

# ✧ WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT ✧

Newsletter – March 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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## WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT Annual Lenten Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, March 21 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 \$17 for a breakfast buffet including:  
Breakfast pastries and biscuits, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs,  
cinnamon French toast, red potatoes, bacon, coffee, tea and juice

**Our Special Guest Speaker will be The Rev. Dr. Theresa Latini**

Dr. Latini is the first President of the newly formed United Lutheran Seminary with campuses in Philadelphia and Gettysburg. She will be speaking on the topic: *“The Power and Promise of Lament”*

**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.**

*Please complete and mail with remittance.*

**Reservation Form for the Lenten Prayer Breakfast - Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed @ \$17 each \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to WBMD and mail to:

West Berks Mission District

1015 Windsor Street, Reading PA 19604

*Deadline for Registrations is **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. We expect a crowd so please register early!*

***We need your help!***  
**Volunteer Hospital Visitor Program**

***Do you have the gifts of compassion, strong faith and integrity; and some time to visit folks in the hospital?*** West Berks and East Berks Mission Districts currently support a Volunteer Hospital Visitation Program for our Lutherans in the Reading Hospital and we could use YOUR HELP! We offer training to support volunteers in having meaningful visits as they share God's love with people who may be in stressful situations with little support. Our trained volunteers can bring patients a faith-based connectedness to community while they are dealing with their health needs. A brief visit and simple prayer are often much appreciated.

We are currently seeking some gifted folks to participate in the **training** and sign up for at least 1 weekday a month when they would go to the hospital and visit any and all Lutheran patients. If any trained volunteers desire to offer more of their time, we have a system of signing up for that too!

***Sound interesting? Want to learn more?***

**PLEASE attend our Training Event on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 - 5:30 pm at Becker's St. Peter's Lutheran Church** located at 265 Maiden creek Rd., Fleetwood, Pa. 19522 610-944-8733

**The training is FREE and dinner will be provided!**

**To register please CALL Linda Zawaski at 610-914-7331 or Julie Osterhout at 610-678-1782**

When registering please provide: Name, home church, telephone #, email and home address.

**Upcoming Events for Rostered Ministers!**

**March 15** - the Collegiality Team has scheduled another ***Preaching Easter*** text study continuing education event with Dr. Audrey West from 9:00-3:00 at Trinity Lutheran in Robesonia.

**April 26** - we will have our annual gathering with Bishop Zeiser as we worship together and hear what he has to share. We will have time for Q&A and then there will be a "going out to lunch" option as well.

**WBMD Bowl-a-Thon**  
**Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

**WBMD 2018 Calendar of Events**

March 11	Bowl-a-Thon at Berks Lanes
March 15	<b><i>Preaching Easter</i></b> text study event
March 20	WBMD Council
March 21	Lenten Prayer Breakfast
April 18	Office Professionals Luncheon
April 23	GRIP Immigration Summit
April 26	Rostered Ministers with Bishop
May 10	WBMD Ascension Service and Spring Assembly
May 22	WBMD Council
June 8-9	NEP Synod Assembly in Wilkes-Barre
June 25-29	WBMD/ Bear Creek Day Camp

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