

## Ministries that Enable Us to Fulfill the Mission of All Saints Lutheran Church December 31, 2013

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 2013, or are ongoing.

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Sunday Church School for children in pre-K through grade 6 and for Middle and High School for the Spring semester begins each Sunday in the sanctuary with singing, a theme presentation, and financial offering.			+		
A Memorial Worship Service for Dr. Pearl Hibbard was held on January 5. Nancy-Pat Weaver and the All Saints Choir provided inspirational music for the service. The luncheon following the service was coordinated by Judy Devey.		+			
The Adult Class, Track 2, began a study of the “Animate Faith” series with the Youth of All Saints on January 6.			+		
The Adult Class, Track 1, completed a 16 week study of the Gospels on January 13, and began a four-week study of the Book of Ruth on January 20. The study was facilitated by Sven Allenbach-Schmidt.			+		
Two Sabbatical 2013 Orientation Sessions (Why, What, and How Much?) were held on January 13 to highlight Pastor Gary’s sabbatical activities and benefits for him and the congregation, as well as the proposed funding plan.			+		
The Prayer Shawl Ministry group met on January 17 at the home of Betty Cirone.	+			+	
The Senior Saints met at noon for lunch at the Comfort Inn on January 17 for conversation and planning for the coming year.	+				
The All Saints Women’s Book Group met on January 19 at the home of Louise Waynant to discuss <i>State of Wonder</i> by Ann Patchett. Liz Muller led the discussion.	+				
A “Blankets of Hope Marathon” coordinated by Deborah Rice and the Serve Team was held at All Saints on Saturday, January 26. Over 50 blankets were made by participants of all ages. The blankets were created to provide hope and comfort to a wounded hero in Combat Support Hospitals in the Middle East as well as military hospitals in other international locations and the United States.	+			+	

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On January 27, the Youth of All Saints presented a skit during each worship service in preparation for the February 2 Souper Bowl of Caring. Donations on February 5 included both cans of soup and cash donations in support of the Bowie Food Pantry.				+	
The youth of All Saints sponsored a Silent Dessert Auction prior to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, January 27. The auction raised \$1245. Funds will assist with the costs of youth activities, including mission trips and the National Youth Gathering in Detroit in 2015.	+	+	+	+	
The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held on January 27. The congregation gathered for lunch prepared by Chris Greenawalt and Wayne Bossler. Inspiring remarks by Pastor Gary and Council President John Summerlot followed a celebration of the ministry activities of 2012. The 2013 spending plan was adopted. The congregation elected three 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. Changes to the Constitution of ASLC also were approved. Special thanks were extended to Jean Reams for assembling the outstanding report booklet	+	+	+	+	+
Operation Kid Comfort was held at Tomorrow's Treasures on January 29. Participants made 12 quilts. The quilts are personalized for children whose parents are deployed in Military Service. The event was coordinated by Sharron Sample and hosted by Vickie Bozick	+			+	
The ASLC Arts Program presented All Saints own Hyojin Ahn in concert on Friday, February 1. The program, "The Tragic Truth of Happiness," featured music of Mendelssohn, Chopin, Wagner, and Ginastera. Donations offered at the concert benefitted Lutheran Social Services.	+			+	
The Tuesday morning Adult Bible Study group concluded their study of Galatians on February 5. The focus of their study for the following four weeks was the book <i>Sabbath Keeping</i> by Lynne Baab.			+		
All Saints continues updating its Facebook page to encourage communication and outreach with the Saints and with the community.	+				
Emily Summerlot continues her coordination of the All Saints Prayer Team, offering prayers for those in need of healing, comfort, and safety, and prayers of thanksgiving.				+	

