

✧ WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT ✧

Newsletter – April 2021

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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2021 Thursday Learning Opportunities

For All God's People – Thursday, April 29 7-9 PM on Zoom

MAKING SENSE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT: HOLINESS, HEBREW, AND HISTORY

Many people of faith see God, as portrayed in the Old Testament, as distant, violent, angry, and a far cry from the Loving God we have come to know in Jesus Christ. But the Christian tradition has always insisted that the Old Testament is an authentic witness to God's salvation. This evening, we'll look at some of the foundational ideas of ancient Hebrew thought—the concept of holiness, the language of scripture, and the historical experience of God's people—so we can begin to make sense of what God is really trying to tell us in our Bible.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83313054867?pwd=aTBCUndQdmRRc1ljU1NRcEY0dVE0QT09>

Meeting ID: 833 1305 4867 Passcode: 729875

ABOUT OUR PRESENTER

Rev. Aaron Decker served as Visiting Professor of Old Testament at Malaysia Theological Seminary, in Seremban, Malaysia, and has taught on the faculty of our region's First Call Theological Education program. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and a Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. A Berks native, he worked in congregations in Massachusetts and New Jersey before returning here. He was also Director of Public Policy Advocacy with Lutheran Social Services of New England. He currently serves Faith and Bethany Lutheran churches in Reading. Aaron's academic interests include biblical language teaching methods, narrative and textual ambiguity in religious texts, redaction criticism, queer theory, the history of worship, and biblical and modern prophetic movements. His personal interests include computer programming, iconography, knitting, and foreign language.



For Pastors, Deacons, and Other Ministry Professionals – Thursdays 1-2 PM on Zoom

APRIL 15 FATHER — OUR PROPHETIC WITNESS

APRIL 22 SON — CHAPTER 6 OF JOHN

APRIL 29 SPIRIT — HEBREW POETRY

Leaders - Please see the separate mailing for more information.