

✧ **WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT** ✧
Newsletter – August 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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The **POWER** of LOVE

WBMD Music Camp

July 30 - August 3

9:00 AM to Noon

at Trinity Lutheran Church

130 S. Walnut Street Wernersville

For youth who've completed grade 1-6.

Join us for the SHOW on Friday, August 3 at 1:00!



CAMP NOAH

August 13-17, 2018

at St. Luke's Lutheran in
Reading PA



Berks County Lutherans have organized a special Camp Noah for the children of families who have relocated here from Puerto Rico after the devastating hurricanes that hit last summer. 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 still needed. Please contact the WBMD for more information if you are interested in helping.

Reading-Berks CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 7th at Gring's Mill

Registration opens at 12:30 PM

Walk starts at 1:30 PM

Choose from a 1, 3 or 5-mile loop

CALL NOW to be a Walk sponsor and

Help fight hunger one step at a time!

Isaac's Fundraiser / Kick-off Event Thursday, September 6, from 4-9 PM.

Bring a group of family and friends, dine in or take out at the Isaac's in Wyomissing. Isaac's will contribute 25% of your bill to our CROP Hunger Walk! (Coupons are needed. Find them on the WBMD website.) All CROP Walk team materials will be available for pick-up that evening at Isaac's as well.

Back-to School GIVE-AWAY

Saturday, August 25 from 11:00 – 12:30
or when supplies run out

at Grace Lutheran Church, 33 S. 11th St. Reading

School related supplies, backpacks, clean used clothing, new underwear and socks available.

Light lunch will be served.

Please share this invitation with those who have need.

Your donations of clothes & school supplies are also being accepted – contact Grace at 610-375-3961.

THE LUTHERAN PANTRY REPORT

Do you know...???

- The WBMD helps support food pantries in six Lutheran churches in the Reading area.
- These six pantries combined are what we consider to be “The Lutheran Pantry”.
- These pantries are housed in and run by volunteers from: Bethany, Christ, Hope, Incarnation, St. John, and St. Paul. (Note: in January 2018 the GBFB closed our pantry at St. Luke’s)
- Other people from outside the host churches volunteer as well, including many clients.
- In recent years, “The Lutheran Pantry” has served an average of 3,500-4,000 people each month!
- The WBMD pays the invoices for food the pantries receive from the Greater Berks Food Bank.
- In fiscal year 2017:
Budget expense - \$18,380; Actual - \$17,837
Budget income - \$13,100; Actual - \$6,340
- For 2018:
Budget expense - \$18,380.
Budget income - \$12,000.

The Lutheran Pantry has been a significant part of the WBMD’s identity over the years and our budget reflects that. Unfortunately, designated giving to support the Lutheran Pantry has declined over the years – perhaps due to the fact that more community pantries have opened outside the city that also seek support. **This is important work we do together!**

The Lutheran Pantry needs your support to continue feeding God’s people in the city of Reading. How can you help?

GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.

Sunday, September 9th, 2018

What does your congregation have planned for this special day of service?

Reformation Lutheran in Reiffton invites you to celebrate with them at their annual Block Party that includes Service Projects, Food, Music, Moon Bounce, Games & More!

This year’s event will benefit **The Lutheran Pantry** – an urban food ministry in the city of Reading.

Day’s schedule:

9am **Celebratory Worship**

10:30am - 2pm **Block Party**

11am **Community Unity 5K Run**

& Free 1/2 Mile Kids Fun Run

11am - 2pm **Kauffman’s Chicken BBQ**

1/2 Chicken BBQ, Bun, Baked Potato, Applesauce & Beverage for \$9 (Eat-in or Take-Out)

FOR TICKETS, CALL: 6 1 0 - 7 7 9 - 0 5 3 4

For more info visit: www.reformationlutheran.org

Family Promise is now seeking sponsors for their gala – call 610-373-3323 for more information and tickets for the event.



Family Promise of Berks

TASTE of HOPE

gala

2018 Taste of Hope award recipient

October 4, 2018 || 5 PM
DoubleTree By Hilton Reading

Hamid Chaudhry

WBMD Calendar of Events

- July 30-Aug 3 WBMD Music Camp
- August 13-17 Camp Noah in Reading
- August 28 WBMD Council meeting
- Sept. 6 CROP Walk fundraiser at Isaac’s
- October 4 Family Promise Taste of Hope
- October 7 Annual CROP Hunger Walk
- October 23 WBMD Council meeting

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