

Trinity Golf Tournament Raises \$7,047 for LMS Compassion Place



(left photo) Participants at the annual LMS Benefit Golf Tournament sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church in Bowie, MD. The event raised a total of \$7,047 for the LMS Compassion Place ministries. (right photo) Mr. Richard Kunst and Mrs. Kathy Hearing, tournament organizers, present a check at Annual Dinner to Mr. Randal Gast and Rev. Dr. David Maack of LMS Compassion Place ministries.



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"He Comes to Make His Blessings Flow"

by Rev. Dr. David R. Maack



I had just opened the list of donors who had given to Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland (LMS Compassion Place) in this year's Maryland Charity Campaign for State Employees and Retirees. As always, I was immediately grateful for all those who had given through their workplace to provide a hand up for folks in our communities who were struggling.

As I scanned the list, I noticed a message next to one of the names. I have to admit, tears welled in my eyes. There it was, nestled in among the names and figures, a brief note: "Thank you for helping me and my family in our time of need. This is a small token of us repaying the blessing."

So many thoughts and emotions ran through me. Here, in these few words, was the beauty and truth of what we try to do, of who we are, as Christians. This gracious woman, who in the past had fallen on hard times and come to one of our Compassion Centers for help, was now back on her feet and giving of her resources to help others. She was giving generously so that those blessings of food, of clothes, of spiritual care could be shared with

the next person and their family, and the next, who came to LMS Compassion Place for assistance.

This is certainly a woman with Jesus in her heart, who cherishes the love that God has shown her and her family, and who wants to pass those blessings on to others. She is truly an inspiration and – in a larger sense – an example of who we as Christians aspire to be.

God has reached into the abyss and saved us from our sin, restored the relationship with Him that we had broken, and changed us forever in the process. We are filled with the joy of being loved, of having meaning, and – like our grateful donor – we want to share what we now have with folks who are struggling and hurting.

Merry Christmas. Help your neighbor. Share the Good News of Jesus. This is our season to celebrate, to remember that most special of all births. We have been given the greatest gift of all.

Let us rejoice and share that gift, as this blessed woman has done, and as Jesus has shown us.

In the words of the well-known Christmas carol: "He comes to make His blessings flow!"

There's Still Time for a Miracle

Thank you to all the individuals and groups who are helping to make this year's Miracle of Christmas project a reality for almost 500 people in need.

Food, gift and funding donors; group and family sponsors of Christmas baskets; volunteers who help pack the cookies and the food and gift boxes – you are all helping to share the love of Jesus at this very special time of year.

We would especially like to thank the Iron Mountain company, H&S Bakery, and the Assistance Center of Towson Churches for their continued and generous help during the holiday season, and there are many others. We will publish a more extensive list of groups on our website after Christmas.

And there's still time to help! Use the form on the back of the newsletter and mail your check today.

Have a Merry Christmas, and thank you for sharing that joy with those less fortunate.



The Miracle of Christmas

YES!

I WANT TO HELP LMS MINISTER TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THIS SEASON!

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Thank you ... to our Supporting Organizations, Companies and Churches!

Here are just a few . . .

Fun for Baby, Fitness for Mom, Food for Needy



Fit4Mom in Annapolis held their annual CAN CAN Stroller Stride class on Tuesday, November 14th, at the Annapolis Towne Center. The moms and their children came with cans of food which were used during their workout class. At the conclusion of the workout, the cans were donated to LMS Compassion Place at 230 West Street in Annapolis. This is the second year in a row that the Fit4Mom CAN CAN class has given to help feed Annapolis's hungry.

- Article and photos courtesy of Joyce Roessler -



Concordia Preparatory School (Towson) students at a clothing sort on September 8, 2017



St. Paul Lutheran Church (Kingsville) students at a clothing sort on November 15, 2017

ACTION TEAMS



A Thrivent Action team project at this year's Annual Dinner provided 160 boxes of cereal plus and additional \$635 to replenish Compassion Place food pantries -- not to mention lots of fun for all those who participated!



Thrivent Financial **ACTION TEAMS** are a great way to support the LMS Compassion Place ministries. Thrivent members may lead up to two Action Team projects per year, with \$250 seed money for each project provided by Thrivent.

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Annual Dinner 2017



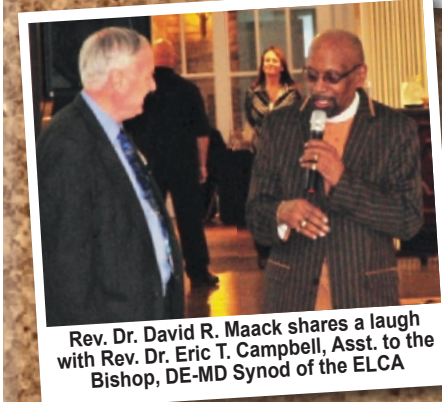
Mr. Rob MacReynolds and Ms. Tina Fernandes provided great music for the afternoon



Over 130 people enjoyed a wonderful afternoon and made the 2017 Annual Dinner a huge success!



(l to r) Mrs. Bonnie Dausch; Mr. Bruce Cameron; Michael J. Dausch III, J.D.



Rev. Dr. David R. Maack shares a laugh with Rev. Dr. Eric T. Campbell, Asst. to the Bishop, DE-MD Synod of the ELCA



Rev. Donald C. Schaefer, Facilitator - Northern Region, Southeastern District of the LCMS



Mrs. Marlene Young, 2017 Compassionate Servant Award Winner, displays her certificate



Mr. & Mrs. David & Kathy Hearing enjoy the view at Kurtz's Beach

"500 at 500"

LMS Compassion Place has re-energized its Capital Campaign to coincide with the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. **"500 at 500: Bringing People to Jesus"** will work to raise \$500,000 to firm

"500 at 500 - Bringing People to Jesus" Capital Campaign

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For more information, contact Randy Gast at 410-636-0123 or rgast@lutheranmissionsociety.org.

CHOICE Dollars

Thrivent members, please don't forget to designate your Thrivent CHOICE dollars to the Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland.

Don't let yours go to waste -- 2017 dollars not directed by March 31, 2018 will be lost.

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To direct CHOICE Dollars online, go to: www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/

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