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The Rev. Jeff Jacobson led worship, preached, and presided on February 3 while Pastor Gary and Dr. Connie were on vacation. Pastor Wendy Deeban was on call for pastoral emergencies.		+			
The Teen Youth went on a snow tubing outing at Ski Liberty Mountain Resort on February 9.	+				
The Youth of All Saints held a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 12, serving about 50 guests. A free will offering of \$468 was contributed, all of it to be used to support the mission travel of youth this summer.	+			+	
Ash Wednesday Services were held at All Saints on Wednesday, February 13, at noon and 7:30.		+			
All Saints has initiated a "Finish the Race" initiative to complete payment for the purchase in 2006 of five undeveloped acres adjacent to the church building. The vision for the purchase of the property was to expand the campus and ministry of All Saints. The total amount needed to Finish the Race is \$40,464. The initiative is designed to reach that goal by Easter Sunday, 2013.	+	+	+	+	+
Pastor Gary began a sermon series, "Lord Teach Us to Pray," on February 17.		+			
The Track 1 Adult class began a six-part series about the Lord's Prayer, "Lord Teach Us to Pray," on February 17. Sven-Allenbach Schmidt facilitates the sessions which parallel the sermon series of the same theme.			+		
Evelyn Paige Bitter was received into God's Holy and Eternal Kingdom through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, February 17. Her parents are Matt and Melissa Bitter and her sister is Daisy Jane Bitter.		+			
All Saints Scholarship applications became available online and at All Saints in February, with applications due by May 1. Temple Talks were offered each Sunday in May to encourage donations for the record setting number (11) of applicants. Roz Kleffman, Kurt Muller, and Millie Osborne serve on the committee.			+		
The Prayer Shawl Group met at the home of Nancy-Pat Weaver on February 19. The group creates shawls and lap throws for those in need of comfort.	+			+	
The second annual Richard Felix Lamrouex Memorial Bowling Fundraiser sponsored by the Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council was held on February 24, with all proceeds going to the Bowie Food Pantry					

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Lent Wednesdays began on Wednesday, February 20, at All Saints with a soup supper followed by worship in the Fellowship Hall. The theme for the Wednesday gatherings was “Water of Life: Death and Resurrection through Holy Baptism.” The gatherings were shared by All Saints and Grace Churches, and ended with a soup supper and worship at Grace on March 20.	+	+			
The Senior Saints gathered for a tour of the College Park Aviation Museum of February 28, with lunch at Sir Walter Raleigh Inn.	+				
The All Saints Women’s Book Group met on March 9 at the home of Ruth Ann Killion to discuss <i>Wild: Lost and Found on the Pacific Crest Trail</i> , by Cheryl Strayed. Louise Waynant led the discussion.	+				
The Tuesday morning Adult Bible Study group began their study of I Thessalonians on March 12. Their study concluded on May 7.			+		
All Saints prepared Easter Baskets for the Shepherd’s Cove shelter for women and children. Marguerite Mattison coordinated this activity.				+	
On March 10, Tim Krause from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans presented a check for \$400 to All Saints from Thrivent’s Care Abounds in Communities Program in support of the Blankets of Hope Marathon held at All Saints on January 26.				+	
The ELCA Women’s Bible Study met in Fellowship Hall at All Saints on March 14 to discuss the shelter of God’s wings and how to assist those who are vulnerable or in need. The session title was <i>Beneath Her Wings</i> and was based on Luke 13:34.	+	+	+		
On March 14, All Saints provided dinner for the Warm Nights guests who were hosted that week by Village Baptist Church.				+	
Five youth from All Saints attended Shekinah from March 15-17. Youth attending were Sara Jacobson, Caitlin Richardson, Nicholas Austell, Sean Bettinger, and Nathan Braun. Cindy Austell and Pastor Gary traveled with the youth. Middle school youth attending the event participated in LWR's 500,000 Quilt Challenge. The Youth brought \$274.62 from the loose change offering on March 10 to help pay for shipping quilts to those in need.	+	+	+	+	

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The Rev. Richard Reichard, retired ELCA Pastor and Executive Director of the National Lutheran Home, preached, presided, and led worship at All Saints while Pastor Gary attended Shekinah.		+			
Meg Rayford recently has joined the All Saints staff as the new Communications Assistant. Her role is to ensure that the congregation of ASLC and the broader community are informed of the ministries of ASLC. Additionally, she will maintain the communication of content from ASLC in all relevant digital, broadcast and print media.	+	+	+	+	+
The All Saints Roadside Evangelical Working Group has been established to obtain and install an electronic computer programmable sign on U.S. 301	+				+
The Constitution and Bylaws have been updated, and can be accessed through the All Saints website.					+
The Governance Committee has completed the new <i>Policies and Procedures Handbook</i> , now available through the All Saints website. The handbook describes the functions and responsibilities of ASLC ministry teams and committees and the procedures they follow to pursue their mission.					+
On Saturday morning, March 23, the Saints were invited to participate in creating palm frond crosses and birds in preparation for Palm Sunday. The event was coordinated and led by Janice Knausenberger.	+				
A team of volunteers spread mulch and accomplished other outside tasks to prepare the church property for Easter. Volunteers included Gary Beecher, Wayne Bossler, Tom Krzycki, Larry Floor, Steve Roberts, Priscilla Sparks, and Eric Thompson.					+
The theme for worship in Palm Sunday, March 24, was Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The service began with a procession with palms shared with the congregation by the children, and ended with the reading of the Passion of Jesus according to the Gospel of St. Mark.		+			
Maundy Thursday services were held at noon and 7:30 on March 28. The service included foot washing and stripping of the altar. Marianne Wegner crated the altar display for the services.		+			
Good Friday services were held at noon and 7:30 on March 29. The service focused on the Tenebrae Service of Darkness, with special music by the choir offered during the evening service.		+			

