

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

Updated on October 30, 2016

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 2016, or are ongoing.

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The new format for Family Faith Formation/Sunday School introduced in fall, 2015, resumed on Sunday, January 3. Called Growing in Faith Together (GIFT), the time is open for families, children, adults, and visitors. The goal is to encourage regular attendance on Sundays as well as to offer a creative way to incorporate what we experience each week into our daily lives at home. Melissa Bitter coordinates this initiative.			+		
The Adult Faith Formation Track 1 continued a six-week study of Luther’s <i>Small Catechism</i> on January 3. The discussions are facilitated by Sven Allenbach-Schmidt.			+		
The Tuesday morning Adult Bible Study group continued their study of Mark on Tuesday morning, January 5.			+		
All Saints Worship and Music Team invited all who were interested and available to attend the January 9 breakfast meeting held at the home of Louise Waynant. Participants reflected on Advent and Christmas worship experiences, planned for the seasons of Lent and Easter, and offered suggestions for worship enhancement.		+			
The All Saints Women’s Book Group met on February 14 at the home of Melissa Steiner to discuss the book <i>A Man Called Ove</i> , by Fredrik Backman. Emily Summerlot and Liz Muller led the discussion.	+				
The Cancer Support Group met on Saturday, January 16 at All Saints. 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.	+				
The Lutheran Women Prayer Shawl Ministry met on Thursday, January 14 at the home of Betty Cirone. The group knits or crochets prayer shawls, lap robes, christening blankets, and prayer pockets to share with others. Jane Hilt is the contact for All Saints for this ministry.	+			+	
The Saints enjoyed the first themed potluck event of the year on January 17. The theme was “Lutheran Favorites.” These monthly events are coordinated by the Fellowship Team.	+				

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All Saints participated in the Blankets of Hope Marathon held on Saturday, January 30 at CCPC. This year the blankets bring comfort and hope to soldiers in military hospitals in the United States. Deborah Rice is the contact for this ministry.	+			+	
The 2015 Annual Report of the Congregation was distributed to the congregation on January 17. Special thanks were extended to Jean Reams for assembling the outstanding report booklet.	+	+	+	+	+
The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held on Sunday, January 31. The congregation gathered for lunch prepared by Chris Greenawalt. Welcoming remarks by Pastor Gary and Council President Norma Allenbach-Schmidt followed a celebration of the ministry activities of 2015. The congregation elected three new council members, a treasurer and financial secretary, four Nominating Committee members, three members of the Mission Endowment Fund Committee, and two representatives for the Metro DC Synod Assembly. The 2016 Spending Plan was adopted. Special thanks were extended to Jean Reams for assembling the outstanding report booklet. John Summerlot is the new Council President, Norma Allenbach-Schmidt is the new vice-president, and Deb Ariguzo is secretary.	+	+	+	+	+
The Saints were represented at the liturgy of Holy Communion and Rite of Installation for the Rev. Shawn Brandon at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Arnold MD on January 31. Pastor Brandon served as Sabbatical Interim for All Saints during Pastor Gary's sabbatical in 2013.		+			
ASLC members participated in a City of Bowie Survey designed to gather input regarding ways to strengthen our neighborhoods, communities, schools, and businesses.				+	+
Offerings sponsored by the JUSTgRACE initiative of ASLC began on Saturday, February 6, with a screening and discussion of the ELCA Webcast by Bishop Elizabeth Eaton "Confronting Racism: A Holy Yearning." February offerings included a book discussion of <i>The New Jim Crow</i> by Michelle Alexander on Saturday, February 20 and a screening (and potluck) of "America after Charleston" on Saturday, February 27.	+		+		
On Sunday, February 7, the Adult Faith Formation Track 1 began a seven-week Lenten study of the Kerygma program "Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Bible and Brahms <i>Requiem</i> ."			+		
Eight individuals became part of the All Saints Community of Christian faith and caring on February 7. New members include Hilary Fryer, Bryon Fryer, Diane Hampton, Amy Reynolds, Wayne Reynolds, Valerie Schlickbernd, Karol Taylor, and Marian Thompson. A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall to welcome them into the All Saints church family.		+			

