

Ministries that Enable Us to Fulfill the Mission of All Saints Lutheran Church

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Draft for Review

The mission of All Saints Lutheran Church is to gather all people in a community immersed in God’s Word through worship and learning that equips us to serve the world in the name of Jesus.

The chart below summarizes examples of actions and activities that help All Saints fulfill our mission. These actions and activities have been initiated or completed in 2015, or are ongoing.

Ministries	G	W	L	Ser	S
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The third Cross Generational Event of the 2014-15 school year was held on Sunday, January 4. The event focused on Jesus as the Light of the World and the Visitation of the Magi. After gathering in the sanctuary for songs and a story, activities in the Fellowship Hall included a Bible scavenger hunt, crafts, and a King’s Cake.	+	+	+		
Adult Faith Formation, Track 1, began a 7-session study of “Discovering the Psalms: Passion, Promise, and Praise” (Kerygma series) on January 4. The study is facilitated by Sven Allenbach-Schmidt.			+		
The Saints enjoyed the first themed potluck event of the year on January 4 following the 11:00 service. The theme was “Something Beginning with P.” These monthly events are coordinated by the Fellowship Team led by John Summerlot.	+				
Family Faith Formation for children ages 3 through grade 12 and their parents begins each Sunday in the sanctuary with singing, a financial offering, and a brief Biblical themed message by Pastor Gary. Following the opening activities, students gather in groups for study and activities.	+		+	+	
The Tuesday morning Adult Bible Study group began their study of Mark on January 6.			+		
The All Saints Women’s Book Group met on January 10 at the home of Norma Allenbach-Schmidt to discuss the book <i>The Long Way Home</i> by Louise Penny. Louise Waynant led the discussion.	+				
The Prayer Shawl Ministry group met on January 13 at the home of Jan Withers. The group knits or crochets prayer shawls, lap robes, christening blankets, and prayer pockets to share with others. Dottie Hall coordinates this ministry for All Saints.	+			+	
The Senior Saints met at noon for lunch at the Comfort Inn on January 15 for conversation and planning for 2015.	+				
The All Saints Cancer Support Group met on Saturday, January 17. The group is open to all who are dealing with cancer, or supporting those who deal with cancer of any type. Diane Cvitko coordinates this ministry for All Saints.	+		+		

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On January 25, Adult Faith Formation, Track 2 featured “Wilderness,” the presentation John Summerlot prepared for the synod’s Together in Mission event.	+		+		
The youth of All Saints sponsored a Silent Dessert Auction prior to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, January 25. The auction raised \$1,090. The funds will assist with the costs of youth attending the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit.	+			+	
Fundraising for the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit included a Quilt Raffle. Sharron Sample designed and created a beautiful quilt for the raffle held on January 25. Although Ann Greenawalt had the winning raffle ticket, she graciously gave the quilt to Martha Ploor, who had greatly admired the quilt. What a blessing for all!				+	
The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held on January 25. The congregation gathered for lunch prepared by Chris Greenawalt. Inspiring remarks by Pastor Gary and Council President Debbie Ariguzo followed a celebration of the ministry activities of 2014. The congregation elected four new council members, a treasurer and financial secretary, four Nominating Committee members, two members of the Mission Endowment Fund Committee, and two representatives for the Metro DC Synod Assembly. The 2015 Spending Plan was approved. Special thanks were extended to Jean Reams for assembling the outstanding report booklet. Norma Allenbach-Schmidt is the new Council President, John Summerlot is the new vice-president, and Deb Ariguzo is secretary.	+	+	+	+	+
ASLC members participated in the Prince George’s County January 28 “Point in Time” survey to get a count of the homeless.				+	
All Saints Worship and Music Team invited all who were interested and available to attend the January 31 breakfast meeting held at the home of Louise Waynant. The 17 participants discussed and offered suggestions on a variety of matters including use of psalms in worship, liturgy for Lent and Easter, organization of vocal groups, and devotions for the website.	+	+	+		
All Saints continues its support for Community Crisis Services (CCSI) in visiting campsites in the county where homeless persons reside to provide them needed supplies. The Saints are offering donations of new or clean, slightly used blankets and sleeping bags to assist these individuals.				+	
All Saints was represented at the Together in Mission event held at Luther Place Memorial Lutheran Church in Washington D.C. on Saturday, January 31. Speakers presented ideas about church, society, leadership, and faithful living in the 21 st century. All Saints’ own John Summerlot was among the speakers at the event.	+	+	+	+	

