish in our June Newsletter.

“TOGETHER IN HOPE: A RECONCILING REFORMATION”

The WBMD Worship Team began a conversation about what sort of worship service we might offer in the remembrance/celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. It quickly became clear that many felt this is a time to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith and come together for a very special service. Planning meetings began with people representing several of our ecumenical partners as well as Roman Catholics.

The service is planned for

**Sunday afternoon, October 22
at St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church
in West Lawn.**

Please mark your calendars and plan to participate!

WBMD Calendar of Events

April 4 – Rostered Ministers Event

April 5 – Lenten Prayer Breakfast

April 26 – Office Professionals Luncheon

April 28 – GRIP Immigration Summit

May 16 – WBMD Council at Christ, Glenside

May 25 – WBMD Spring Assembly and

Ascension Day service at Nativity

June 2-3 Synod Assembly, Poconos

June 26-30 – WBMD Day Camp at Allegheny

Aug 7-11 – WBMD Music Camp at Atonement

August 22 – WBMD Council, St. Paul's, Reading

September 14 – CROP Walk fundraiser at Isaac's

October 8 – Annual CROP Hunger Walk

October 22 – “Together in Hope: A Reconciling Reformation” ecumenical service