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Special music for Transfiguration Sunday on February 7 was provided by guest vocalist, Nakia Verner.		+			
Ash Wednesday services were held at All Saints at noon and 7:30 on February 10. The imposition of ashes and Holy Communion were offered at each service.		+			
The All Saints Women's Book Group met on February 14 at the home of Melissa Steiner to discuss the book <i>A Man Called Ove</i> , by Fredrik Backman. Emily Summerlot and Liz Muller led the discussion.	+				
The Congregation Council designated 2014 and 2015 Thrivent Choice contributions totaling \$1723 for payments to the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod as a portion of benevolence program.				+	+
All Saints hosted Elijah's Bowl at Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 13. The Saints provided a hot meal as well as a valentine craft activity for any youth among the guests.				+	
On February 15, Confirmation Class began Saturday sessions at 9:00 am.			+		
"Unbinding Your Heart" was the theme for the five weeks of Lent Wednesdays that began on Wednesday, February 17. Each Wednesday included a shared meal of soup, salad, and bread at 6:30 and worship at 7:30. The evenings were shared with neighbors of Grace Lutheran Church. All Saints hosted services on February 17 and March 2 and 9. Grace hosted services on February 24 and March 16.		+			
Lenten Offerings during 2016 were directed toward a second annual joint congregation Stop Hunger Now event to be held on <i>God's Work, Our Hands</i> Sunday in September. Generous offerings will support providing 12,000 meals.				+	
The fifth annual Richard Felix Lamroux Memorial Bowling Fundraiser sponsored by the Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council occurred on February 28, 2016. Proceeds benefit the Bowie Food Pantry. Jim Sichelman coordinates this service opportunity for All Saints.	+			+	
Members and friends of All Saints were invited to a six session support program for any widowed men or women to help them adapt to their new circumstances. The sessions are offered by the Support Group for Widowed Persons sponsored by Patuxent Widowed Persons Service.	+				
The Lutheran Women Prayer Shawl Ministry met on Thursday, February 18 at the home of Karin McCabe. Jane Hilt is the contact for All Saints for this ministry.	+			+	
The Cancer Support Group met on Saturday, February 20, at All Saints.	+				

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The theme of the February Potluck gathering held on February 21 was “C” is for Cookie and lots of other foods. These monthly events are coordinated by the Fellowship Team led by John Summerlot.	+				
Events sponsored by the JUSTgRACE initiative of ASLC during March included a second book discussion of <i>The New Jim Crow</i> by Michelle Alexander on Saturday, March 12, which was a joint event with the ASLC Women’s Book Group and a screening (and potluck) of the 2014 film “Selma” on Saturday, March 26.	+		+		
The Tuesday morning Adult Bible Study group began a study of the prophet Micah on Tuesday, March 1.			+		
Funeral Services for beloved member Bobbie Wentland were held on Monday, February 29 at All Saints. The service was conducted by Pastor Gary with special music offered by Tim Bensch and Pastor Shawn Brandon. A meal offered for all was held immediately following the worship service.		+			
On Tuesday evening, March 15, All Saints provided a meal for Warm Nights guests at Village Baptist on Mitchellville Road.				+	
On Sunday evening, March 20, All Saints provided a meal at Hope Lutheran Church for University of Maryland Campus Ministry Students.				+	
The Cancer Support Group met on Saturday, March 19, at All Saints.	+				
The Lutheran Women Prayer Shawl Ministry met on Thursday, March 17, at the home of Karin McCabe. Jane Hilt is the contact for All Saints for this ministry.	+			+	
The theme of the March potluck gathering held on March 20 was “Feast of St. Patrick.” These monthly events are coordinated by the Fellowship Team led by John Summerlot.	+				
Palm Sunday worship at All Saints on March 20 featured a joyful celebration of the triumphal entry of Jesus in Jerusalem as ASLC children offered palms to all worshipers. Special music included an anthem with ASLC children joining the Adult Choir in praise to our Lord, and instrumental music offered by Karen Lee Banks and Kelley Williams. The services ended with the Passion Story.		+			
Maundy Thursday worship services were held at noon and 7:30 pm. Services included Holy Communion and foot washing. The evening service included stripping of the altar while Psalm 22 was intoned by cantor Jean Wolf.		+			
Good Friday worship services were held at noon and 7:30 pm. Members of the congregation served as readers for the seven words of the cross during the Tenebrae service, with organ music enhanced by Kelley Williams playing the violin.		+			

