

MINISTRY OF THE SAINTS THIS WEEK - November 19, 2017

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 worship with their children. This begins the good habit from an early age of worshiping with others. However, if you feel your child's behavior may be distracting to you or others please feel free to speak with an usher for guidance to the staffed nursery.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given in memory of Dave Kleffman by Roz Kleffman.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION TRACK 1: We will meet TODAY at 9:45 am and we begin *Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah*. A 4-week exploration of the Biblical Advent texts of Handel's *Messiah*, including scriptural and musical commentary. This a study produced by the Kerygma program. For more details speak to the course facilitator, Sven Allenbach-Schmidt. The class will meet in the southwest classroom.

OUR GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER: all GIFT students will be together TODAY in the sanctuary as we begin rehearsals for our 2017 Christmas Program. Please note the classes will NOT meet next Sunday, November 26th.

MONTHLY THEMED POTLUCK: Our Potluck is TODAY Sunday, November 19, at 12:15 pm. The theme is **Family-Style Get Together!** Do you have a favorite from your family, or a dish from childhood? Share the dishes your family couldn't live without. You do not need to bring food to participate. The **Food Pantry Donation for this month is Food Basket Items.**

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will not be meet this Tuesday, November 21. We are resume studying Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians at Chapter 7 on Tuesday, November 28. The group is informal and interactive.

THANK YOU for your generous support of our Warm Nights week, which ended this morning. Because of the participation of 50 Saints, we were able to accommodate an average of 32 guests each night and attend to their individual needs. In addition, you donated three large bags of hats, gloves, and socks so our guests could go shopping Monday evening. I extend to all of you their thanks for making them feel welcome and loved.

The **NOISY OFFERING** you contributed last Sunday provided \$238 that was exchanged for quarters which the Warm Nights guests used to do laundry during their week with us. Thank You for your generosity which made possible such a routine and necessary action.

GRATITUDE, GIVING and GOD was the Theme for Consecration Sunday this year. Thank You to each person who provided an Estimate of Giving for 2018. Your faithful generosity will make it possible to do God's mission through All Saints Church. The total amount consecrated by God last Sunday was **\$342,608**. This is the largest amount since 2012. May the Lord be praised for the powerful guiding of The Holy Spirit. Please take time to fill in an Estimate of Giving card and place it in the offering plate if you did not have the opportunity to do so last Sunday. Thank you.

THE YOUTH GROUP, those in 8th - 12th grade, are gearing up for the annual holiday cookie sale. Cookies will be sold on Saturday, December 16 from 9 am to 12 noon and on Sunday, December 17, in the morning between services. If you would like to donate cookies for the youth group cookie sale, please bring your homemade cookies to the church on Friday evening between 6-9 pm or Saturday morning from 7-9am. If you have any questions, contact Alyson Jacobson or Emily Summerlot.

WINTER CONCERT & MESSIAH SING A-LONG. The Central Maryland Chorale will be performing John Rutter's "Gloria" and 5 other songs of the season in Hebrew, Ladino, English and Nigerian, followed by a sing-along of Handel's Messiah on Dec. 10 at 4pm at The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, 15300 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring. Tickets: \$20, \$15 Seniors & Students. See Kimberly Evans for tickets or more info.



THANKSGIVING
WORSHIP

Come to the
THANKSGIVING WORSHIP
NEXT Wednesday, November 22, at 7:30 pm
at All Saints Lutheran Church

Our worship will include Bible Readings, Holy Communion,
and an offering for the Bowie Food Pantry.

YOU are NEEDED

All Saints Lutheran Church has many strengths. The one that causes all the others to be used well is the people who lead. The 2017 Nominating Committee asks that you consider your skills, abilities, and faith. Pray with God about how you might use what God has given you to be a leader. We are still inviting people to be nominated for the following:

Congregation Council: 2 people, 3 year term

Please contact a member of the nominating committee if you are interested in serving in one of these roles or would like to know further details about the responsibilities of a particular position. The members are:

Dave Conrad: dcdodgers@comcast.net or 301.385.0687

Roz Kleffman: mermaid51@verizon.net or 301.464.1867

Jim Sichelman: spqr2k@yahoo.com or 301.661.1733

Emily Summerlot: emily_summerlot@yahoo.com or 301.775.8207

PASTORAL TRANSITION takes two public steps today. God will guide the congregation through the transition as The Spirit leads us. The process has three phases. Each phase will be led by a different group of people. Those groups are the Transition Team, the Call Committee, and the Welcoming Team. One step today is that the people who will work in two of the groups are being commissioned for their service to God and with the congregation. They are:

Transition Team

Liz Muller – Lead

Matt Bitter

Shirley Braxton

Chase Fahrner

Valerie Hermansen

Emily Summerlot

Call Committee

Kim Watson – Lead

Chuck Arnold

Rachel Fahrner

Donita Johnson

Eloise Scott “Scottie”

John Summerlot

The second public step today is that YOU will have the opportunity to meet Dr. Jim Pence, the consultant for the process, and to learn about some of the details of the transition. After each worship service Dr. Pence will provide an overview of the process in the Fellowship Hall and answer your questions. Please make time to join him after church today.

