

MINISTRY OF THE SAINTS THIS WEEK - January 7, 2018

WELCOME VISITORS. If you have come as a stranger, may you depart as a friend. If you come with heavy burdens, may you leave knowing Jesus is supporting you. If you have come in joy, may you leave celebrating God's love for you through Jesus Christ, the Risen Son. Please do us the favor of signing our guest book, so that we may respond to your being with us. Please join us after worship for fellowship.

NURSERY IS PROVIDED during this worship service. Parents are encouraged to attend worship services with their children. This begins the good habit from an early age of worshipping with others. However, if you feel your child's behavior may be distracting to you or others who are worshipping, please feel free to speak with an usher for guidance to the staffed nursery.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION TRACK 1: We will meet TODAY at 9:45am we begin a new study, *Questions for Jesus: Studies in Mark*. See the January Grapevine for more details or speak to the course facilitator, Sven Allenbach-Schmidt. The class will meet in the southwest classroom.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (G.I.F.T.) will meet TODAY at 9:45 am in the north classroom.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Tuesday morning Bible Study resumes its reading and discussion of *1 Corinthians*. The group will meet begin again on Tuesday, January 9 at 10:00 am. This would be a good opportunity to become part of the study. The study is led by Pastor Gary.

JANUARY JUST GRACE BOOK DISCUSSION: We invite you to join in a discussion of Reggie Williams' *Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus: Harlem Renaissance Theology and an Ethic of Resistance* on **Wednesday, January 10, 7-9 pm.**

REMINDER FOR ALL MINISTRY LEADERS! Your Annual Report needs to be received by Jean Reams no later than TOMORROW, January 8 at 9:00 am. If your report is not received by then your report will not be included in the book of Annual Reports. All reports should be sent in a Word document in Times New Roman 12 pt. font. Please email your report to church@allsaintsbowie.org.

LUTHERAN WOMEN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The January meeting of the Prayer Shawl group will be Thursday, January 18, from 1-4 pm. It will be at the home of Betty Cirone. Her address is 251 Lindenhall out, Riva, MD 21140.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: The next Cancer Support Group meeting will be on January 20 at 10:00 am in the Youth room. For more information contact Diane Cvitko at 410-571-8413 or dcvitko@comcast.net.

ASLC WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP TO MEET FEBRUARY 10: The next meeting of the ASLC Women's Book Group will be held on February 10, 2017. (Please note that the group will not be meeting in January.) The book we will discuss on February 10 is Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*. The gathering will be held at the home of Louise Waynant, 12616 Kinder Place, Bowie MD. 20715. Emily Summerlot will lead the discussion.

2018 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please sign-up to honor or remember a special person in your life. A donation of \$40 is requested to cover the cost of the flowers and should be put in the offering plate around the date you have selected. Please put Sunday Flowers on the memo line of your check.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting of All Saints Lutheran Church congregation will happen on Sunday, January 28, 2018. The meeting will begin at 12:15 pm with a catered lunch. The business before the congregation will begin at or before 1:00 pm. This is official notice of the Annual Meeting in accordance with paragraph C10.03 of the All Saints Lutheran Church constitution.

During the meeting you will:

- ✦ Approve amendments to the All Saints Lutheran Church as required by the decisions of the 2013 and 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assemblies.
- ✦ Approve amendments to the ASLC Constitution and Bylaws initiated by the Governance Committee.
- ✦ Elect 3 people to the Congregation Council
- ✦ Elect the Treasurer and Financial Secretary
- ✦ Elect 2 people to attend the Synod Assembly
- ✦ Elect 4 people to the Nominating Committee
- ✦ Elect 3 people to the Mission Endowment Fund
- ✦ Adopt the 2018 Spending Plan
- ✦ Celebrate the Mission and Ministry during 2017

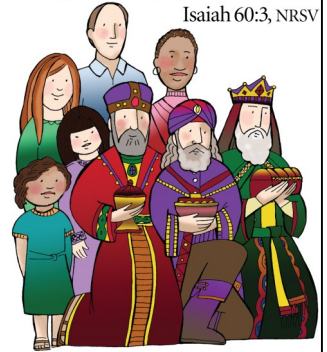
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Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:3, NRSV

OUR THANKS FOR THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY:

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Ushers:	Jim Meyer, Roz Kleffman	Diane Cvitko, Susan DeHart
Altar Service:	Karen Lee Banks	Angela Sichelman
Acolyte:	John Greenawalt	Jonah Sichelman
Reader:	Walter Knausenberger	Jean Wolf
Assisting Minister:	Emily Summerlot	Mark Steiner
Communion Assistant:	Sven Allenbach-Schmidt	Kurt Muller
Accompanist:	Dr. Hyojin Ahn	Dr. Hyojin Ahn
Nursery:	Kim McDermott	Kim McDermott



Thank you to Angela Sichelman for baking the communion bread for today.

TODAY:	Epiphany of Our Lord 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship 9:45 am Adult Education Class 9:45 am GIFT: Family Faith Formation
MONDAY:	6:00 pm Stewardship Team meets 7:00 pm MEF Committee meets 7:00 pm Bowie Crofton Camera Club
TUESDAY:	10:00 am Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm 2nd Star Rehearsal
WEDNESDAY:	6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Just Grace Book Discussion
THURSDAY:	7:00 pm SonShine Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm 2nd Star Rehearsal 7:45 pm Combined Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY:	7:00 pm Transition RETREAT #2 (Grace Church)
SATURDAY:	8:30 am Transition Retreat #2 9:00 am AA 11:00 am 2nd Star Rehearsal 2:00 pm Survived Holiday event
NEXT SUNDAY:	Second Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship 9:45 am Transition Overview Presentation 9:45 am Adult Education Class 9:45 am GIFT: Family Faith Formation 12:30 pm Transition Overview Presentation



Request for Prayers

Prayer is an important part of this congregation. We invite you to share your prayer needs and concerns with us. Give to ushers or mail to church.

Today's Date: _____

I request prayers for Name(s): _____

Description of the Concern or Celebration: _____

Requested by: _____ **Your Telephone Number:** _____

Please check all that is applicable:

- _____ **Public Prayer** (shared with the congregation in worship)
- _____ **Praying Team** (shared with Prayer Team and Staff)
- _____ **Pastor Only**

- _____ **Prayer Shawl requested**
- _____ **Pastoral Visit requested**
- _____ **Pastoral phone call requested**