

✧ **WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT** ✧
Newsletter – March 2020

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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Annual Lenten Prayer Breakfast at 8:00 AM
Wednesday, April 1 at Bern Lutheran Church

820 W. Leesport Road Leesport 19533

This venue offers easy parking and is handicap accessible.

Cost is **\$13** for a breakfast buffet including:
breakfast pastries, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs,
French toast, home fries, bacon, sausage, coffee, tea, and juice

Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Angela Zimmann
the acting president of United Lutheran Seminary

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

Registration material now available on our website!

Please complete and mail with remittance.

Reservation Form for the Lenten Prayer Breakfast - Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Name _____
Phone # _____
Congregation _____
Number attending _____

Amount enclosed @ \$13 each _____
Make checks payable to WBMD and mail to:
West Berks Mission District
1015 Windsor Street, Reading PA 19604

Deadline for Registrations is March 25th. We expect a crowd so please register early!

WBMD Bowl-a-Thon Sunday, March 15th at Berks Lanes

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 directly to you.

Teams can request to bowl from either 1-3 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 collect **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!

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



Upcoming Event for Rostered Ministers!

Preaching workshop with the Rev. Dr. Nelson Rivera coming in April!

Watch for details...

WBMD Spring Assembly & Ascension Service

Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 PM

Location to be determined.

Join us for an Ascension Day service followed by our annual WBMD Spring Assembly. Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Martin Zimmann, Executive Director of the Stewardship of Life Institute at United Lutheran Seminary.

This year our Synod is sending someone to explain the process for calling/electing a new Bishop, so we are encouraging congregations **to send the same representatives to both the Mission District and Synod Assembly if possible.**

2019 CROP Walk update...

Do you know that each year Church World Service reports that more than 800 CROP Hunger Walks take place across the U.S. with more than 100,000 Walkers participating to fight hunger.

Our Reading-Berks CROP Hunger Walk was ranked 33rd in the country! Great job everyone!

WBMD 2020 Calendar of Events

March 15	Bowl-a-Thon at Berks Lanes
March 23	GRIP Immigration Summit
March 24	WBMD Council
April 1	Lenten Prayer Breakfast
April 11	Easter Vigil at St. Alban's Episc.
April 22	Office Professionals luncheon
May 21	WBMD Assembly & Ascension

Please plan now to attend these events! Check our website for more information.