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Easter Sunday worship on March 27 was celebrated joyfully! Pastor Gary’s inspiring sermon focused on Mary Magdalene’s amazing testimony, “I have seen the Lord!” Special music was offered by Dr. Hyojin Ahn, the ASLC choirs, guest violinist Sarah D’Angelo, and Guest cellist, Diana Flesner. Nancy-Pat Weaver coordinated decoration of the sanctuary with Easter lilies.		+			
The Annual All Saints Easter Brunch, coordinated by Chris Greenawalt, was held on Easter Sunday, March 27, between worship services with 15 tables filled with the Saints and visiting friends and family members.	+				
The Annual All Saints Easter Egg Hunt occurred on Easter Sunday, March 27, between worship services. The hunt welcomed little ones from toddlers to age 5, and children from ages 6-12.	+				
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.		+		+	
The Congregation Council is encouraging leadership in their selected areas using the ICNU platform. Council leaders are Learn-Walter Knausenberger, Serve-Sharron Sample, Worship and Music - Raymond Wood, Committees – Ellen Hug, Gather – Jim Sichelman, and Support-Fred Wentland.	+	+	+	+	+
The Rev. Dr. Michael Kuchinsky led worship, preached, and presided at Holy Communion on April 3 when Pastor Gary and Connie were in Oregon welcoming their grandson, Clyde August Hanna, into the family.		+			
On Sunday, April 3, the Adult Faith Formation Track 1 began a six week DVD study of the journeys of Paul as presented in <i>The Call</i> by Adam Hamilton. The study was facilitated by Sven Allenbach-Schmidt.			+		
The All Saints Women’s Book Group met on Saturday, April 9, at the home of Norma Allenbach-Schmidt to discuss the book <i>Still Alice</i> by Lisa Genova. Sharron Sample led the discussion.	+				
Beginning the week of April 10 and continuing through the week of May 8, ASLC sponsored five-session, weekly small group discussions for friends and members of the congregation. Offerings included a Strengthfinder session and Conversations on Race that were part of the JUSTgRACE initiative of All Saints.	+		+		

