

United Way

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT TO IMPROVE PEOPLE'S LIVES.

You may donate to the Lutheran Mission Society through United Way.

On the 2018 Pledge Form, fill out **Step 3** as follows:

STEP 3 Designate your gift Total should equal gift in Step 2.

☐ **United Way of Central Maryland (4444)** \$_____ of annual gift

AND/OR to support a specific United Way community:

☐ **Anne Arundel County Fund (7686)** \$_____ of annual gift

☐ **Baltimore City Fund (7602)** \$_____ of annual gift

☐ **United Way of Central Maryland (4444)** \$_____ of annual gift

☒ I want to support another nonprofit through United Way by designating my gift.* For a list of United Way Community Partners, visit uwcm.org/communitypartners.

Agency Name **Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland**

Agency Address **601 Hammonds Lane, Baltimore, MD 21225**

\$ (Amount) _____ of annual gift

Agency Name _____

Agency Address _____ \$_____ of annual gift

☐ Check here if you wish to remain anonymous. Otherwise, your name will be released to United Way or the designated program/agency for possible public recognition.

***** Minimum donation of \$100 is required for each designation, or it will revert to UWCM.**

A 5% fee will be deducted by UWCM on designations, subject to a \$5 minimum and cap of \$500.

Combined Federal Campaign

Please use Charity Code number: **36224**

Maryland Charity Campaign

Please use Charity Code number: **3055**



Thrivent Financial members:

Thank you for designating your Thrivent CHOICE dollars to the Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland.

So far in 2018, Thrivent members have directed \$11,661 in CHOICE dollars to the Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland.

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

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

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Karen Galeski

Now, eighteen years later, Karen is retiring.

"I'll miss it," Karen said. "The visitors and clients -- along with the volunteers and staff -- they become like family. One client said to me: 'You can't leave!'"

For most of her years of service, Karen has welcomed visitors to the Cambridge Center and helped them find what they needed from her familiar place at the front counter.

"Until she hurt her shoulder a few years ago, I don't think Karen ever missed a day of work," Linda added. "She's been so dependable and trustworthy over the years. It's great to have had such a faithful worker . . . and friend."



LMS Ministries

Compassion Place

NEWSLETTER FALL 2018

Mark Devan, J.D. Retires from Board

Mark Devan has served on the LMS Board of Directors for an amazing 28 years, most of those years as Financial Secretary. His financial and legal skills have helped the organization steer its course through good times and bad, and his calm and steady counsel have been a blessing in all matters concerning the Board.

"I thank God for Mark Devan and his unselfish devotion to the Lord's work for all these years," said Rev. Dr. David R. Maack. "He has been an asset to the Board, a tremendous resource, and a great help to me personally in guiding the course of LMS Compassion Place."

Cambridge's Karen Galeski Retires After 18 Years Service

"Karen Galeski never applied for a job here," said Linda Hallinean, Cambridge Center coordinator. "I asked her to come here when I started, because I had heard such good things about her."

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Compassionate Grace Counseling Center Here to Help, More Accessible than Ever

The Compassionate Grace Counseling Center (CGCC) is on track to conduct over 600 client sessions this year, and the client base continues to grow. Now able to receive referrals from the Maryland Medicaid system, CGCC is able to reach a whole new segment within our community that needs access to the services provided.



Comfortable CGCC offices located at 601 Hammonds Lane in Brooklyn Park, MD 21225

Unfortunately, the stigma surrounding mental illness still lingers and creates barriers to treatment, and needs to be addressed in every treatment setting. "The stigma of mental illness is the primary reason for not seeking necessary mental health care." (U.S. Surgeon General's Report, 1999)

With a staff of talented therapists and the support of Compassion Place staff, donors and patron organizations, CGCC is taking strides to educate our local communities about the benefits of mental health treatment so that everyone has the ability to thrive and reach their full potential.

