

✧ WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT ✧

Newsletter – June-July 2019

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
invites you to attend our
Bear Creek Day Camp!**

**Come meet new friends,
sing camp songs, make cool crafts,
enjoy water day, have lotsa fun!**

Monday - Friday June 24 - 28 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

At **Allegheny Lutheran Church**, 1327 Alleghenyville Road, Mohnton 19540

Camp is for all children who have completed grades K – 6.

Cost is just \$35 for the week! (Scholarships available)

Check our website for registration materials or call 610-375-8303.

Report from the WBMD Spring Assembly - Tuesday, May 14, 2019

The Assembly was attended by 53 people from 23 congregations. We collected \$446 in offering which was split between Family Promise of Berks County and our Lutheran Pantry fund. We elected four members of our District Council to 2nd terms – thanks to Michele Holub, Pastor Julie Osterhout, Billie Rhinehart and Wendy Sharp for their continued service. We heard a special ministry report from Elise Chesson, Executive Director of Family Promise of Berks County thanking the Lutheran community for our continued support in helping to serve local homeless families and youth. Also, Nadine Anderson, a member of our Synod's LBGQT taskforce, came to seek local support for the Reading PRIDE event in July. She will be leaving the taskforce and needs other leaders to step into the organizing role. Dawn Baxter reported on the ministries we do together as the WBMD and offered to speak at worship services and/or adult forums. Please invite her to your congregation!



Church Professionals Potluck Picnic!

Saturday, July 20th from Noon - 3:00

at the picnic pavilion at **Schwarzwald Lutheran Church**
250 Church Lane Road Reading PA 19606 If it rains we'll be indoors.

The WBMD Collegiality Team invites pastors, deacons, and other church professionals to a picnic on July 20th. This is a social event and a chance to meet and interact with your Lutheran colleagues in our Mission District. Each congregation may decide their own invitation list which might include church musicians and organists, directors of Christian education, secretaries, youth leaders, directors of ministry or communication, etc.

Families are welcome! We will have some games and fun things to do. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided by the Collegiality Team through a Thrivent Action Team grant. Please bring your favorite picnic dish to share and a jar of peanut butter or jelly for the pantry!

Please encourage your church staff to attend -
ALL are welcome!

Please let us know how many will be joining us by emailing
dawn@westberksmissiondistrict.org by July 16.



DARTS ANYONE???

Did you know there is a church dart league that has been going on for more than 80 years?

Several of our WBMD churches participate and they are hoping to grow the league! The league runs September - March on Monday nights from 7-10 PM. Current WBMD teams include: Holy Spirit, Grace Reading & St. John's Mohnton. It is a competitive but fun community activity with varying skill levels - you don't need to be an expert to throw, just the desire to meet people and have fun! For more information please call Bill Berney, 610-858-4541 or Christine Kazmierczak, 610-780-6557.

WBMD Calendar of Events

- June 1 NEPS Assembly
- June 24-28 WBMD offers Bear Creek Day Camp
- July 20 Collegiality Group picnic at Schwarzwald
- August 27 WBMD Council at St. Paul's
- Sept. 5 CROP Walk kick-off at Isaac's
- Sept. 25 Family Promise "Taste of Hope"
- October 13 Reading-Berks CROP Hunger Walk