Another step is that the first of three planning retreats happened yesterday and Friday. The Congregation Council, Transition Team, and Call Committee met with Dr. Pence to learn about the specific steps that will happen during December and January. One of those steps is the Survey that you will be asked to fill in online during December. This is an important way for you to provide input. Your responses on the Survey will be the foundation of the Ministry Site Profile. The MSP is the ELCA document that describes the mission and ministries of ASLC for pastors who might interview with the call committee.

GIFTS OF HOPE: We are grateful for the opportunity to express our thanks to God by once again participating in the **Gifts of Hope** program that is sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod. Participating in **Gifts of Hope** provides an excellent way for us to *continue* to focus on the “*It’s all about Gratitude. It’s all about Giving. It’s all about God*” commitment warmly demonstrated at All Saints in recent weeks that culminated in the generous pledges offered on Consecration Sunday. You will be able to purchase **Gifts of Hope** every Sunday from November 26 through Christmas Eve.

From a selection of 40 gifts ranging in price from \$10.00 to \$250.00, you can select the organization or endeavor of your choice, while honoring a family member, friend, or colleague. As in prior years, there are gifts that bring joy, gifts that provide for daily needs, and gifts that build for the future.

For more information about the **Gifts of Hope** program, please talk with Louise Waynant, or visit the **Gifts of Hope** website at www.giftsofhopedc.org.

WOMENS’ BOOK GROUP: December 9 Book Group Holiday Potluck Breakfast and Discussion

The women, men, and youth of All Saints are warmly welcomed to participate in a Holiday Potluck Breakfast and Fellowship event at the home of Louise Waynant, 12616 Kinder Place, Bowie, MD, on Saturday, December 9, hosted by the ASLC Women’s Book Group. The gathering will include a conversation based on the book *Grayson* by Lynn Cox. The book has received outstanding reviews and has been described as having timeless appeal for all ages. It tells the true story of a miraculous encounter between a teenaged girl and a baby whale off the coast of California. Critics state, “With incredible optimism and courage, and the guidance and encouragement of nearby fishermen and lifeguards, Cox finally united Grayson with his huge, barnacled parent. This true adventure is as breathtaking as the exotic underwater life that the author describes in vivid detail.” A potluck breakfast will be offered at 9:00, with conversation about the book beginning around 9:30. All are invited to attend whether you have read the book, would like to learn more about it, or simply would like to share in holiday fellowship.

Worship and Music Ministry Team Planning Next Meeting

The next **Worship and Music Ministry Team** meeting will be held on Saturday, December 2, at the home of Louise Waynant. A light breakfast will be available at 9:00 am prior to the meeting, which begins at 9:30 am. As a reminder, no experience or advance preparation is required in order to participate. Anyone who is interested in learning more about, sharing ideas for, and/or enhancing our ASLC worship experience is welcome! Save the date on your December calendar now. For more info, please contact Melissa Steiner or Pastor Gary.

Louise's Address, Phone, and email:

12616 Kinder Place, Bowie, MD 20715-2653
301-262-4179 rblw@comcast.net

Directions to Louise's Home from All Saints

Travel north on Route 301 for about 2.3 miles to the Melford/Belair Drive exit. At the bottom of the ramp, turn left onto Belair Drive. Travel about .8 mile on Belair Drive to Kenway Lane. (Grace Lutheran Church is on the right.) Turn left onto Kenway Lane, and go about a block. Make the first left onto Kinder Place. Kinder Place is a cul-de-sac. Louise's home is a rancher with light yellow siding and colonial blue shutters.

The Bowie Senior Chorale – 2017 Winter Concert

"Fire 'N Ice"

Concert Tickets On Sale Now!

Choose From Three Performances:

2 @ The Bowie Senior Center

Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 4:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 14th, 1:00 pm

BSC Tickets - \$2.00 or

Canned Food Pantry Donation

Also 1 @

The Bowie Center For Performing Arts

15200 Annapolis Road (Rte. 450)

Friday Dec. 15th, 7:30 pm

BCPA Tickets - \$8.00

Tickets Available at:

Bowie Senior Center

14900 Health Center Drive

or from Chorale Members

The Bowie Senior Chorale is a Program of the Bowie Senior Center Sponsored by the City of Bowie
Alternative Versions of This Flyer are Available on Request. Call the Senior Center at 301-809-2300

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE FOR HURRICANES AND WILD FIRES:

We have seen the dramatic images of the devastation hurricanes and wildfires have caused recently. It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the scope of the destruction and to feel helpless to do something of substance for the people affected by these historic weather events. There is something each of us can do right now that is physical, tangible help. Lutheran Disaster Response of the ELCA is ready and able to assist and you can contribute financially to the effort. If you choose to contribute, the best way is to write a check to "All Saints Lutheran Church" and put "L.D.R. – Hurricanes" or L.D.R. - Wildfires on the memo line. Then put it in the offering plate this Sunday or mail it or bring it to the church office. You may also contribute electronically by EFT or credit card. Then one check will be sent from All Saints Church to Lutheran Disaster Response. So far, **\$8,478** has been donated from All Saints members to help with these relief efforts. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Pastor Gary or Dan Bendt.

