

✧ **WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT** ✧
Newsletter – February 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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WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT Annual Lenten Prayer Breakfast

**Wednesday, April 5 at 8:00 AM
at The Inn at Reading**

1040 Park Road Wyomissing PA 19610
The Inn at Reading offers easy parking and is handicap accessible.

Cost is **\$15** for a breakfast buffet including:
Breakfast pastries and biscuits, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs,
cinnamon French toast, red potatoes, bacon, coffee, tea and juice

**Please encourage members of your congregation to attend this special event. Invite your friends!
We will be seated at tables of 8 or 10 – and we will reserve tables for groups of 6 or more people.**

More information coming soon...

Would you like to be part of our **“Pencils & Paws”** initiative? During our annual youth event, coming up February 17-18, the youth will be organizing and packing materials to be donated to local schools and animal shelters. We invite you to participate by collecting the following items that have been identified as “most needed”. Please contact Dawn at WBMD if you need the items to be picked up at your church to be delivered to the event. Thanks for your participation in this service project!

School Items

Pencils (Ticonderoga brand preferred)
Notebooks and Binders
Notebook paper - lined with holes
Pencil sharpeners and Erasers



Animal Items

Dog and Cat food (adult, dry preferred)
Used blankets and towels
Cat litter
Dog and Cat Toys





Calling all Youth grades 5 – 12!

**Come enjoy Music, Fun, Games,
Workshops and Service at the**

**WBMD Annual Youth Event
February 17-18
at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
4201 Stoudt's Ferry Bridge Road in Tuckerton**

**The annual WBMD Youth Event, featuring our
special musical guests "The Allan Scott
Band" is coming soon!**

Pencils & Paws will be our theme as we collect school supplies for local classrooms and pet supplies for our furry friends. The weekend culminates with a concert on Saturday evening at 7:00 PM featuring "The Allan Scott Band". Family and friends are invited to attend the concert along with the weekend participants. A great weekend of fun, friends and fellowship!

To register see the WBMD website for forms and further information.

www.westberksmissiondistrict.org.

WBMD Bowl-a-Thon

Sunday, March 12th at Berks Lanes

Route 724 in Sinking Spring



**Get a group together to have fun while
supporting our WBMD Youth Ministries!**

Bowl-a-thon Registration and Sponsorship forms have been emailed to church offices and are posted on our website; or, you can call the WBMD office and we will send them to you.

Teams can request to bowl from either
1-3 PM or 3-5 PM

All bowlers bowl for 2 hours at no charge, (shoes included) and will also enjoy a snack & drink.

We ask each bowler to try to raise at least

\$15 in sponsorships.

This event is open to youth groups, Sunday School classes, Seniors groups, etc. - **ALL ages are welcome and encouraged to participate!** Bumper bowling is also available. Come join us for this day of fun, fellowship, and fundraising for a great cause!

Lanes are limited! Call WBMD to register!

*We **NEED** Hospital Visitors!*

Local Lutherans have benefitted for many years from the ministry of our Hospital Visitors Program at the Reading Hospital. **The program is in desperate need of more visitors if it is to continue.** Hospital Visitors provide a listening ear, prayer, and devotional materials and may offer to contact the patient's pastor or home congregation. Volunteering would require: 2-3 hours one day a week, the ability to keep confidences and a good bit of walking through the hospital. Training and devotional materials are provided.

Our current Visitors have described this opportunity to serve as pleasant and spiritually rewarding. For more information on the program and how you might get involved, please contact Pastor Julie Osterhout at 610-678-1782. Thanks!

WBMD 2017 Calendar of Events

Feb. 17-18	Youth Event at Good Shepherd
March 12	Bowl-a-Thon at Berks Lanes
March 28	WBMD Council
April 5	Lenten Prayer Breakfast
April 26	Office Professionals Luncheon
April 28	GRIP Immigration Summit
May 23	WBMD Council
May 25	WBMD Ascension Service and Spring Assembly
June 2-3	NEP Synod Assembly in Poconos

Please plan now to attend these events! More information and registration materials will be posted on our web-site as they become available.