"We're helping remove the stigma attached to mental illness and treatment, one client at a time," said clinical supervisor Kelly Hoenshell, LCSW-C.

"I recently had the opportunity to work with a parent who was concerned about her child's inability to communicate his feelings," Kelly continued.

"While working with the young child, it was discovered that he did have a very unique and unusual way of communicating his feelings. To see the relief on mom's face knowing that she had an alternative way to reach her child was an amazing experience I will never forget. It is experiences like this that motivate each of us at Compassionate Grace Counseling Center to continue making a difference in the lives we touch every day."

CGCC counselors help clients with:

- Alcohol & Substance Use/Abuse
- Anger Management
- Conflict Resolution
- Positive Growth
- Grief and Loss
- Families in Crisis
- Relationship Issues
- Pre-Marital Counseling
- Trauma
- Anxiety/Depression
- Employment Difficulties
- Support Groups

If you have questions, or would like to learn more about the services provided, please call 410-636-0123.

"The Russian Connection" by Vicar Bob Etheridge

I'd like to share a story of ministry with you provided by Vicar Bob Etheridge, who is serving as student pastor with us this year at the Compassion Places located at Immanuel Lutheran Church and Fells Point in Baltimore. — Rev. Dr. David R. Maack

A woman came into the Fells Point Compassion Place recently, and she was obviously upset when she looked at me. As it turned out, she was from the old U.S.S.R., and my cleric's shirt and collar reminded her of the uniforms of her former oppressive homeland.

She asked for a Russian interpreter – someone she could trust. The volunteers and I struggled to understand the woman, until finally she said, "No one understands what I have gone through; no one can see who I really am."

At this point I was reminded of how Jesus has endured everything we have been through. I said to her, "There is one person who knows what you have gone through, because he's been through it himself. His name is Jesus Christ." This woman felt something

from these words because she began to question why the words that I spoke to her seemed to have power.

In the midst of our conversation, a man came into the center with cash in his hand, looking for a priest. He wanted someone to pray for him, but believed he needed money for a prayer. I did not take his money, but I put my hand on him and prayed for him.



The woman from the U.S.S.R. was stunned that someone in a soldier's uniform would pray for someone and not take the money.

My prayer began to open up her world view with questions about life and death. This led to a discussion of her world view, where she began to tell us Russian proverbs, such as, a cheetah is a cheetah, a rabbit is a rabbit," etc. I responded by saying, "Humans can transform, in the sense of sinners changing to saints."

She thought that I had wisdom, and through listening to her I was able to speak the Gospel to her, which brought a tear to her eye.

She began to trust me. She wanted to know my name and wanted to talk again. She began to see that I was not like the U.S.S.R. soldiers from her past, but a loving servant of Jesus Christ. God's Word alone began to break through the pain she had known into seeing her savior Jesus Christ. I hope she does come back again, and that the Gospel continues to have a powerful impact in her life.

God's Word is certainly alive and active in Fells Point.

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." – Hebrews 4:12-13

2018 Annual Dinner Sunday, Nov. 4th

Make plans to join us for the 2018 Annual Dinner on Sunday, November 4th from 4:00 - 7:00 PM at Kurtz's Beach great facility in Pasadena, MD.

The Compassionate Servant Award for 2018 will be



presented to Mrs. Dorothy (Dot) Ludwig, extraordinary volunteer at the Essex Compassion Place for over 22 years.

Mr. Mark Devan will be honored on his retirement from the LMS Board of Directors after 28 years of service.

Music for the dinner will be provided by accomplished musician James Turk, who will also accompany the afternoon's "old-fashioned hymn sing." He is currently the Director of Music at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Annapolis.



Musician James Turk

Mr. Rich Kunst and Mrs. Kathy Hearing, organizers of the Trinity Church LMS Benefit Golf Tournament held each year, will present a check for the proceeds of this year's event.

There will be a raffle and also a Silent Auction with a variety of great items on which to bid.