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Valerie Schlickbernd served as Accompanist for worship on April 10 while Director of Music Dr. Hyojin Ahn was away.		+			
Mary Seale coordinated All Saints participation in the Spring Convention of the Metro DC Women of the ELCA held at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Silver Spring on April 16.	+	+	+	+	
The Cancer Support Group met on Saturday, April 16 and May 21 at All Saints. Diane Cvitko coordinates this ministry for All Saints.	+			+	
The theme of the potluck gathering held on April 17 was "Death by Chocolate, Take 2." These monthly events are coordinated by the Fellowship Team led by John Summerlot.	+				
The April meeting of the Prayer Shawl group was held on April 21 at the home of Sig Beecher. The May meeting was held on May 12 at the home of Tracey Maxwell. Jane Hilt is the contact for All Saints for this ministry.	+			+	
The annual Christmas in April Serve Team event was held on Saturday, April 23. All Saints partnered with St. Matthew's UMC to make repairs on Alpha House in Old Bowie which offers transitional housing to needful individuals in our area. Chuck Arnold provided leadership for All Saint's participation in the event that included 11 Saints. Chris and Mary Greenawalt brought a much appreciated lunch for the hard working Saints.				+	
The Worship and Music Planning Team meeting was held on Saturday morning, April 23, at the home of Louise Waynant, beginning with breakfast at 9:00. Focus for the gathering was a review of Lent/Easter worship experiences and planning for worship for Pentecost.		+			
The Chesapeake Chorale returned for a performance at All Saints at 4:00 pm on April 24. The program included a sampling of music from across centuries. A reception followed the performance.	+			+	
Saturday JUSTgRACE events in April included a book discussion of <i>Between the World and Me</i> by Ta-Nehisi Coates and viewing and discussing the film "Imitation of Life."			+		
All Saints was one of six currently participating congregations to host the homeless in Prince George's County as part of the extended Warm Nights program sponsored by the Community Crisis Services Inc. (CCSI). The Saints hosted guests from May 1-8. 47 members of ASLC participated in this important ministry, along with four other churches. Warm Nights makes a difference in the lives of many individuals. Linda Baine, Liz Muller, and Karen Lee Banks coordinated this ministry for All Saints.				+	
The second annual Care of Creation Sunday was celebrated on April 24, sponsored by the Stewardship Ministry Team. This special event offers an opportunity to share seeds, divided perennials, and seedlings with members and friends.				+	

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Scholarship Month at All Saints was observed in May, 2016. This is the 14 th year that All Saints has offered this opportunity for our youth. Scholarships are offered to those who have been active in the life of the congregation and are off to postsecondary education. Roz Kleffman coordinates this ministry for All Saints.			+	+	
The All Saints Women’s Book Group met on Saturday, May 14, at the home of Louise Waynant to discuss the book <i>Brooklyn</i> by Colm Toibin. Emily Summerlot led the discussion.	+				
The theme of the potluck gathering held on May 15 was “Around the World.” These monthly events are coordinated by the Fellowship Team led by John Summerlot.					
A worship service to celebrate the life of Jeanne Shuey, beloved member of All Saints, was held on Monday, May 16, in the chapel at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery. Pastor Gary led the service.		+			
On May 22, Holy Trinity Sunday, heartfelt appreciation was offered to the ASLC choir for their faithful offering of beautiful music throughout the past church year. During the months when the choir will take a summer recess, special music will be offered by All Saints musicians and Director of Music, Dr. Hyojin Ahn.		+			
The Adult Bible Study group met on Tuesday, May 31, at Rip’s Restaurant to share lunch, friendship, reflections on the past year’s study, and anticipation about the study of the book of Jonah that will begin in September.	+		+		
Saturday JUSTgRACE events in May included a book discussion of <i>Just Mercy</i> by Bryan Stevenson and viewing and discussing the film, “A Lesson Before Dying.”	+		+		
All Saints Softball Team plays on Tuesday nights at Allen Pond.	+				
The Ale Saints sponsored a Quatro de Junio gathering at All Saints on June 4. The event featured an all-you-can eat taco bar. John Summerlot and Jim Sichelman coordinated the event.	+				
Saturday JUSTgRACE events in June included a book discussion of <i>The Bluest Eye</i> by Toni Morrison, and viewing and discussing the film, “Runaway Slave.”	+		+		
The All Saints Women’s Book Group met on Saturday, June 18 at the home of Nancy-Pat Weaver to discuss the book <i>The Crossing Places</i> by Elly Griffiths. Norma Allenbach-Schmidt led the discussion.	+				
By the sacrament of Holy Baptism Heather Lee Ours, daughter of Laura and Stephen Ours, was welcomed into the Lord’s family on May 22.		+			
The Rev. Glen Sea led worship, preached, and presided at Holy Communion on May 22 when Pastor Gary and Connie were in Oregon to celebrate the Holy Baptism of their grandson, Clyde August Hanna.		+			