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The Resurrection of Jesus was celebrated on Easter Sunday at All Saints with services at 8:30 and 11:00. Special music by the choir was offered at both services. A Brass Ensemble offered joyful and powerful praise to the Risen Christ at the 11:00 Service. A cross covered with beautiful flowers added to the joy of the service.		+			
An Easter Breakfast was provided for the congregation between worship services on Easter Sunday morning.	+				
All Saints Youth organized and provided an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of All Saints during the Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday morning.	+				
The Worship and Music Team invited members of the congregation to attend a special planning meeting held on Saturday morning, April 6, to share their suggestions about refreshing and enhancing worship experiences for All Saints. Specific suggestions for the season of Pentecost were offered. The planning session was organized and led by Tim Bensch, All Saints' Council Liaison for the Worship and Music Ministry.		+			
A four-week study of <i>Sabbath Keeping: Finding Freedom in the Rhythms of Rest</i> was offered during the Sunday morning Education Hour in April. Liz Muller facilitated the study.			+		
An eight-week Book of Faith Study of the Gospel of Luke began on Sunday, April 7. The sessions were facilitated by Sven Allenbach-Schmidt.			+		
The Prayer Shawl Ministry met at the home of Dottie hall on April 11.	+			+	
The All Saints Women's Book Group met on April 20 at the home of Sig Beecher to discuss <i>The Shoemaker's Wife</i> by Adriana Trigiani. Norma Allenbach-Schmidt led the discussion.	+				
The ELCA Women's Bible Study met in Fellowship Hall at All Saints on April 11 to discuss the theme <i>Gathered to Share the Story</i> . The session was based on Acts 14:27.		+			
The evaluation of the survey regarding the format of the annual meeting held on January 27, 2013, was reviewed by the Congregation Council during its April Meeting. The format was well received and will be used again in 2014.	+	+	+	+	+
A new Boy Scout Troop is forming at All Saints. An information meeting was held on April 16.	+				

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The Senior Saints met on Thursday, April 18 for a tour of the only World War I Chapel in the United States. The chapel, located in Odenton, Maryland, has been renovated recently. Lunch followed in the chapel kitchen.	+				
Tim Krause from Thrivent Financial presented a check in the amount of \$200 to the All Saints Prayer Shawl Ministry from the Thrivent Care Abounds in Communities program. Sig Beecher and Dottie Hall coordinate this ministry for All Saints.	+			+	
All Saints Youth met on Sunday, April 21, after the 11:00 worship service.	+				
All Saints participated in the Prince George's community Christmas in April initiative held on Saturday, April 27. Extensive work on the Bowie home assigned to All Saints was accomplished by volunteers. Chuck Arnold coordinated All Saints participation.				+	
On Sunday, April 28, following the 11:00 worship service at All Saints, the congregation held a celebratory send-off luncheon for Pastor Gary as he prepared to begin his sabbatical on May 1. The meal was catered by Chris Greenawalt. All Saints youth served and provided desserts. The Sabbatical Committee provided additional information about congregational plans for the sabbatical.	+				
Cheryl Hollar coordinates the Prison Ministry volunteer initiative for All Saints at the Jessup Correctional Facility. An orientation session was held on April 30.		+			
May was designated as ALSC Scholarship Month. Roz Kleffman, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, arranged Temple Talks to encourage contributions to the fund.			+		
On May 5, All Saints welcomed Rev. Richard H. Graham, Bishop, Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod, ELCA who preached, presided at Holy Communion, and led worship for the congregation. The 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ELCA was celebrated with cake and refreshments after both services.		+			
The ELCA Women's Bible Study met in Fellowship Hall at All Saints on Thursday, May 9, for a discussion based on Acts 1:6.			+		
A hike through the Patuxent River Park at Jug Bay was a Sabbath opportunity for All Saints families and friends held on Saturday afternoon May 11. Janice Knausenberger coordinated the event.	+				

