

✧ WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT ✧

Newsletter - May 2009

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!

The WBMD office is located in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1015 Windsor Street, Reading PA 19604.

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WBMD is hosting the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly!

Planning is currently underway for the 22nd Annual Synod Assembly which will be held at the Sovereign Performing Arts Center in Reading on Friday and Saturday, June 5 – 6, 2009. The theme of this year's assembly will be, *“God's Work, Our Hands; Exploring God's Work Among Us”*.

Could you help...?

- By volunteering for the planning team or the hospitality team?
- By providing Bed & Breakfast accommodations in your home?
- By offering your van and a driver for shuttle service between parking lots and SPAC?
- Serve as a tour guide for walking or van tours of Reading churches, the Pagoda, the GoggleWorks?

We are excited to welcome folks from the synod back to Reading!

Please call the WBMD if you can help in any way. 610-375-8303

WBMD Sharing Resources!!!

Color Copier – WBMD continues to provide black and white and color copier service to our WB congregations. Your documents can be e-mailed to the WBMD office with your request for the number of copies needed. Finished job can be picked up at the office or sent to your church. Please contact the office for more information and prices.

Laptop Computer & Projector –

Many congregations have reserved the laptop computer and projector for special events and presentations. The projector (and the laptop if needed) is available for congregations to borrow and training is provided. Please call the office to reserve the equipment you are requesting to borrow.

WBMD Ascension Day Service

Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 PM.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1559 Perkiomen Avenue in Reading

Please join us for this special worship opportunity. It is being hosted by St. Paul's and representatives from our Mission District will take part in the service. Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Samuel Zeiser, Bishop NEPS.

PARTNERSHIP PARISH PUNCHES POVERTY

Four members of St. Luke's/Christ partnership Parish and leaders of 3 other WBMD congregations traveled to Washington DC, April 26-29, to join with a diverse coalition of faith-based organizations, churches and global anti-poverty groups, to convene **The Mobilization to End Poverty (M2EP)**. For further information please visit: www.sojo.net/mobilization

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Retired Leaders Events...

All retired Pastors, AiMs, and their spouses/widows are invited to –

BREAKFAST – the first Thursday of each month at 9 AM at the Heidelberg Restaurant.

The SPRING LUNCHEON – on Thursday, May 14th at 1:00 at the Crossroads Family Restaurant, 4643 Pottsville Pike.

Call 610-939-2631 for reservations. Each pays their own.

Come enjoy good food and fellowship!

Some special events...

May 9 – Spring Flea Market
St. John's Lutheran Church
4125 Penn Avenue Sinking Spring
7 AM – 1 PM

Inside table – \$10.00

Outside space (no table) – \$10.00

For information or to reserve your space or table call 610-678-1088

May 16 – “The Great Give Away!”
Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
4th & Windsor St., Reading
10 AM – 12 noon
FREE! FREE! FREE!

Clothing, household items, toys, books

Will accept donations of new or gently used items until May 15th.

Call for information – 610-376-0825

WBMD Calendar of Events...

May 9 – Magic Show at Bethany, Mt. Penn

May 14 – Retired Leaders Spring Luncheon

May 16 – “Great Giveaway” at Holy Spirit

May 21 – WBMD Ascension Day Service

June 5-6 – Synod Assembly at

Sovereign Performing Arts Center

June 13 – LIFT Event

September 22 – Family Promise Annual Event

November 12 – WBMD Fall Assembly

Magic Show

Creating Miracles Brick by Brick

2nd Annual *Abacadabra Magic Show*
to Benefit Thrivent Builds/Habitat
for Humanity

Saturday, May 9, 2009
Bethany Lutheran Church
1375 Friedensburg Road

Shows at 3:00 & 7:00 PM

Food & Drinks Available

Tickets: \$5.00 each

Parking Lots located on Carsonia Ave.
For More Information or tickets contact the Church
or Pastor Michael Reist at (610) 698-0311 or
revmike@ptd.

100% of all proceeds will benefit the Berks
County Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity
homes currently being built in the Glenside area
of Reading.

Announcing WBMD Web Site!!!

In May, WBMD will be rolling out a new and comprehensive web site. The web site will be updated constantly with new information in electronic form. Each congregation in WBMD will be profiled and WBMD will provide a link to each church's web site, providing one is available.

“Resource Sharing”

A phrase that you will read and hear about more in the coming months is “Resource Sharing”. WBMD is committed to finding solutions to problems churches are facing during these temporary but difficult times. Be it help with computers, training, technology, best practices for offices, software selection, we are a phone call away.