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On February 1, Adult Faith Formation, Track 2 featured a celebration of Companion Synod Sunday. The session, led by Nathan Rich, focused on the Lutheran Church in Slovakia.	+		+		
The Rev. Richard Reichard, ELCA pastor and retired Executive Director of the National Lutheran Home, led worship, preached, and presided at Holy Communion on Sunday, February 8, while Pastor Gary and Connie visited family members in Florida.		+			
In preparation for the Ministry Planning Workshop scheduled for March 21 at All Saints, teams and committees hosted information tables to describe their team's function and answer questions. The first information table featured Worship and Music, and occurred on February 8.	+	+	+	+	+
The Senior Saints met on Wednesday, February 11 for a tour of the National Wildlife Visitor Center, one of the largest science and environmental education centers operated by the Department of the Interior. The group met for lunch following the tour.	+		+		
The All Saints Women's Book Group met on February 14 at the home of Susan Beers to discuss the book <i>Me Before You</i> by Jojo Moyes. Sharron Sample led the discussion.	+				
A gala Mardi Gras Dinner and Talent Show to raise funds for the youth to attend the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit was held on Saturday, February 14. The event included Happy Hour by the Ale Saints, a Lou-zee-anna Buffet by Chris Greenawalt assisted by Emily Summerlot, and a lively talent show. Tom Beers acted as host for the talent show, with Grace Depp, Matt Bitter, and Pastor Gary as the judging team. Cindy Austell and John Summerlot coordinated the event. Proceeds from the dinner and talent show were \$2,400.	+			+	
Ash Wednesday services were held at All Saints at noon and 7:30 pm on February 18.		+			
The Prayer Shawl Ministry group met on February 19 at the home of Dottie Christon.		+			
The Congregation Council has advised that participation in Simply Giving has increased.	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Go Make Disciples</i> is the theme of the five Lent Wednesday services All Saints shares with Grace Lutheran Church. Each evening begins with a soup supper and conversation at 6:30 pm, followed by worship and "table discussion" at 7:30 pm. All Saints hosts services on February 25, and March 4 and 18. Grace hosts services on March 11 and 25.	+	+	+		
Grace Lutheran church hosted Warm Nights the first week in March, with All Saints assisting with meal preparation and serving on March 5, 6 and 7.				+	

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The fourth annual Richard Felix Lamrouex Memorial Bowling Fundraiser sponsored by the Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council occurred on March 1, 2015. Proceeds benefit the Bowie Food Pantry. Jim Sichelman coordinates this service opportunity for All Saints.	+			+	
Ten high school youth from All Saints participated in a weekend Youth Encounter Zone event held March 6-9 in Virginia Beach. The theme of the event was based on I Timothy 4:12. Pastor Gary, Cindy Austell, and Matt Bitter chaperoned the event.	+	+	+	+	
Pastor Glen Sea, a retired ELCA Pastor, lead worship, preached, and presided at Holy Communion on Sunday, March 8, while Pastor Gary was with the high school youth at the Youth Encounter Zone event.		+			
A “Blankets of Hope Marathon” coordinated by Deborah Rice and supported by the ASLC Serve Team will be held at Christian Community Presbyterian Church (CCPC) on March 28. The blankets will provide hope and comfort to wounded heroes in military hospitals here at home.	+			+	
All Saints continues updating its website, which has become an important evangelism tool. Fred Wentland coordinates this ministry. Thanks to Fred’s faithful ministry, Pastor Gary’s sermons are now available on the website.	+			+	
All Saints Facebook page is used to encourage communication and outreach with the Saints and with the community. John Summerlot coordinates this ministry.	+				
Emily Summerlot continues her coordination of the All Saints Prayer Team, offering prayers for those in need of healing, comfort, and safety, as well as prayers of thanksgiving.		+		+	
On March 8, Track 1 of Adult Faith Formation began a five week study of <i>Hosanna: A Spiritual Journey through Holy Week</i> , The sessions are facilitated by Sven Allenbach-Schmidt.			+		
The Adult Faith Formation Class Track 2 examined questions such as “Does the church matter?” “How do we, as members of the church make a difference in the world?” in their study of <i>Claimed, Gathered, Sent</i> .			+		
The Prayer Shawl Ministry met on Thursday, March 12 at the home of Betty Citrone.	+			+	
The All Saints Women’s Book Group met on March 14 at the home of Melissa Steiner to discuss the book <i>The Orphan Train</i> , by Christina Baker Kline. Sharron Sample led the discussion.	+				
The March 15 Potluck gathering was a gourmet Persian buffet prepared and provided for the Saints by Grace Depp and John Tiva.	+				

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Plans for Christmas in April, scheduled for Saturday April 11, are underway. The Saints will work on a house in old Bowie. Teams will be working most Saturdays in April. Work will include painting, installing baseboard heaters, installing interior and exterior trim, general cleaning, and landscaping. Chuck Arnold coordinates this ministry for All Saints.	+			+	
A series of small group sessions will be offered to give the Saints an opportunity to discover their strengths and the meaning of these strengths, as well as to get to know others more personally. The groups will meet weekly for 90 minutes for five weeks beginning the week of April 12 and concluding the week of May 17. The sessions will be facilitated by members of All Saints who have received training to provide leadership for these events.	+		+		

Anticipated Events

- Lent, Holy Week, and Easter services and events
- Hosting a meal for UMd students Hope Lutheran Church
- Future meetings of Prayer Shawl Ministry, Cancer Support Group, Women’s Book Group, and Senior Saints