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Preparation and planting of the Children's Summer Vegetable Garden began on Saturday, May 11. Deb Ariguzo coordinates this initiative for All Saints.	+			+	
The All Saints Women's Book Group met on Saturday, May 11, at the home of Norma Allenbach-Schmidt to discuss <i>The Beautiful Mystery</i> by Louise Penny. Louise Waynant led the discussion.	+				
On Sunday, May 12, All Saints welcomed Rev. Shawn Brandon as interim pastor during Pastor Gary's sabbatical. Worship included a service of installation for Pastor Shawn. Mothers Day was recognized as children in the congregation distributed lovely pens and bookmarks. Following worship a special cake and refreshments were provided in honor of Pastor Shawn's installation.		+			
All Saints Youth held a flower and card sale on Mother's Day, May 12. Proceeds from the sale will help to support the Youth Mission Trip to Maine in July.				+	
Confirmation Class met Friday evening, May 17, with Pastor Shawn Brandon.			+		
All Saints families participated in the Prince George's County Parks and Recreation fishing rodeo on May 18 at Schoolhouse Pond in Upper Marlboro. The fishing rodeo was another Sabbath opportunity for the Saints.	+				
All Saints members participated in the Second Annual Bowie Certified Habitat Tour on May 18. The tour included the home of All Saints own Walter and Janice Knausenberger. Maria Arnold coordinates this initiative.				+	+
Pentecost Sunday on May 19 included the reading of scripture in different languages by several members of the congregation. This was done as a celebration of diversity, a witness of Christianity, and manifestation of universal brotherhood and ethnic pride. Kurt Muller coordinated this part of the service.		+			
Once each month, All Saints invites families to bake the bread for Holy Communion and bring the gifts to the altar as the offering is brought forward. Ann Greenawalt coordinates this new ministry.		+			
As a way to share in Pastor Gary's sabbatical experience, the Sabbatical Team prepared daily meditations that were sent to members of the congregation each week. Additionally, a sabbatical prayer was created by the team that was shared each Sunday as well as through the weekly e-pistle.		+			

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The Prayer Shawl Ministry sent prayer shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets to the Massachusetts Council of Churches for distribution to victims and their families of the Boston Marathon bombing. The Executive Director, Rev Laura Everett, a United Church of Christ pastor, noted receipt of these gifts in a church-wide mailing.	+			+	
All Saints offered an overnight camping experience on the North Property on May 24. Emily Summerlot coordinated this family event.	+				
Holy Trinity Sunday was observed on May 26. Both services included congregational reading of the Athanasian Creed. Services also included a Memorial Day observance. A Baccalaureate prayer service for recent graduates was offered during the 11:00 service.		+			
The All Saints Arts Program presented the Shubert Singers Spring Concert on Friday, May 31. Donations were shared with the Friendship Landing Center for the Arts, a non-profit art initiative for children.	+			+	
Throughout May, June, and July, the Saints posted thoughts, reflections, or notes about sabbatical experiences on the space provided in the narthex, or dropped comments in the “Sabbatical Mail Box” outside Pastor Gary’s office. These experiences/notes will be shared with Pastor Gary during his welcome back celebration on August 4.	+	+	+	+	+
The Augsburg Adult Summer Bible Study on “God’s People Worship” began on June 2. Sven Allenbach-Schmidt led the class sessions.			+		
In June, a three session Adult Faith Formation series on Prayer was offered by Ruth Ann Killion. The sessions invited participants to explore many aspects of prayer and identify surprising perspectives on what appears to be “unanswered prayer.”			+		
The Women’s Book Group met on June 8 at the home of Kim Watson to discuss <i>Clara and Mr. Tiffany</i> by Susan Vreeland. Liz Muller led the discussion	+				
All Saints contributed to Lutheran Disaster Response to support those experiencing the devastation of tornados in the Midwest.				+	

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Congratulations were extended to high school and college graduates in June. Uzoma Ariguzo graduated from Charles Herbert Flowers School and will attend the University of Maryland. Andrew Braun graduated from DeMatha Catholic High School and will attend St. Mary's College. Kendra Bozick graduated from the University of Maryland and will attend graduate school at Maryland's School of Nursing. Sara Reams graduated from Mount St. Mary's University and will attend graduate school at Duke University.			+		
Affirmation and renewal of wedding vows occurred during both worship services on June 9. This coincided with the affirmation and renewal of wedding vows event Pastor Gary conducted in Wittenberg, Germany as part of the Wedding Festival celebrating Martin Luther's marriage.		+			
A special Adult Faith Formation session previewing decisions to be made at the 2013 Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod Assembly was held on June 9. Nathan Rich planned the event and led the discussion			+		
In her role as Team Leader for Worship and Music, Nancy-Pat Weaver has recruited and trained nine new Altar Guild members.		+			
A hike to Jug Bridge was offered as a Sabbath opportunity for families on Saturday, June 15. The event was coordinated by Walter and Janice Knausenberger.	+				
A funeral worship service for Beverly Carlson Roberts Stoops, beloved member of All Saints, who died on Tuesday, June 25, was held on Monday, July 1, at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints. Pastor Shawn led the worship service.		+			
The Rev. Dr. Barron Maberry led worship, preached, and presided at Holy Communion on Sunday, July 16, when Pastor Shawn was out of town.		+			
At the June 19 Congregation Council Meeting, the Council approved the motion to allocate \$1,600 from the North Property account for the Sacred Garden Task Group to get the Tree Conservation Plan completed.					+
On Saturday, June 22, the Teen Youth Group sponsored a Spring Yard Sale, Car Wash, and Burger Burn. Funds totaling over \$1500 were raised, and will be used to fund the Youth Mission Trip to Maine that began on July 19.	+			+	

