

# ✧ WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT ✧

## Newsletter – April 2010

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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## Peder Eide In Concert

**The West Berks Mission District invites  
you to a praise and worship concert with  
PEDER EIDE !**

**hosted by**

**Allegheny Lutheran Church  
1327 Alleghenyville Road,  
Mohnton PA 19540**

**Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**All welcome! Please bring a can of food  
for the Greater Berks Food Bank. A free-  
will offering will be collected to help  
defray costs.**

**If bringing a group, please email  
dick@westberksmissiondistrict to let  
him know approximately how many will  
be coming so that we can plan  
accordingly. Thanks!**

## **WBMD Youth Event with Captive Free was a great success despite the loss of their equipment!**

When Jackie Grauel received the phone call on Thursday morning that Captive Free's van and trailer had been stolen her heart sank. She realized Grace Lutheran Church in Shillington, hosts for the event, had a challenge to be met. Many phone calls were made and favors were exchanged; band equipment, wires, and amps arrived at Grace to make the Youth Event happen without a hiccup. Thanks to many church members and friends of the community, Captive Free had everything they needed to perform. That is when we knew the Holy Spirit was at work! Kasi, Captive Free team member, shared her deep appreciation in prayer with the group at the "campfire" Friday evening.

**"Do. Love. Walk."** was the theme of this West Berks Mission event. This was taken from Micah 6:8 - "He has shown you what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to **DO justly**, to **LOVE mercy**, and to **WALK humbly with your God.**"

Over a hundred Youth and adults began Friday evening with a Captive Free mini concert; then continued the evening with fun get-to-know-you activities and games among the fifteen WBMD churches in attendance. Making your own sundaes topped the list of activities and then everyone settled down to a campfire and songs to end the Friday night activities.

Saturday began with new arrivals of youth and their chaperones and a Captive Free kickoff of morning music. Workshops were scheduled throughout the day. We enjoyed a Magic Show at lunch and a Puppet Show at dinner and roller skating for the afternoon. The event ended with a Captive Free concert Saturday evening and a performance by participants in the "Word in Motion" workshop. The concert was open to family, friends and the community. Despite the unfortunate way the event began, everything came together, and a great time was had by all! Thanks to all those who helped to make the event possible, especially Jackie Grauel, and all her helpers from Grace Shillington!!! You were awesome!

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**WBMD Bowl-a-Thon**  
**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**at Bowl-O-Rama**

Route 422 in Reiffton



Get a group together to have fun, win prizes, and support our Summer Day Camp! This is our major fundraising effort for the Love for Children Day Camp. In 2009 more than 250 children were able to enjoy a week of camp thanks to the support of the WBMD, and grants from Thrivent's Southwest Berks Chapter and the NEPS Witness & Service Ministry Team!

Registration and Sponsorship forms were emailed to all churches and can also be found on our WBMD web site. Teams can request to bowl from either 1-3 PM or 3-5 PM. All bowlers bowl for 2 hours at no charge, (shoes included) and will also enjoy a hot dog & drink. We ask each bowler to try to raise \$15 in sponsorships.

Come join us for this day of fun, fellowship, food, and fundraising for a great cause! Thanks to Jackie Grauel and tyna Kaltenbaugh for helping to organize this event.

**Help for Haiti**

After our mission trip to Haiti, the members of Christ Lutheran, Dryville are working to fill a sea container with needed supplies. According to Food for the Poor, two of the items most needed are peanut butter (in plastic jars) and school supplies (spiral bound notebooks, packs of pencils with erasers and packs of crayons). If your congregation would be willing to help with this collection project, please contact Pastor Cheryl Meinschein at 610-682-7664. Our plan is to collect supplies during April, and ship them in May. Financial contributions to help with shipping costs would also be appreciated. Thanks for your help!

*Note: Pastor Meinschein was the guest speaker at our WBMD Lenten Prayer Breakfast.*

**WBMD Calendar of Events**

April 9 – Peder Eide event  
April 10 – Magic Show to benefit Thrivent Builds  
April 21 – Office Professionals Luncheon  
April 22 – Rostered Leaders Meeting  
April 25 – Bowl-a-Thon for Day Camp  
April 26 – West Berks WELCA Cluster  
April 29 – WBMD Spring Assembly  
May 13 – WBMD Ascension Day Service  
May 22 – “Great Giveaway” at Holy Spirit  
June 18-19 – Synod Assembly in Wilkes-Barre  
October 5 – WBMD Gala at Crowne Plaza, Wyomissing

**Magic Show**  
**Creating Miracles Brick by Brick**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Abracadabra Magic Show to benefit Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity**

**Saturday, April 10, 2010**

**Show Begins at 6:30 PM (Doors open at 5:45)**

**Food & Drinks Available**

**Tickets: \$5.00 each**

**Mt. Penn Primary Center**

201 North 25<sup>th</sup> St., Reading, PA 19606

For More Information or tickets  
contact Pastor Michael Reist at (610) 698-0311 or  
[revmike@ptd.net](mailto:revmike@ptd.net)

**All proceeds benefit the Berks County Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity homes currently being built/renovated in the Reading and Berks County area.**

**Spring meeting of the  
West Berks Cluster of WELCA**

Monday, April 26, 2010

St. Daniel's Lutheran Church in Robesonia  
6:15 Registration; 7:00 Meeting

Program: “Nutritional Tips for a Healthful Lifestyle” with  
Brenda Daelhousen, R.D., L.D.N., Nutrition Consultant

**Please bring unwanted cell phones.  
Phones will be refurbished & resold.  
Proceeds will help women in need.**

Questions? Call Thelma Bright @ 610-693-5934.