



Annapolis Evangelical Lutheran Church

Anchored in Scripture; Sharing Life in Christ

From the Pastor...

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The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Lamentations was written to express the profound grief which stemmed from the fall of Jerusalem in 597 BC. Personifying Jerusalem, the author laments, "she who was once a princess among the provinces has become a slave." The book continues with lament after lament and complaint after complaint. However, in the middle of chapter three, a hopeful tone emerges. Despite the grief of losing their dynasty, the author trusts that God's mercy "will never come to an end." "The book (of Lamentations), notes one scholar, "is an illustration that in times of calamity one need not sink into despair."

In the pages ahead, you will see God's faithfulness and provision on full display. Despite the unprecedented and perhaps even cataclysmic events of 2020-21, the pictures of our tenth anniversary and the return to our sanctuary remind us that God's "mercies never come to an end." Also, ahead, you will be treated to remarks from both our Music Director (Emma) and our Youth Director (JaNeise), both of whom are further evidence of God's provision and faithfulness. I am excited about their prospective ministries and what they bring to our life together in faith and mission. Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of LutherLink. I pray that you will be encouraged!

In Christ,

Pastor Mark Metze





W ---- WORSHIP
I ---- INSTRUCTION
S ---- SERVICE
E ---- EVANGELISM/ECCLESIA

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Our rope has four strands, that when twisted together make us stronger in sharing our life together in Christ. The four strands of our sharing life together are: Worship, Instruction, Service, and Evangelism (W.I.S.E.).



JaNeise Sturdivant Youth Director



My philosophy of discipleship is, “Meeting people where they are and inspiring them to become who Christ created them to be” This definition serves as my life mission statement. In my ministry experiences, I have discovered that much of the discipleship process occurs in everyday rhythms of life. Meeting people where they live, and building relationships with one another has been the most influential during my time in ministry.

My philosophy for developing ministries for youth is to create programs that function to meet our purpose. It is essential to know why we exist, which provides the infrastructure for how (core values) we become, who we desire to be (vision), and the methods (strategy) we go about accomplishing our goals. Furthermore, developing programs will be designed to meet youth where they are in their faith formation.

Youth ministry must seek to develop teens in four main areas, based on the development of Christ (Luke 2:52): mentally, socially, physically, and spiritually. To have and build a dynamic relationship with God and His Word. To have and build a dynamic relationship with fellow believers. To have and build a dynamic relationship with non-believers and share the love of Christ with them. Inspiring youth is the strategy I go about with ministering and leading youth to who they are created to be. No matter what mode or strategy, a significant part in leading youth is listening before I lead so that I am able to fully hear and discern what is being communicated.

Emma Baker Music Director



While the summer months are often a slow time for the music ministry within a congregation, I feel that we’ve been extremely fortunate to have the excitement of the new Walcker organ installation this year to keep things moving along! Built in 1956 in Germany, the instrument was originally housed in a church in Nicaragua until it was claimed by it’s previous owner, Julio Blanco-Eccleston, who brought it with him when he moved to McLean a little over thirty years ago. It is extraordinary to me that we get to be the third stewards of this beautiful instrument, partially because of the way it enhances our worship, and partially because of the fact that selling this organ allowed Mr. Blanco-Eccleston and his wife to leave their house in Virginia to begin a new chapter in Maryland. Both Julio and his wife have expressed that they are so thankful that their instrument is going to a church where it can be used to serve God and a community like ours.

In addition to the organ however, I think we have many other aspects of the music ministry to acknowledge. Even though the choir is currently on break for the summer, the planning has begun for its return in the fall. Technically speaking, we were able to make singing in the gym work, but we are all very ready to be back in a space where we can really hear and interact with each other more easily. I think we’re very lucky to have such a wide variety of musicians within our congregation, both choristers and instrumentalists alike, and I look forward to continuing to work with all of them to make music with each other, for the congregation, and in celebration of Christ.

Missions Focus

An Orphan Grain Train shipment recently arrived in Bor, Kenya.

I warmly greet you with your family and your colleagues in God's name and pray this email finds you all well. We have started distributing the donated items to our needy people. The management of Bor State Hospital happily collected their medical supplies, using their two ambulances. Hereby attached are just a few pictures, including children rejoicing with their stuffed animals. We shall keep you informed as the distribution continues.

We sincerely appreciate your humane help to our needy people, and may the Lord richly bless you individually and collectively!

We highly appreciate your generous donations to our needy people, and may the Lord richly reward you individually and collectively!

Thanks.

Pastor Stephen Mathiang



Orphan Grain Train Update

Beginning the end of April, OGT has been sponsoring Food Truck Fridays on the Farm at the property adjacent to the Millersville warehouse from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This event continues through September every Friday with seven to ten food trucks offering a variety of choices: pizza, BBQ, tacos, Greek, burgers, desserts, etc. Other services are often available, including face painting and balloon animals for the children (and even adults!). The events are cancelled in the event of rain.

OGT receives a donation every Friday the event is held from the organizer of the food trucks for the use of the property. OGT has also sponsored silent auctions for gift baskets, quilts, and other items to benefit its programs on several occasions.

Directions: take 97 toward Baltimore; take exit 10 toward Benfield Road; continue on Veteran's highway until you see a white wooden fence on the right across from the truck stop (immediately before the traffic light at East-West Blvd.). Turn right into the property.

Quilters Update

The Quilters group is continuing to meet this summer in the Fellowship Hall on the first and third Mondays of the month from 10:00 a.m. to noon (with lunch afterward now that we can eat out again!) The group could use more assistance in this ministry! We were able to continue our efforts beginning the end of June 2020 and donated quilts to NALC's disaster relief among others, but right now we are working with about six active members and several folks who can help sporadically. In the past, we have averaged 200-250 quilts per year to donate domestically and internationally, and we'd like to continue this output, but could use a bit more support.