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On Saturday May 28, 30 containers of food and \$395 were collected at the Free State Mall Giant Supermarket for the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry. Thanks to Chuck Arnold, Dave Baine, Dave Conrad, Mark Cunningham, Ellen Hug, Marty Hug, and Walter Knausenberger for their time and service, and Liz Muller for her coordination.				+	
Holy Communion instruction began in June and will continue throughout July, with celebration of participating fully in God’s Holy meal occurring on Sunday, July 31.		+	+		
Following worship services on Sunday, June 5, the congregation gathered for a potluck meal and celebration of Pastor Gary’s 30 th anniversary of ordination. The gift of appreciation was a substantial donation to Gettysburg Seminary where Pastor Gary completed his graduate study for ministry.		+			
On Tuesday June 14, All Saints hosted the PRISM Clergy Caucus.		+			
The theme of the potluck gathering held on June 19 was “All Saints Test Kitchen.” These monthly events are coordinated by the Fellowship Team led by John Summerlot.	+				
The Annual Assembly of the Metropolitan Washington DC Synod occurred on Saturday, June 18. The theme of the assembly was “For the healing of the Nations.” All Saints was represented by Debbie Ariguzo, Uzoma Ariguzo, and Pastor Gary. All Saints provided a 15 minute video titled <i>JUSTGRACE: One Congregation’s Spirit-Led Intentional Journey</i> , recorded and produced by All Saints own Kristin Watson. Many congregations requested copies of the presentation and more information about JUSTgRACE. The video is available on All Saints website and Facebook page.	+	+	+	+	
The Congregation Council identified many ways to maintain congregation involvement during the summer months, such as online resources, sharing worship experiences to post on social media, and offering informal family-friendly gatherings such as a Family Camp Out, a Movie and Pizza Night, and Picnics in the Park.	+	+			
Congratulations to ASLC graduates Paul Buss (Perdue School of Business); Katrin Buss (Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies at Salisbury University; Caleb Jacobson, Summit Scholar at Bowie High School, and Michelle Steiner, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.			+	+	
The theme of the potluck gathering held on July 17 was “TAPAS: Little Bites with Big Flavor.” These monthly events are coordinated by the Fellowship Team led by John Summerlot.	+				

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JUSTgRACE events in June, July, and August included discussion of the book <i>America's Original Sin</i> by Jim Wallis on Saturday, July 16 and 30, cinema and potluck on July 30 featuring <i>White Like Me</i> , discussion of the book <i>Picking Cotton</i> on August 20, cinema and potluck featuring the film <i>Runaway Slave</i> on August 27, a book discussion of <i>Invisible Man</i> on September 3, and a cinema and potluck on September 24 featuring <i>In the Heat of the Night</i> . October events included a book discussion of <i>The Soul of Black Folk</i> by W.E. B. Du Bois, and a film and potluck event featuring the film <i>Amazing Grace</i> on October 29.	+	+			
By the Sacrament of Holy Baptism All Saints welcomed into the Lord's family Natalie Ann Fryer, daughter of Hilary and Bryon Fryer.		+			
The theme of the potluck gathering held on July 17 was "TAPAS: Little Bites with Big Flavor." These monthly events are coordinated by the Fellowship Team led by John Summerlot.	+				
The All Saints Softball Team won the right to play in the finals with Ben Killion-Conrad making outstanding contributions to the team. Although not winning the exciting tournament, All Saints was a major contender and a great time was had by players and fans.	+				
Several members and friends of All Saints enjoyed a tour and taste event at the Calvert Brewing Company in Upper Marlboro on August 6. All Saints is grateful to the Ale Saints for their support with fellowship events, property maintenance, and help for those in the congregation and community who need assistance with life needs.	+			+	
All Saints assisted the Bowie Food Pantry by receiving donations at the Bowie Farmer's Market on Sunday, July 31 and Sunday August 21.				+	
All Saints partnered with UMD Lutheran Campus Ministry during the summer to collect school supplies for children of Langley Park and La Sagrada Familia who lack adequate resources for their education.				+	
Movie Night for the All Saints community was held on Saturday, July 16, when families and friends gathered at All Saints for a showing of <i>Zootopia</i> , with shared snacks and new friendships formed.	+				
The Worship and Music Team gathered for breakfast and discussion at the home of Louise Waynant on Saturday, July 30. The gathering was open to all the Saints. Discussion included planning for the season of Pentecost and ways to welcome and support others to participate in worship ministry leadership.		+			

