

✧ WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT ✧

Newsletter – March 2017

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, April 5 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 **\$15** for a breakfast buffet including:

Breakfast pastries and biscuits, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs,
cinnamon French toast, red potatoes, bacon, coffee, tea and juice

Please join us for an inspirational morning!

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. D. Michael Bennethum

Pastor Bennethum is a Martin Luther and Reformation scholar and a former pastor in our District who now serves as the Executive Associate to Bishop Zeiser. He will be speaking on **The Prayer Life of Martin Luther**.

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, April 5, 2017

Name _____

Amount enclosed @ \$15 each _____

Phone # _____

Make checks payable to WBMD and mail to:

Congregation _____

West Berks Mission District

Number attending _____

1015 Windsor Street, Reading PA 19604

*Deadline for Registrations is **March 29th**. We expect a crowd so please register early!*

WBMD Bowl-a-Thon
Sunday, March 12th 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 directly to you.

Teams can request to bowl from either
1-3 PM or 3-5 PM

All bowlers bowl for 2 hours (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!

Upcoming events for Rostered Ministers...

Thursday, March 30 at Good Shepherd, Tuckerton
This is our annual opportunity to meet with Bishop Zeiser. We will begin to gather at 9:00 AM with worship starting at 9:30, after which we will hear from Bishop Zeiser and have time for Q&A. Those who wish will enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant (tbd).

Tuesday, April 4 at Trinity, Robesonia –
“Preaching Easter” with Dr. Audrey West
Dr. West will lead a text study for pastors on the Easter texts; beginning with Easter Day through the 7th Sunday of Easter, focusing on the Gospel. Cost for this continuing education event is \$50. See the WBMD website for more information

Thanks to the folks at Good Shepherd for a fabulous youth event!!!

43 youth in grades 5-12 and their adult advisors participated in our 2017 Youth Event that was held February 17-18. Our host congregation this year was Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Tuckerton. Music was provided by the Allan Scott Band from State College PA and staff members from Bear Creek Camp were there to share some games and songs and lots of fun! Our service projects were focused on “Pencils and Paws” collecting items for school classrooms and animal rescue groups. Workshops were fun and informative and included the opportunity to make some beautiful string art crosses.

SPECIAL THANKS to Kathlynn, Joe, Pr. Denise, and the whole team from Good Shepherd for their hospitality and great food, and for all their hard work in planning this year’s event!

God is Good - All the Time!
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WBMD 2017 Calendar of Events

March 12	Bowl-a-Thon at Berks Lanes
March 28	WBMD Council
March 30	Rostered Ministers gathering with Bishop Zeiser
April 4	Rostered Ministers “Preaching Easter” continuing educ. event
April 5	Lenten Prayer Breakfast
April 26	Office Professionals Luncheon
April 28	GRIP Immigration Summit
May 23	WBMD Council
May 25	WBMD Ascension Service and Spring Assembly at Nativity
June 2-3	NEP Synod Assembly in Poconos
June 26-30	WBMD Day Camp at Allegheny
August 7-11	WBMD Music Camp
September 14	CROP kick-off at Isaac’s
October 8	CROP Hunger Walk
October 22	“Together in Hope: A Reconciling Reformation” ecumenical service

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