

✧ WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT ✧

Newsletter – April 2018

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 10

Hosted by Atonement Lutheran Church

5 Wyomissing Blvd Wyomissing PA

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

Come worship with others from across our West Berks Mission District and learn about the ministry that happens when we serve together. We will be electing a new Dean, new Council members and a lay male voting member for the ELCA Assembly in 2019 in Milwaukee. For the Assembly, each congregation is expected to send their rostered ministers and 2 lay voting members but we encourage others to attend as well. All are welcome!

WBMD Rostered Ministers Meeting with Bishop Zeiser

Thursday, April 26 – 10:00 AM to Noon
at Zion Lutheran Church

300 W. High Street Womelsdorf



Meeting with our Bishop – Come join us for a morning of worship and fellowship with our Bishop. We will begin to gather at 9:45. Worship will begin at 10:00. Following worship Bishop Zeiser will be sharing information and conversation with the group. **We have also planned to do a buffet-style lunch together at the historic Stouch Tavern for those who wish to participate.** Your cost for lunch is \$14; you can pay that day.

For lunch reservations, e-mail Dawn@westberksmissiondistrict.org by **April 19th**!

PARKING NOTE: those who are coming to lunch are encouraged to park in the lot behind the restaurant and walk (about 2 blocks) to Zion for the meeting to help with the availability of street parking near the church.



A big Thanks to ALL the participants of the 2018 Bowl-a-Thon and here are just a few!

We had 30 teams participate from 14 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, \$1,875 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 25-29 at Allegheny Lutheran Church

For children who've completed grades K – 5. Transportation can be provided if needed.

Cost is just \$30 for the week!



WBMD Music Camp

July 30 - August 3

at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wernersville

Show on Friday, August 3 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.

CAMP NOAH

August 13-17, 2018

at St. Luke's Lutheran
in Reading PA



Lutherans of Berks County are organizing a special Camp Noah for the children of families who have relocated here from Puerto Rico after the devastation of Hurricane Maria. According to Centro Hispano, more than 350 families have arrived in our local communities! Camp Noah is designed for children who have experienced a disaster and is meant to help them in their healing process.

VOLUNTEERS are needed. Please contact the WBMD for more information if interested.

WBMD Calendar of Events

- April 5 Hospital Visitors training
- April 18 Office Professionals Luncheon
- April 23 GRIP Immigration Summit
- April 26 Rostered Ministers with Bishop
- May 10 WBMD Ascension Service & Spring Assembly at Atonement
- May 22 WBMD Council
- June 8-9 NEP Synod Assembly in Wilkes-Barre
- June 25-29 WBMD/ Bear Creek Day Camp
- July 30-Aug 3 WBMD Music Camp
- August 28 WBMD Council
- Sept. 6 CROP Walk fundraiser at Isaac's
- October 7 Annual CROP Hunger Walk

More information and registration materials will be posted on our web-site as they become available.