

✧ WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT ✧

Newsletter – May 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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WBMD Ascension Day Service and Spring Assembly – Thursday, May 25

Hosted by Nativity Lutheran Church in Reading
1501 North 13th Street, Reading PA 19604

This year we are again combining our Spring Assembly and Ascension Day Worship Service! Worship will begin at 7:00 PM and our short business meeting will follow the service. The service will include special music and Holy Communion.



Come worship with others from across our West Berks Mission District and learn about the ministry that happens when we serve together. For the Assembly, each congregation should be represented by their rostered ministers and 2 lay voting members but we encourage others to attend as well. All are welcome!



TOGETHER IN HOPE: A RECONCILING REFORMATION

The special worship service is being planned for
3:00 PM on Sunday October 22 at
St. Ignatious Roman Catholic Church in West Lawn.

Plan now to join Lutherans from across the WBMD along with Roman Catholic, Methodist, UCC, and other brothers and sisters in the faith for the remembrance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Watch for information regarding opportunities to be part of a mass choir and perhaps a large bell choir as well. Music will play a large part in this service!

We hope many of you will participate and/or attend!

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Please join us in welcoming our newest staff member, Tracey Ormsbee. We are very excited to have her as part of our WBMD team! Here is a short bio from Tracey...

Hello! I am Tracey Ormsbee. I recently was hired to the position at the West Berks Mission District as Ministry Partnership Coordinator.

I am a member of Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Church and have served as the Director of Christian Education there for the last 12 years. I am married with 2 college age daughters. I am passionate about serving others both in the church and in the community, sharing the love of God. As Ministry Partnership Coordinator, I am tasked to coordinate and promote ministry partnerships among the WBMD congregations. Together we can discover opportunities for ministry that meets the needs of the community.

Christ calls us to serve others. But sometimes it's difficult for a congregation to do it alone. By collaborating with other churches, a stronger force of believers is formed that can work toward a common goal of helping others. There are many ministry opportunities to explore; I am excited to help you partner with each other to be the hands and feet of Christ.

I will be reaching out to church leadership and looking forward to meeting everyone. In the meantime, feel free to contact me about opportunities and ideas to work together in ministry.

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Registration Information coming soon for...



**WBMD is working with BCC again
to provide a great week of summer day camp -
June 26-30 at Allegheny Lutheran Church**

Camp is being offered to all children in the
WBMD who have completed grades K – 6.
Transportation can be provided if needed.

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WBMD Summer Music Camp

**August 7 – 11, 2017 9:30 am – 12 noon
Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing**

For youth who have completed grades 1-6.

Show on Friday August 11 at 1 pm.

Everyone welcome to come and enjoy the show!

Ice cream social will follow.



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

WBMD Calendar of Events

May 13 - NEPS Kayak and Worship event
May 16 – WBMD Council at Christ, Glenside
May 25 – WBMD Spring Assembly and
Ascension Day service at Nativity
June 2-3 Synod Assembly, Poconos
June 26-30 – WBMD Day Camp at Allegheny
Aug 7-11 – WBMD Music Camp at Atonement
August 22 – WBMD Council, St. Paul's, Reading
September 14 – CROP Walk fundraiser at Isaac's
October 8 – Annual CROP Hunger Walk
October 11 – TableTalk at McGlenn Conf. Center
October 22 – "Together in Hope: A Reconciling
Reformation" ecumenical service
October 24 – WBMD Council, Advent
October 25 – Table Talk follow-up