Tickets are \$50 per person and tables hold eight to ten people. Join us for an afternoon of faith, food and fun while raising money for the LMS Compassion Place ministries!

For tickets or more information, call Kathy at 410-636-0123 or email her at: tickets@CompassionPlace.org.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Glenn Dale Golf Club
Monday, Oct. 8, 2018
Columbus Day Holiday

Sponsored by
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Contact:
Rich Kunst at (301) 249-6807
ROKunst1@gmail.com
or
Kathy Hearing
KHearing@gmail.com

For printable brochure:
<https://CompassionPlace.org>



Crab Feast Recap

Thank you to all who attended and those who helped sponsor the 2018 Crab Feast held this year on August 25th at Annapolis Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Annapolis Evangelical congregation was a gracious host, even supplying a crew to help set up and break down the event. Almost 100 people attended the event in the spacious fellowship hall.

Thank you also to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Annapolis which hosted the event for many years. The St. Paul "hot dog grillers" from past years even came and manned their regular grilling stations.



LMS COMPASSION PLACE

<https://CompassionPlace.org>

HEADQUARTERS
601 Hammonds Lane, Baltimore, MD 21225
Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30 Ph: 410-636-0123

ANNAPOLIS
230 West St., Annapolis, MD 21401
Open Mon-Fri 9:30-4:30 Sat 10:00-2:00
410-269-5016

N.E. BALTIMORE (at IMMANUEL L.C.)
5701 Loch Raven Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21239
Open Sat 10-12
410-435-6861

CAMBRIDGE
415 Race St., Cambridge, MD 21613
Open Mon-Fri 9:00-4:30 Sat 9:00-2:00
410-228-8437

ESSEX
438 Eastern Blvd., Essex, MD 21221
Open Tue-Sat 10:00-3:00
410-391-6877

FELLS POINT
1706 Eastern Ave., Baltimore, MD 21231
Open Wed-Fri 10:00-3:00
410-327-2220

HAVRE DE GRACE
531 Legion Dr., Havre de Grace, MD 21078
Open Mon-Sat 8:30-3:30
410-939-0879

HICKORY (BEL AIR)
2500 Conowingo Rd., Hickory, MD 21015
Open Tue-Sat 10:00-4:00
410-974-9296

HYATTSVILLE (at REDEEMER L.C.)
3799 East-West Hwy., Hyattsville, MD 20782
Open Tue 10-4 Thu 10-4 Sat 10-2
301-277-2302 ext.23

YORK
2580 Mt. Rose Ave., East York, PA 17402
Open Tue-Fri 10:00-4:30
717-846-0990

SOUTHERN MD MOBILE CENTER
1200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646
(Please see LMS website for other locations, dates & times)
410-636-0123

LMS COMPASSION HOUSING
Located in Annapolis, MD
Call for information: 410-636-0123

LMS COUNSELING
<https://LMSCounseling.org>

Compassionate Grace Counseling Center
601 Hammonds Lane, Baltimore, MD 21225
Call for Appointment: 410-636-0123

LMS Miracle of Christmas

☐ \$ _____ ☐ \$100
☐ \$ 500 ☐ \$ 50
☐ \$ 250 ☐ \$ _____

You can share the Christmas story with individuals and families in need. Help provide Christmas dinner, gifts, and the Good News of Jesus!

Any funds received in excess of Miracle of Christmas needs will be used for year-round ministry to families and individuals in need. It costs approximately \$250 for food and gifts for a family of four.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Gift given in: ☐ Honor of ☐ Memory of _____

Please notify: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make checks payable to LMS and designate "Miracle of Christmas."
Mail to: Lutheran Mission Society, PO Box 438, Linthicum, MD 21090

SAVE THESE DATES for "Miracle" Events!

All 3 events take place at LMS Headquarters from 9 AM - 12 Noon

FRI, DEC. 7

Cookie Packing

MON, DEC. 10

Food Packing

MON, DEC. 17

Gift Packing