We'd appreciate even occasional help at our Monday meetings and can even offer things to do at home. Sewing skills are NOT a requirement as we have tasks that require no sewing...if you can tie a knot, use a pair of scissors, read a tape measure, or stick a straight pin in fabric, you can help!!

Just show up on the first or third Monday at 10:00 at the Fellowship Hall!
Questions: Judy White at jafwhite@comcast.net or 410-757-1738.

Avodah

There will be three Vespers Worship services starting at 6:30 P.M. followed by Fellowship and a service project. The dates are as follows:

July 16- Orphan Grain Train

July 23- NALC Flood buckets

2021 CRAB FEAST

to benefit LMS Compassion Place

\$65

SAT, AUG 21st, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Annapolis Evangelical Lutheran Church
38 W Central Ave, Edgewater, MD 21037**

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

- **ADULTS - \$65.00 IN ADVANCE, \$70.00 AT THE DOOR**
- **CHILDREN (9-13) \$25 • CHILDREN (8 & UNDER) FREE**

Join us for the Annual Crab Feast to benefit LMS Compassion Place Ministries on Saturday, August 21st from 3:00 P.M. till 6:00 P.M. The crab feast will be held at Annapolis Evangelical Lutheran Church, 38 W Central Ave, Edgewater, MD 21037 (rain or shine) in its comfortable air-conditioned fellowship hall.

Menu includes Crabs, Hot Dogs, Corn-on-the-Cob, Coleslaw, Watermelon and Beverages.

For tickets, call 410-636-0123 or email tickets@CompassionPlace.org.

- Adults -\$65.00 in advance, \$70.00 at the door (Advance tickets must be purchased by August 13th)
- Youth (ages 9-13) - \$25.00
- Children (ages 8 and under) – Free

For tickets, call 410-636-0123 or email tickets@compassionplace.org

We will also feature the drawing for the Crab Raffle. More details to come. Enter for a chance to win great prizes!

MOPS

If you're a mother of a preschooler, you've got your hands full... We know how you feel, and we're here to help! There is nothing little about a mother's impact. Moms know this, so they pour themselves into mothering. But who pours themselves into moms? We do. If you are a mom or know someone who:

- is pregnant or has a newborn through kindergartner
- desires to make new friends
- wants to share the challenges and joys of motherhood
- is looking for spiritual growth through trusted resources
- wants to learn more about raising your children in a Christian home
- enjoys giving back to the community

...please join us!

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers, a program designed to nurture mothers with newborns through kindergarten as well as pregnant moms. The women are of many ages and backgrounds, but share the same desire- to be the best mothers they can be.



You can join us right here in the gym on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30 -11:30 beginning September 18th! Check us out on social media or chat with me (Becca Metze) after worship • I'll be the mama in the back juggling the active toddler and newborn!

Contact me: mops.alchurch@gmail.com // 803-260-7597

Facebook: Annapolis Lutheran MOPS

Instagram: @annapolislutheranmops

Q2 in Photos



10th Anniversary March 21, 2021



April 4, 2021



Sunrise Easter Service at London Town Gardens

June 27, 2021



First Sunday back in the Sanctuary, with a new pipe organ, new cross, and a Baptism.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

10:00 A.M. Sundays: Worship with Holy Communion

July

First & Third Mondays	10:00 A.M.	Quilters / Fellowship Hall
Tuesdays	6:30 P.M.	Weekly NA group
Second & Fourth Tuesdays	6:30 P.M.	Bible Journaling & Crafting/Sanctuary Bldg Hall
Wednesdays	7:30 A.M.	Men's Bible Study - IHOP Edgewater
Thursdays	7:00 A.M.	Bible Study—Grumps Café Crofton
Thursdays	7:00 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary
Friday, July 16	6:30 P.M.	Avodah/Gym
Sunday, July 18	After Service	Adult Forum
Friday, July 23	6:30 P.M.	Avodah/Gym
Youth Mission Trip July 24-31		

August:

First & Third Mondays	10:00 A.M.	Quilters / Fellowship Hall
Tuesdays	6:30 P.M.	Weekly NA group
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Wednesdays	7:30 A.M.	Men's Bible Study - IHOP Edgewater
Thursdays	7:00 A.M.	Bible Study—Grumps Café Crofton
Sunday, August 1	After Service	Adult Forum
Sunday, August 8	5:30 P.M.	Youth Group
Monday, August 9	6:30 P.M.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 11	10:30 A.M.	Blood Drive
Saturday, August 21	9:00 A.M.	Crab Feast Lutheran Mission/ Fellowship Hall/Gym
Sunday, August 22	5:30 P.M.	Youth Group
Sunday, August 22	After Service	Adult Forum
Sunday August 29	After Service	Adult Forum

Reserving Space for Meetings and Activities

If you need to use any of our church spaces and/or resources for meetings or activities, please contact the Church Office to reserve the space and time. This ensures that there are no space/time conflicts, and that someone is here to facilitate your needs. Contact us via phone at 443-837-6436 or e-mail at church@annapolislutheran.org.

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Church Staff

Pastor: The Reverend Mark A. Metze

Music Director: Emma Baker

Youth Director; JaNeise Sturdivant

Office Administrator: Meg Bengé

Church Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M

Tuesday: 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M

Wednesday: 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M

Thursday: 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M

Friday: 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M

Closed Saturday and Sunday

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