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ery from addiction. "The worship is designed to serve as an intentional, Christian liturgical response to individuals who suffer from addiction as well as those family members whose lives are directly impacted," he says.

The services, which begin at 4 p.m., are held on the second Sunday of each month at St. John Church, 4403 Pimlico Road, and on the fourth Sunday at Amazing Grace Church, 2424 McElderry St. Like to know more? Contact St. John Church, (410)542-6614, or Amazing Grace Church, (410)276-5674, agelc7@hotmail.com.

St. Mark Church members spend a day at the beach

By David Weihs

Last fall the members of St. Mark Lutheran Church, Hampstead, Md., were surveyed to see what some of their interests were. How could the church better serve their spiritual lives, and in what way would the members serve the Lord through their support of church programs and worship?

A group of members expressed interest in an outreach ministry that would do mission work in areas devastated by nature or economically depressed. With the encouragement of Lynn Sheavly, the youth and family ministry director, several mission trips have been planned for this summer, but group members decided to make a first trip closer to home.

One April Saturday, the group traveled

to a neighborhood on the waterfront in eastern Baltimore County, an area hard hit by Hurricane Isabel. The devastation in this community is hard to imagine, and driving into the neighborhood is a humbling experience. The effects of this storm on people's lives will be felt for years.

Our group was of diverse ages, both male and female, and with no particular skills. We didn't build houses or raise roofs, but we did spend the day helping to clean up debris, planting flowers to brighten the neighborhood, and helping a family remove items from a deck that needs to be rebuilt.

Most of all, we were able to provide comfort and caring to people who have lost possessions and homes and to brighten their lives for this day. The Spirit of the Lord was with us, and we thank him for our beautiful day at the beach.

Martin Luther visits Morgan State

"Ich bin Martin Luther," began Lance Cooper, as he introduced himself to the 100-plus people gathered for the first-ever Luther Festival at Morgan State University, Baltimore. Lance, an eighth grader and a member of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, Baltimore, was a major participant at this May 1 event to recognize student volunteers and to introduce Morgan State students to the Lutheran church.

"The idea was to expand our end-of-the-school-year recognition of student volunteers



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to a larger event where Morgan State students could learn more about the Lutheran church and Lutheran congregations. We feel it is important for Lutherans to meet students, make connections and learn about campus ministry's 'Outreach Through Service' at Morgan," said Campus Pastor Paul Collinson-Streng.

Funded initially by a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Outreach Through Service "reaches out and develops relationships with Morgan State students to involve them in community service and to share the faith," Collinson-Streng said.

Seven area Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregations and seven Lutheran agencies joined in the celebration, at whose heart was recognition of almost 60 Morgan State students who tutored elementary school children and fed the homeless in the academic year just ending.

The presentation, at the Morgan State Interfaith Center, also included music, a keynote presentation by the Rev. Willard McKiver, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Baltimore, and a visit from "Martin Luther." Following the program, students and guests enjoyed a free picnic lunch of hot-dogs and hamburgers along with displays

by the Lutheran congregations and agencies.

Organized by Lutheran Campus Ministry's "Outreach Through Service" Coordinator King Blake, church volunteers worked with the Morgan ministry advisory group to plan the day. Coordinating participation by their respective Baltimore Lutheran churches were Bea Saunders, All Saints; Jackie Taliaferro, Augsburg; Margaret Spicer and Gloria Luster, St. John (Pimlico); and Karen Stanley, St. Philip.

Delaware-Maryland Synod Bishop H. Gerard Knoche gave the benediction to the program part of the event and blessed the food beginning the picnic.

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Lance Cooper, a.k.a. Martin Luther, addresses the crowd at the Luther Festival.

Del. churches make midwife kits

It may have been a cold winter day at the end of February, February 28, 2004, outside, but the atmosphere inside Grace Lutheran Church, Hockessin, Del., was warm and lively. Some 46 volunteers from nine ELCA congregations in New Castle County gathered to create midwife kits for Global Health Ministries, an organization affiliated with the ELCA.

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