

Blessed by Volunteers

It was Wednesday morning, and the LMS Annapolis Compassion Center was a beehive of activity. Bill Sheets pulled up to the back door with a pickup truck full of donations from Food Link and Panera Bread, and volunteers and staff got busy unpacking, sorting and transporting the food to the front of the center for distribution. Audrey Sheets, center coordinator, had finished interviewing the final client of the morning, and each one had chosen a couple of outfits of clothing from the racks. A few minutes later, they returned to the chapel as volunteers led devotions and hymns that shared the Good News of Jesus. Then clients received bags of food to take with them, in addition to their new clothing.

Beverly Hart, in her second week at the center, volunteered for three

(right) Volunteers Ian Burgess and Fern LaBorde lead Wednesday morning devotions and hymn sing.

(below) Volunteer Beverly Hart replenishes women's clothing rack in Compassion Center.



years at the Essex Compassion Center before her move to the Annapolis area.



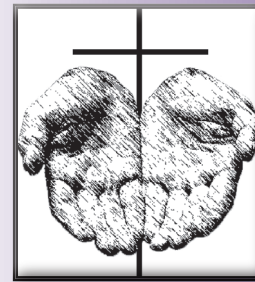
Beverly said, "I've volunteered other places -- hospitals, pet shelters, nursing homes -- but there's nothing like the Compassion Place centers. I love the wonderful caring, warm and welcoming atmosphere, and the interaction with staff, volunteers

Volunteer Luncheons

The Volunteer Appreciation Day Luncheon that had been held each spring has undergone a transformation. Instead of one luncheon at LMS Compassion Place headquarters, we will be having multiple Appreciation Days at the volunteers' points of service -- Compassion Centers, clothing sort churches, etc. Since our volunteers are spread out over long distances, we hope to reach more folks by bringing the luncheon to you.

You will be contacted soon with information about your group's Appreciation Day. Call Kim Naumann at 410-636-0123 with any questions. See you soon!

and visitors. I feel like I receive even more than I give." Beverly added, "I love it here."



LMS Compassion Place

NEWSLETTER Easter 2018

Seeds that Grow: I

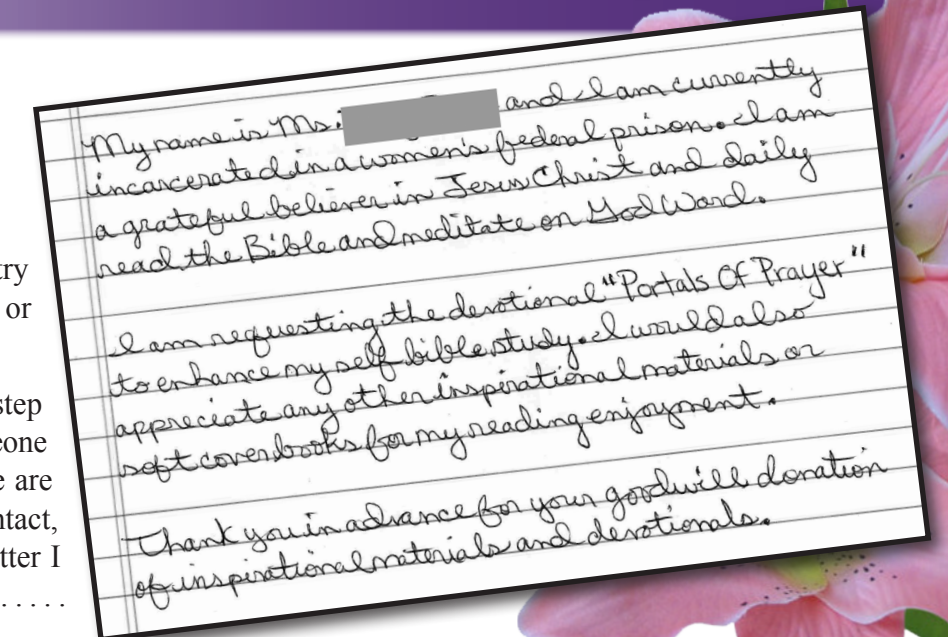
Rev. Dr. David R. Maack
Executive Director

One of the great joys of mission ministry is to see a seed that we perhaps planted or watered take root and grow.

Sometimes, we are with a person each step along the way. Sometimes, though, someone reaches out to us unexpectedly, and we are reminded just how important every contact, every seed planted, can be. Here's a letter I recently received from West Virginia



This woman not only knew of LMS Compassion Place, but also knew that we distributed a number of Portals of Prayer devotionals through our Compassion Centers (provided through the generosity of a



long-time benefactor and partner in ministry). She had evidently had contact with volunteers or staff at one of our centers; perhaps even been a client at one time.

We sent her the January-March 2018 Portals of Prayer, along with another devotional. She is scheduled to be released

in August of this year, so we will send her the next two Portals of Prayer daily devotionals when they arrive to cover that remaining time.

We continue to keep her in our prayers, as well as all those whose lives our ministry touches, by God's grace.

