

✧ WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT ✧

Newsletter – May 2021

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 – Thursday, May 13th on Zoom

We will begin at 7:00 PM with a presentation by our NEPS Bishop Christopher deForest. He will be sharing his ministry vision for our Synod and update us on information regarding upcoming events including the virtual Synod Assembly June 4-5 and his installation as our Bishop June 5. Following the Bishop, our Assembly work will include elections – for a WBMD Dean, a lay female liaison to the Synod Council, a lay female delegate to the 2022 ELCA Assembly and 2-3 members for the WBMD Council. Nomination forms for synod council and ELCA assembly can be found on the WBMD website.



The meeting is open to all but each congregation should have 2 members and their rostered ministers to serve as voting members for the elections.

Join Zoom Meeting on your computer, tablet or smart phone:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88934613957?pwd=VUZidWRtOGpNR1VTSEdwd1lwQkVKdz09>
Meeting ID: 889 3461 3957 Passcode: 138348

Special thanks to all who were involved with our Wednesday evening services in Lent!



We began Lent on Ash Wednesday with a wonderful recorded service that included leadership from more than 30 people from across the WBMD. This service was broadcast on Comcast and was also available on YouTube. Thanks to Matt Mellen and Trinity Reading for their work to put this service together and to all who participated in the service!

On the other Wednesdays in Lent, we enjoyed gathering together on Zoom for a short worship service, coming together around the theme of **Community**. Each week we had more than 40 households joining us! We heard the prayers, scripture readings and a message from a different pastor/deacon and lay people each week. We had music recorded by musicians from 10 different congregations! This was a wonderful, casual time of fellowship and worship together as the people of the West Berks Mission District. **Thanks to all who helped to make it possible!** Thanks too to Trinity Robeson for inviting us to their beautiful, live-streamed Holden Evening Prayer service that followed our Zoom worship. Some of our folks really appreciated attending that service as well.