

✧ **WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT** ✧  
**Newsletter – May 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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**WBMD Spring Assembly ~ Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**At Bern Lutheran Church**

820 West Leesport Road Leesport PA 19533

Due to the late date for Ascension Day (May 30<sup>th</sup>) and the shortened to one very full-day Synod Assembly on June 1<sup>st</sup>, we have decided to forgo our combined WBMD Ascension Day Service and Spring Assembly. We will still begin our Assembly with a brief worship service but it will not be an Ascension Day service. The meeting will follow and we will hear reports on the work of our WBMD. This year we may be asked to do some specific preparation work leading up to the Synod Assembly. Bishop Zeiser is encouraging congregations **to send the same representatives to both the Mission District and Synod Assembly** so that Synod work could be started at the Mission District Assemblies if that is deemed necessary. All congregations should send their rostered ministers and 2 lay members to this meeting. Others are welcome to attend as well!



**West Berks Mission District  
invites you to attend our  
Bear Creek Day Camp!**

**Come meet new friends,  
sing camp songs, 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.



## Rostered Ministers meeting with Bishop Zeiser

On **Thursday, May 2** we will have our annual WBMD gathering with Bishop Zeiser. The meeting will be at Allegheny Lutheran Church with worship beginning at 9:30 AM. Then we will hear from the Bishop on the "State of the Synod" followed by time for Q&A and conversation.

Additional time for fellowship with a catered lunch (assorted sandwiches from Screpsi's, chips, and salad) will be available for a suggested \$10 donation. **Please email the WBMD office if you intend to stay for lunch by Tuesday, April 30.**

## SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS & VBS

We would like to share a listing of all summer camps and VBS opportunities happening in our WBMD congregations.

Please send an email to

[Jane@westberksmissiondistrict.org](mailto:Jane@westberksmissiondistrict.org)

Include dates, time and theme for your program and we will post on our web-site!

### SAVE THIS DATE! July 20, 2019

**The Collegiality Team is planning a church leaders picnic for all rostered leaders, church staff and their families. This will be an informal time to get to meet your colleagues in other WB congregations. The Team will provide burgers, hot dogs and drinks. And you will bring sides and desserts to share! More details coming soon!**

**July 20, 2019 SAVE THIS DATE!**



## MUSIC CAMP Note...

Unfortunately, due to circumstances, we will NOT be holding a music camp this summer.

We do hope to be able to offer it again NEXT year!

Please check our website for other churches that may be holding music camps or Vacation Bible Schools the kids can enjoy!

## WBMD 2019 Calendar of Events

- May 2 WB Rostered Ministers w/ Bishop Zeiser
- May 6 WBMD Exec Committee 1:00 @ Advent
- May 14 WBMD Spring Assembly at Bern 7 PM
- May 21 WBMD Council at Holy Spirit
- May 29 Parish Administrator's Lunch at Bern
- June 1 NEPS Assembly
- June 24-28 WBMD offers Bear Creek Day Camp
- July 20 Collegiality Group picnic at Schwarzwald
- August 27 WBMD Council
- Sept. 5 CROP Walk kick-off at Isaac's
- Sept. 25 Family Promise "Taste of Hope"
- October 13 Reading-Berks CROP Hunger Walk

