

✧ **WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT** ✧
Newsletter - November 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!

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A Word of Thanks!

To our friends at West Berks Mission District,

Thank you very much for the book bags that you provided for our students. Many of our Northwest Elementary families will be helped by your generosity. They will be very useful. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Michelle R. Wiley
Principal, Northwest Elementary School

And a few more...

Dear Rev. Kehler & Church Members,

On behalf of 16th & Haak Elementary, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of school bags and various school supplies. Your donation makes it possible for us to give some of our students the chance to have new supplies for the new school year.

Your commitment to the students and families and the community of 16th & Haak is greatly appreciated. Our students reap the benefits of your programs year after year.

Sincerely,
Jessica O'Rourke
School Counselor

And finally!

To West Berks Mission District,

We at 13th & Union Elementary School would like to sincerely thank all who showed their care and concern for our students and provided the backpacks with the ample supply of school supplies. Our students will most certainly benefit from the kindness that you have shared. We are happy to know that we can count on community members to show their support in educating our students.

Dorothea H. Miller,
Principal

WBMD Staff Note: We want to THANK ALL OF YOU, individuals and congregations, who participated in Operation Book-bag 2009. Thanks to you, more than 500 backpacks were filled with donated school supplies! This is a simple way to touch the lives of many children because we choose to share our gifts and work cooperatively. It is a wonderful illustration of being blessed to be a blessing. Thank you.

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WBMD Fall Assembly

Thursday, November 12, 2008
Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Registration begins at 7:00 PM
Opening Worship at 7:30 PM

Assembly materials will be mailed to all congregations to distribute to rostered leaders and assembly delegates.

Diakon Kathryn's Kloset

We are excited about a new ministry opportunity offered to us through Diakon. We have registered to become a partner agency with Kathryn's Kloset which will allow us to obtain a wide variety of items that can be distributed to those in need through our pantries. Items will include laundry detergent, fabric softener, paper products, household goods, etc. The items are free but we will need to transport them from a warehouse in Baltimore.

If you know of available trucks and/or storage possibilities please contact Dawn at the WBMD office at 610-375-8303 or by email at

Dawn@westberksmissiondistrict.org.

"The Great Give Away!"

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
4th & Windsor St., Reading
November 7th
10 AM – 12 noon

FREE! FREE! FREE!

Clothing, household items, toys, books

Will accept donations of new or gently used items until November 6th.

Call for information – 610-376-0825

Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays

Saturday, November 21 from 9:00 to Noon.
Reformation Lutheran Church
3760 Perkiomen Avenue, Reiffton

An encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death.

You'll discover

- *What emotions to expect*
- *How to prepare*
- *How to manage relationships and events*
- *How the holidays can help you heal*

For more information or to register call Reformation at 610-779-0534 or e-mail to:
mail@reformationlutheran.org

Trip to Lutheran World Relief Center

November 18-19, a group from St. Luke's-Christ Partnership Parish are traveling to the Church World Service & Lutheran World Relief Center in New Windsor, Maryland. **They have offered to transport anything you have ready to go - quilts, school kits, health kits, etc. - to save you the cost of mailing the items to the center.**

Please contact Robin at 610-375-9216 as soon as possible if you would like to send items with them. Space will be limited.

WBMD Calendar of Events



November 1 – WBMD Bowl-a-Thon for Day Camp
November 5 – Retired Pastors Group breakfast
November 12 – WBMD Fall Assembly at Schwarzwald, Jacksonwald
November 18 – Rostered Leaders meeting
November 21 – Surviving the Holidays
December 10 – Retired Pastors Group holiday lunch

2010 Events-

February 19-20 – Annual Youth Event with Captive Free at Grace, Shillington
April 29 – WBMD Spring Assembly