

✧ **WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT** ✧
Newsletter - May 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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Now on the web at www.WestBerksMissionDistrict.org

Have you checked our WBMD Web Site lately?

The web site has recently been reworked in an effort to make it more user-friendly. We continue to update information regularly. Most of our WBMD communications can be found on the web site in electronic form. Each congregation in WBMD is profiled and a link is provided to each church's web site, providing one is available. Please contact us when your congregation's information changes, when you have an event you would like posted on our site, if you would like to see something that is not currently available or if you have any suggestions that could make this site better.

Cooperative Ministry Summit

“A three-fold cord is not quickly broken.”
Ecclesiastes 4:12b

Thursday, May 20 from 7-9 p.m.
At Bern Lutheran Church

As our congregations seek to share the gospel in effective ways, there are many opportunities and models for shared ministry. Led by the Rev. Dr. Mike Bennethum, ELCA Director for Evangelical Mission, this evening will help teams from congregations begin to explore creative possibilities for working together for the sake of our common mission.

What to bring:

- A team of 3-5 people from your congregation who are interested in mission (If you cannot bring a team, please wait until the next summit is offered.)
- A notebook and pen
- An openness to the Holy Spirit

To register: Please contact the WBMD office.

WBMD Ascension Day Service

Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 PM.

Robeson Lutheran Church in Plowville

3520 Plow Road Mohnton PA 19540

Please join us for this special worship opportunity; it is good to gather as God's people and offer our worship and praise together! This year's service is being hosted by Robeson Lutheran Church and representatives from our Mission District will take part in the service.

SAVE THE DATE!!! Plan now to join us!!!

WBMD Gala
Tuesday, October 5th at the
Crowne Plaza Hotel in Wyomissing

Special entertainment for the evening by
Mr. Charlie Zahm, Celtic musician

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Kathryn's Kloset report....

We have now made two trips to the warehouse in Baltimore to pick up truckloads of donated items that we can then distribute through our local pantries. "Imperfect" products are donated directly from companies to Kathryn's Kloset to be shared with those in need. Penske Truck Leasing has offered us the use of a truck at a minimal daily cost plus mileage and gas. Our March trip cost us approximately \$150 and we received more than \$25,000 worth of products! Laundry detergent, fabric softener, sunscreen, and deodorant are some of the items we have received thus far.

Special thanks to Pam Urban from Friedens Bernville for contacting Keystone Nitewear Company who donated a pallet-jack for our use in unloading the truck. And a big THANKS to our volunteer drivers and unloaders!

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 22 – "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 13 – WBMD Ascension Day Service
May 22 – "Great Giveaway" at Holy Spirit
May 25 – WBMD Council at St. John, Mohnton
June 18-19 – Synod Assembly in Wilkes-Barre
October 5 – WBMD Gala at Crowne Plaza,
Wyomissing
November 18 – WBMD Fall Assembly

Bus Trip

Wednesday, June 23rd.

to

**THE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
WAREHOUSE
New Windsor, MD.**

BUS LEAVES AT 6:45 a.m.

from BERN LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Cost: \$25.00 (includes gratuity), plus a Health Kit
RESERVE A SEAT BY JUNE 16**

Checks payable to:

**WELCA - BERN LUTHERAN CHURCH
820 W. Leesport Road,
Leesport, Pa. 19533**

10:15 a.m. - Tour of warehouse

Noon - Buffet Lunch (*Cost is \$10, paid there*)

1:00 p.m. - Visit Gift Shop

2:00 p.m. - Leave for home

BUS arrives home about 5:00 p.m.

For more information:

Call Nancy Ebling 610 939-2631

NOTE: If your congregation has any quilts, health kits, school kits, etc. to be delivered, please contact Nancy about sending them along on the bus.

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 –

Thursday, May 13th at 1:00 at the
Crossroads Family Restaurant,
4643 Pottsville Pike

Each person pays for their own meal.

Come enjoy good food and fellowship!