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All Saints hosted a “Community Camp Out” on Friday, August 12. It was a night of snacks, campfires and tents on the grounds of All Saints. Participants shared stories, played games, and enjoyed sleeping under the stars, with a continental breakfast in the morning.	+				
Receiving Holy Communion for the first time on July 31 were Daisy Jane Bitter and Kayla Marie Maher. They and their families were first to come to the table at 8:30 worship.		+			
The theme of the potluck gathering held on August 21 was “It’s Picnic Time Again!” These monthly events are coordinated by the Fellowship Team led by John Summerlot.	+				
Eleven young people received a 2016-2017 ASLC scholarship to acknowledge their active involvement with the congregation and to let them know we care about them as they continue their academic endeavors. Recipients were Adamma Ariguzo, Chibueze Ariguzo, Uzoma Ariguzo, Chris Austell, Shannon Bettinger, Andrew Braun, Elizabeth Jacobson, John Meyer, Erin “Mikey” Schumacher, Kristin Watson, and Caleb Jacobson who received the Wanda McNeil Scholarship. Each student received a \$500 award. This is the 14 th year scholarships have been awarded. Scholarship awards were presented on August 7.			+		
The Lutheran Women Prayer Shawl Ministry met on August 23. Jane Hilt is the Prayer Shawl Ministry Contact for All Saints.	+			+	
The Annual All Saints Ministry Fair was held on August 28. The theme of the Fair was “Caring and Sharing.” Coordinated by the Stewardship Team, the Fair offered opportunities for ministry, service, study, and involvement. Members and friends were encouraged to share their gifts and talents.	+	+	+	+	+
New name tags were prepared by All Saints Administrative Assistant Jean Reams and made available for the Saints on August 28. The Saints are encouraged to wear the name tags as a way to establish and build relationships.	+	+	+	+	+
On September 11, the Saints joined with the rest of the ELCA to participate in “God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday. All Saints partnered with Grace Lutheran to host a Stop Hunger Now meal-packaging event held in the Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall. 79 individuals took part in the meal-packaging, assembling 15,000 meals.				+	
The Ale Saints sponsored the 7 th Annual Crab Feast on Saturday, September 10. The well attended event brought together families, friends, neighbors. and the community to share good food, conversation, and fellowship.	+				