**Congregation to Award
Mission Endowment Grants in 2018**

Thanks to a large legacy gift to All Saints Lutheran Church by Rev. Wanda McNeill, the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) Committee will begin accepting applications for grants in early 2018. Rev. McNeill served with All Saints Church as a seminary Intern and a Pastoral Assistant September 1985 – May 1988. She is fondly remembered for her leadership, care, and steady guidance during that time.

The MEF Committee has met several times to develop a policy and procedures by which Rev. McNeill's gifts are invested and grants will be received, reviewed, and approved. The Committee has invested the money in three diversified funds and established an endowed scholarship in Rev. McNeill's name with a portion of her gifts. The Committee developed an application form for grant applicants, including individuals, ministry teams, and committees of the congregation. The application form will be available on the congregation website and from the church office. Procedures have been developed to review applications. Applications approved by the MEF Committee will be recommended to the Congregation Council for final award approval.

The application and award procedures are governed by paragraph C5.05 of the congregation constitution. Grants recommended by the MEF Committee for approval must support one of the following three ministry areas:

1. New or enhanced ministries of All Saints Lutheran Church.
2. Outreach ministries in the Metropolitan Washington D.C. area, including Bowie.
3. Mission of the ELCA in the United States and worldwide.

It is important for everyone to understand that grants will be made each year based solely on the amount of income generated by the MEF investments accounts and designated contributions during the previous year. MEF grants will not be used as substitutes for ministry or mission that is supported by the Annual Spending Plan of the congregation.

The MEF Committee will receive applications in July and December of each year. The committee will recommend grant applications to the Congregation Council during the year following that in which the income is produced. However, for 2018 awards, application will be accepted in both December 2017 and January 2018 and the committee will recommend approved applications to the council in early 2018.

Contributions to the Mission Endowment Fund are welcome anytime and there are many ways to contribute. You can prepare a legacy gift with your financial planner. You can also make a contribution of cash, stock, or other financial method. If you or someone you know would like more information about the Mission Endowment Fund and how to contribute, a member of the MEF Committee or Pastor Gary will be happy to talk with you.

The members of the MEF Committee are Dave Baine, chair; Alice Lentz, secretary; Kurt Muller, financial secretary; Eric Davis; Eloise Scott; and Skip Thomas.

ENHANCE WORSHIP WITH A CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

You may remember or honor a special person(s) in your life or give a plant in thanksgiving by donating \$10 per poinsettia. Please fill out this form and return it to the church office by Sunday, December 17.

Donor's Name _____ **Phone No.** _____

Number of plants given _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____ *

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

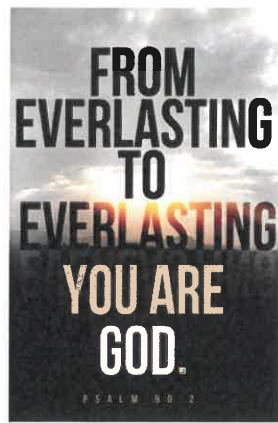
In thanksgiving for _____

*Attach check made out to All Saints Lutheran Church or include the amount in your offering, noting on your envelope that \$__ is for poinsettias. Thanks!

Attendance Sunday, November 29: 44+ 47 = 91

OUR THANKS FOR THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY:

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Ushers:	Janice Knausenberger	Marty Hug & Ellen Hug
Altar Service:	Louise Waynant	Nancy-Pat Weaver, Melissa Steiner
Acolyte:	Caleb Summerlot	
Reader:	Ruth Ann Killion	Nancy-Pat Weaver
Assisting Minister:	John Summerlot	Gus Wolf
Communion Assistant:	Emily Summerlot	Melissa Steiner
Director of Music:	Dr. Hyojin Ahn	Dr. Hyojin Ahn
Nursery:	Kim McDermott	Kim McDermott
Counters:		Sharron Sample



Thank you to Melissa Steiner for baking the communion bread for today.

TODAY: **Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship
 9:45 am Transition Forum in Fellowship Hall
 9:45 am GIFT in Sanctuary
 9:45 am Adult Education Class Track 1 in SW Classroom
 12:30 pm Potluck Lunch
 12:45 pm Transition Forum in Fellowship Hall
 6:00 pm Warm Nights
 7:00 pm Camera Club

MONDAY: 7:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship
WEDNESDAY: Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
THURSDAY: Office Closed
FRIDAY: 9:00 am AA
SATURDAY: 11:00 am 2nd Star Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY: **Christ the King Sunday**
 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship
 9:45 am Adult Education Class Track 1 in SW Classroom



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**