

# ✧ WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT ✧

## Newsletter – June-July 2016

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 is offering a week of summer day camp with Bear Creek Camp!

**Tuesday thru Friday, July 5-8, 9 AM - 3 PM.** Camp counselors from Bear Creek will be here to run a great week of camp for kids from across our West Berks Mission District. The camp is open to children who have completed grades K-5. It will be held at Allegheny Lutheran Church in Knauers. Cost of the Camp is just \$20! Scholarships are available. We will be seeking ways to provide transportation for youth from Reading who would like to attend.

**ALSO...** “West Berks Wednesdays at French Creek” will return July 13, 20 & 27.  
**9:15 AM - 4:00 PM Nature program, Bible Stories, games, crafts, lunch and swimming.**

Cost: \$5 / person each week, \$10 per family. Bring a packed lunch, swim suit, and towel.

More information and registration forms are available online or in your church office.

**Deadline to register: June 30. For children who have completed K-5. We will carpool.**



### WBMD Summer Music Camp

Hosted by **Christ Lutheran Church** in Glenside

**August 1-5, 2016 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

**For children entering Grades K - 5**

This year music camp will be led by Pastor Julie Osterhout, Pastor at Trinity Wernersville and a former music teacher and Mr. Scott Schaefer, music director at Hope Lutheran. We are offering a full-day music camp experience with lunch provided. The campers will learn music and some simple choreography during their week of camp and perform the show on Friday at 1:00 PM for family and friends. Cost is just \$20 per child – or a maximum of \$50 per family! Scholarships and transportation will be provided if needed. Registration materials available through your church office or the WBMD website.

**One World...**  
**One Home...**  
**In Perfect Harmony**

Plan to come Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> to see the kids perform a variety of songs from around the world and stay for ice cream after the show!

## New Youth Service Opportunity!

**A trip to New Windsor, MD to volunteer  
with Church World Service in the  
Lutheran World Relief warehouse.**

**Wed., June 22 6:15 am – 5:30 pm**

Departing by bus from Allegheny Lutheran Church. 40 seats available; hot lunch served; stop on the way home for a treat.

✦ **SERRV** duties include quality check & sort new items. Must be 12 years old. Learn about different cultures, where products originate; how fair trade helps maintain cultural traditions.

✦ **Materials Resource** duties include unloading tractor trailer, using a conveyor system, and stack items as needed. Must be 14 years old. For those that prefer less physical work, packaging soap or health kits or assembling quilts for shipping is available.

Please contact Amy Naugle no later than Friday, June 10 with the name and age of attendee. Trips fill quickly so don't delay!

**Amy Naugle** [a-knaugle@msn.com](mailto:a-knaugle@msn.com) or 610-914-0007

Facilities at Allegheny are available for overnight use for ease of early morning departure.

We may also schedule a second pick-up and drop off site at Christ Glenside if there is a request to do so.

## The Reading Lutheran Parish Sunday September 11, 2016

The Congregations of the Reading Lutheran Parish are organizing a special combined worship service at 11:00 AM at the Band Shell in City Park. They will be honoring first responders, sharing lunch and participating in service projects. The Rev. Peggy Wuertele, who was serving as a pastor in Queens NY on 9/11/2001, will be the guest preacher. All are welcome to participate.

## Vacation Bible School Sessions

This is an invitation for children to participate in summer camps and VBS opportunities happening in our WBMD congregations. Please call the host church for more details and registration materials.

- June 12-16 @ Allegheny Knauers 610-777-2520  
“G Force - God's Love In Action” 6:30-8:30 pm
- June 19-23 @ Grace Shillington 610-777-7885  
“Walk God's Way” 6-8 pm
- June 20-24 @ Atonement Wyomissing 610-375-3512  
“Egypt: Joseph's Journey” 8:45-11:30 am
- June 20-24 @ Robeson Plowville 610-856-7242  
“Cave Quest” 9 am to noon;
- June 20-24 @ Trinity Robesonia 610-693-6062  
Music Camp; grade 3 & up; 9 am – 3 pm;  
Perform 6/25 & 6/26; 610-693-6062
- July 10-14 @ Schwarzwald 6-8:30 pm; 610-779-3480  
Music, Art & Drama camp
- July 18-22 @ St. Pauls, Reading 610-373-3135  
“Joseph” VBS 6:15 – 8:00 pm
- July 18-22 @ Trinity Robesonia 610-693-6062  
VBS 9 am-noon; “Wonderful Wisdom of God”
- July 25-29 @ Calvary Laureldale 610-929-9606  
“God's Beach Party” 6:15 – 8:30 pm;

**Check our WBMD website for additions  
to the schedule.**

## WBMD Calendar of Events

- June 2 Rostered Leaders Retreat at the Jesuit Center
- June 11 Family Promise Volunteer Breakfast
- June 17-18 Synod Assembly, Allentown
- June 22 WBMD youth trip Church World Service  
in New Windsor, MD
- July 5 – 8 WBMD/BCC Day Camp at Allegheny
- July 13, 20, & 27 West Berks Wednesdays at  
French Creek State Park
- Aug 1 – 5 WBMD Music Camp at Christ, Glenside
- Aug 8 - 12 ELCA Assembly in New Orleans, LA
- Aug 23 WBMD Council at Advent
- Sept. 11 RLP worship at City Park Bandshell
- Sept. 15 CROP Walk fundraiser at Isaac's
- Sept. 21 Family Promise “Taste of Hope”
- October 9 35<sup>th</sup> Annual CROP Hunger Walk