

✧ **WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT** ✧
Newsletter – July 2010

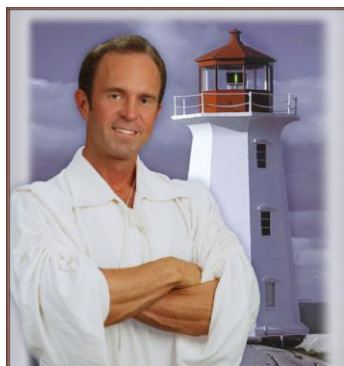
The West Berks Mission District is a coalition of area Lutheran Churches working together to do effective, cooperative ministry. YOU are a member of the West Berks Mission District!

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

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Mr. Charlie Zahm

“Let your light so shine!”

WBMD Gala – Tuesday, October 5, 2010
Crowne Plaza Hotel in Wyomissing
Registration and Appetizers at 6:00 PM
Dinner at 6:30 PM
Cost per person - \$30.00

Join us for this special evening together as we celebrate our ministry as the people of God in the West Berks Mission District. Gather with other Lutherans for a meal and some special fellowship and enjoy the wonderful entertainment presented by Celtic musician, Charlie Zahm with Tad Marks, on the fiddle. You can check out Charlie's website at www.charliezahm.com

Talk to others from your congregation and get a group together for the evening. We will be seated at tables of 8. **Choice of entrées include: Pretzel Dijon Crusted Pork Loin; Tango Mango Salmon; or, Vegetarian Lasagna.**

Please respond with the slip below. **The deadline for reservations is September 21, 2010.**



Congregation _____

Name (Please Print)

Circle your Choice of Entrée:

	Pork	Salmon	Vegetarian Lasagna
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Please make check payable to West Berks Mission District, MEMO: 2010 Gala.
Mail check & form to: West Berks Mission District, 1015 Windsor St., Reading, PA 19604

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OPERATION BOOK-BAG 2010

It's time again to collect school supplies for children whose families cannot afford to buy them. Many churches collect supplies during Bible School or other summer events. Last year, 526 filled book-bags were delivered to the Reading schools! This ministry is a blessing to the students, their families, and the school staff. Your continued help with this project is greatly appreciated! These are the items requested:

Elementary -

Crayons, erasers, primer tablets, rulers, pencils, glue sticks, construction paper, safety scissors, pencil box or bag, small packs of tissues, back-pack/book-bag

Middle School -

3 or 5 subject notebooks, notebook paper, colored pencils, highlighters, tissues, calculators, erasers, pencils, pens (blue or black), back-pack/book-bag

Monetary donations are also appreciated. Make checks payable to: West Berks Mission District
– **Memo: Operation Book-bag**

All items should be brought to the WBMD office by August 13th. Please refer questions to Dick at WBMD at 610-375-8303 or via email at Dick@WestBerksMissionDistrict.org.

► **Volunteers needed** ◀

We will be needing volunteers to help set up assembly lines and fill the bags on August 17, 18 and 19. Please call if you have a group that could help!

As always... Thank You for your support!

SPECIAL NOTE: We have just learned that Belco Federal Credit Union will be assisting us in collecting school supplies for Operation Book-bag! Thanks for spreading the word about this important ministry.

WBMD Calendar of Events

June 30 – Summer outdoor worship begins
August 13 – Deadline for school supplies
August 17-19 Operation Book-bag assembly
August 24 – WBMD Council at Grace, Reading
September 21 – Family Promise Taste of Hope event
October 5 – WBMD Gala at Crowne Plaza
November 18 – WBMD Fall Assembly

Outdoor Worship Opportunity Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 PM at Bern Lutheran Church

820 W Leesport Road, Leesport (just off Route 183)

► **Lawn chairs are essential!** ◀

Is it hard for you to get to worship on Sunday's during the summer? Come try this informal service led by a different WBMD pastor each week. All are welcome!

- June 30:** Rev. Robert Kaltenbaugh - Holy Spirit, Reading
- July 7:** Rev. Carol Kehler - St. Paul's, Reading
- July 14:** Mr. Doug Didyoung, SALM - St. Mark's, Reading
- July 21:** Rev. Scott Stevenson - Altalaha, Rehrersburg
- July 28:** Rev. Lee Diefenderfer - Trinity, Wernersville with Sunday School Orchestra
- Aug. 4:** Rev. David Kistler - ARC of Berks & Festival of Faith Choir
- Aug. 11:** Rev. Jason Lee - Atonement, Wyomissing
- Aug. 18:** Rev. Rebecca Knox – Christ-St. Luke's Partnership Parish, Reading
- Aug. 25:** Rev. Michael Reist – Bethany, Stony Creek

Rain or Shine! Service is indoors if bad weather. Offerings will be designated for WBMD "Love for Children" Day Camp Scholarships

You're invited to the Summer Concert Series at the Lutheran Home at Topton

Sun. June 27 – The Wyomissing Band
Sun. July 25 – Mike Hertzog & the Blue Mountain Gang
Sun. August 22 – The Rajah String Band
Sun. September 26 – Riders on the Levee

All concerts begin at 3:00 PM and take place off the Old Main parking area.

For more information, please call (610) 682-1400.