My Remembrance at Easter

I would like to give my gift of \$ _____ in: ☐ Honor of ☐ Memory of _____

Please notify: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

☐ Check enclosed

Please make
checks payable to
LMS Compassion Place

Charge my: ☐ Mastercard ☐ VISA ☐ Discover

Name on Card _____

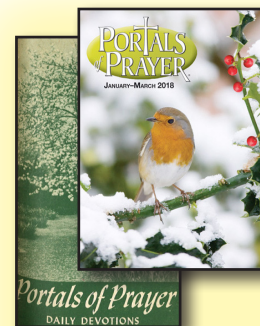
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Expiration Date (month/year) _____ / _____ Amount \$ _____

Signature _____

Mail to: LMS Compassion Place, PO Box 438, Linthicum, MD 21090

Seeds that Grow: II



The Hindenburg burst into flames. Amelia Earhart's plane disappeared somewhere in the Pacific. Walt Disney's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* opened in movie theaters, the first animated feature with color and sound. The year was 1937.

Also in that year, *Portals of Prayer* devotional began publi-

cation, and Paul Kuehn, a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Glen Burnie, MD, began regularly donating hundreds of the inspirational booklets to the LMS Compassion Place ministries.

Each time *Portals of Prayer* was published (actually, it had different titles for each issue until it was standardized to *Portals of Prayer* in 1948), Paul and his son would go to the train station to pick up their bundle and deliver it to LMS.

Now for the amazing part. This donation, sustained by Paul during his lifetime, has been carried on by Kuehn family members -- uninterrupted -- for 80 years!

To paraphrase the Apostle Paul, the Kuehn family "is *still* running the race, and has kept the faith."

What a remarkable family ministry, and what a loving legacy, to have this work continued to this day. What an awe-inspiring testament to faith, to love, and to feeding Jesus' sheep.

Thanks to the Kuehn family and Amanda Berberich, Librarian & Digital Archivist for Concordia Publishing House, for their contributions to this article.

MATS FOR HOMELESS



Two years ago, Mrs. Carol Frey, (now retired) principal of Concordia Prep Middle School, and her students had a goal -- to help homeless veterans. So began the labor of love.

Recently, Carol delivered five mats to LMS Compassion Place headquarters crocheted with plarn (plastic yarn made from supermarket bags). The mats -- to be given to homeless clients, particularly veterans -- are weather-proof, very durable, lightweight, transportable, and even provide some cushioning.

"Each mat takes 5-6 months of 2+ hours of crocheting per day to finish," said Carol. "We use about 225 plastic bags for each one."

Carol includes a note with every mat with simple instructions and a prayer for each recipient.

If you or your group are interested in making these mats, instructions can be found on the internet. Carol has also offered to act as a resource person and answer any questions you may have. She can be reached by email at: cdfsrey@hotmail.com.

Annual Delegate Meeting Monday, April 23rd

The LMS Annual Delegate Meeting will be held on Monday, April 23rd, 2018 at 7:00 PM at LMS headquarters located at 601 Hammonds Lane, Baltimore, MD 21225.

Delegates and pastors from LMS-supporting churches are urged to attend.

Three Board of Director members will be elected to three-year terms and the 2017-2018 LMS budget will be discussed and voted on. Also, new information packets will be available to share with your congregations.

FUNDRAISERS FOR LMS COMPASSION PLACE SAVE THE DATE IN 2018

**SATURDAY
MAY 5** BULL & OYSTER ROAST
at Richlin Ballroom in
Edgewood, MD from 7-11 PM.

**SATURDAY
AUG 25** CRAB FEAST at Annapolis
Evangelical Lutheran Church
from 3-6 PM.

**SUNDAY
NOV 4** ANNUAL DINNER at Kurtz's
Beach in Pasadena, MD
from 4-7 PM.



Thrivent Financial members: Please don't forget to designate your Thrivent CHOICE dollars to the Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland. **All of your remaining 2017 CHOICE dollars must be designated by March 31, 2018** or they will be lost.

To direct CHOICE Dollars by phone, call 1-800-THRIVENT (1-800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice."

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

\$300,000 Bond Bill to Renovate LMS Compassion Centers Before Maryland State Senate

A bond bill to provide \$300,000 in matching funds to help renovate the aging LMS Compassion Place Centers has been introduced by Maryland State Senator Edward R. Reilly (District 33, Anne Arundel County).

Director of Ministry Advancement Randal Gast and volunteer Jonathan Yates, a

2018 Bull & Oyster Roast

to benefit LMS Compassion Place

\$50 SAT., MAY 5, 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Richlin Ballroom
1700 Van Bibber Rd, Edgewood, MD 21040

<https://CompassionPlace.org> for more info

Join us on Saturday, May 5th from 7 – 11 PM at the Richlin Ballroom (1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood, MD 21040) for a Bull & Oyster Roast to benefit the LMS Compassion Place ministries.

Tickets are available now. Cost is \$50 per person. Get a group of friends, family or parishioners together and fill a table of 8 to 10 people. Call Kathy at 410-636-0123 or email: tickets@CompassionPlace.org.

Enjoy great food and beverages, games, raffles, a Silent Auction, and a relaxing evening in a top-notch venue.

Thrivent Financial will sponsor an *Action Team* project to enhance the fundraiser.

Help us make this event a success! More information can be found at: <https://CompassionPlace.org>

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you there!

Senate Bill 1091

To send your Maryland state senator a message, go to: mgaleg.maryland.gov and click on the "Legislators" tab, and then click on "Who represents me?" in the top right.

legislative specialist who initiated the bill, testified in Annapolis on March 10th in favor of Senate Bill 1091.

This is the second year the bill has been before the State Senate. If you'd like to help, call or email your state senator to vote in favor of SB 1091 when it comes to a vote.



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