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The All Saints Women's Book Group met on Saturday, September 10 at the home of Louise Waynant to discuss the book <i>The Wright Brothers</i> by David McCullough.	+				
Growing in Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) the learning program for children, youth, and adults, resumed on Sunday, September 11, with participation in the God's Work, Our Hands Stop Hunger Now event held at Grace Lutheran. The following Sunday, September 21, <i>Into the Promised Land</i> was introduced as the theme of the study for the 2016-2017 term.			+		
Choir rehearsal resumed on September 8, with an invitation to all to consider joining the choir.		+			
All Saints participates in the Quilts of Valor initiative and has delivered quilts to two recipients during the summer months. Sharron Sample coordinates this ministry for All Saints.					
Tuesday morning Bible Study resumed on September 13 with a study of the Book of Jonah.			+		
The Cancer Support Group, facilitated by Diane Cvitko, resumed their gatherings on September 17 at All Saints.	+		+	+	
A family movie night featuring the film "An American Tail" was enjoyed on Saturday, September 17 at All Saints.	+				
Adult Faith Formation Track I resumed study on September 18 with a new study, <i>Letters to the Romans</i> . This 13 session study is facilitated by Seven Allenbach-Schmidt.			+		
A series of JUSTgRACE Open Forum discussions was offered to enable the Saints to consider, discuss, and make recommendations about the draft resolution during September and October. The final resolution will be included in the 2016 Annual Report and approval will be sought at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 29, 2017.			+		
The theme of the potluck gathering held on September 18 was "An Apple for the Teacher." These monthly events are coordinated by the Fellowship Team led by John Summerlot.	+				
All Saints was one of 12 Bowie houses of worship included in Bowie's Sacred Places Tour on September 18.	+	+			
The All Saints Women's Book Group met on Saturday, October 9, at the home of Ruth Ann Killion, to discuss the book <i>The Turner House</i> by Angela Flournoy.	+				
All Saints participated in the Bowie CROP Walk for Hunger on October 2. 25% of the \$1870 raised by the Saints will be given to the Bowie Food Pantry. Walkers included the Bitter family, the Greenawalt family, the Waddell family, Liz Muller, and Rob Watson.				+	

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All Saints supports the Support Group for Widowed Persons held on Thursday afternoons at the Bowie Senior Center from October 6 to November 10.	+				
The Annual Christmas Greens Fundraiser sales happened between October 2 through October 30. All proceeds will help defray costs of youth retreats in Spring 2017.	+	+	+	+	
The 2016 Devotional Book, <i>Caring and Sharing</i> , with 21 devotions authored by 21 Saints to read on the 21 days leading up to Consecration Sunday, was introduced to the congregation on October 2. Norma Allenbach-Schmidt coordinated development of the booklet which was mailed to all the Saints, as well as available on the All Saints website and Facebook page.	+	+	+	+	+
Personal testimony was offered by Liz Muller, Uzoma Ariguzo, and Rob Watson in preparation for Consecration Sunday.	+	+	+	+	+
The theme of the potluck gathering held on October 16 was “The Third Annual Chili Cook-Off.” These monthly events are coordinated by the Fellowship Team led by John Summerlot.	+				
The Cancer Support Group, facilitated by Diane Cvitko, met at All Saints on Saturday, October 15.					
The Lutheran Women Prayer Shawl Ministry met at the home of Rita Moday on Thursday, October 20. Jane Hilt is the contact for All Saints.	+			+	
The All Saints Youth Fund sponsored a family friendly Pumpkin Decorating and Craft Fair on Saturday afternoon, October 22 in the All Saints Fellowship Hall. Melissa Bitter coordinated the event.	+				
Consecration Sunday, the day in which we consecrate our financial commitments to support the mission and ministries of All Saints in 2017, was held on Sunday October 23. The Rev. Leila Ortiz, Assistant to the Bishop, Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod, was guest leader, preaching at both services, leading a discussion at 9:45, and providing a keynote address during the Celebration Luncheon following the 11:00 worship service. Chris Greenawalt, assisted by Emily Summerlot, catered the luncheon.	+	+	+	+	+
A cinema and potluck featuring the film <i>Amazing Grace</i> (2007) was held on Saturday, October 29, from 4:00-8:00, as part of the JUSTgRACE initiative.	+		+		
Reformation Sunday was celebrated at All Saints on October 30. The festival service included special music by the choirs and instrumentalists from All Saints.		+			
During its October meeting, the congregation council approved the final draft ASLC Resolution on Racial Justice. The final draft reflected input from the Saints. It will be included in the annual report and voted upon by the congregation at the 2017 Annual Meeting.	+	+	+	+	+

Monthly Potluck – Breakfast for Lunch – November 20

Warm Nights November 13-20

Oktoberfest November 5

Worship and Music Meeting on November 5

Gifts of Hope – November 27 – December 24

Adopt a Family for Christmas

Holiday Food Baskets for the Food Pantry