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The Youth Group sponsored a Vacation Bible School Day at All Saints on Sunday, June 23 for children ages 4 through Grade 5. The event included games, crafts, Bible lessons, songs, and snacks. The event, coordinated by Cindy Austell, helped the youth prepare for their Mission Trip to Maine.	+	+	+	+	
The ASLC e-pistle includes a weekly update on what is blooming now in the Rain Garden at All Saints. This is an important component of Environmental Stewardship. It is valued at a synod level and a congregational level.				+	+
A special evening of fellowship and worship was held Saturday, July 13th when the congregation gathered at 5:30 to experience the Holden Evening Prayer Service, followed by a light potluck supper. Pastor Shawn led worship, Grace Depp offered prayer, and Nancy-Pat Weaver was accompanist.	+	+			
The All Saints Softball Team continues its enthusiastic participation in the local league throughout the summer months.	+				
All Saints teens and sponsors participated in the Teen Youth Mission Trip to Maine on July 21-26. Youth traveling to Maine were Chibueze Ariguzo, Christopher Austell, Nicholas Austell, Shannon Bettinger, Elizabeth Crampton, Elizabeth Jacobson, Caleb Jacobson, Sarah Jacobson, Joshua Sichelman, and Kristin Watson. Adult traveling with the group were Cindy Austell, Matt Bitter and Jim Sichelman	+	+	+	+	
Deb Ariguzo coordinated planning for the Children's Summer Vegetable Garden. Children and adults completed the planting in June, and the congregation was invited care through watering and weeding.	+		+	+	
Highlights of the 2013 Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod Assembly were presented by Rick Bates and Louise Waynant, voting members from All Saints to the Assembly, during an Adult Faith Formation session on July 21. Mo Goff, voting member from Reformation Lutheran in Washington D.C., provided additional reflections during the session.			+		
Worship on July 28 included a Sending service for Pastor Shawn. This is a service of Farewell, Godspeed, and Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Ministry. All Saints offered a reception for Pastor Shawn and Mo following both services to offer thanks and bid them farewell.		+			

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Nathan Rich offered an Adult Faith Formation session on Sunday, July 28 in which he and special guest Karin Brown, the Peace Not Walls Coordinator for the ELCA, provided an update on events in the Holy Land. Nathan also described activities of the Synod's Middle East Working Group.			+		
During Pastor Gary's Sabbatical, Norma Allenbach-Schmidt prepared and published All Saints' weekly Mission and Ministry e-pistle, ensuring that the Saints were well informed of plans and events.	+	+	+	+	+
Special music for worship services during the summer months was provided by Karen Lee Banks. Nancy-Pat Weaver, the <i>Four for the Lord Quartet</i> , the Women's Quartet, Tim Bensch, John Maerhofer, and Hyojin Ahn.		+			
A special congregational meeting was held on August 4 to consider and approve actions related to the now outdated heating/air conditioning system at All Saints. The proposal was unanimously approved. Installation of the new air conditioning system was completed in September.					+
As part of the Homecoming welcome for Pastor Gary, the sermon for the 8:30 worship service was offered by Rick Bates, and the sermon for the 11:00 service was offered by Grace Depp.		+			
Pastor Kevin Rees, who grew up at All Saints, shared his plans for a 5-year mission experience in Uganda with the congregation at both worship services on August 4, and in an Adult Forum session between services.		+	+		
A Homecoming Celebration for Pastor Gary and Connie was held after the 11:00 worship service on August 4. The festive event began with a lunch catered by Chris Greenawalt and included reflections and a video presentation from Pastor Gary about the Sabbatical experiences.	+				
All Saints was the site of a Rain Garden Workshop held on August 8. Maria Arnold coordinated the educational event that was hosted by The Bowie Gardens for Wildlife Habitat Team, UMD Extension, and UMD Environmental Finance Center.			+		
A memorial service for Marguerite Mattison, beloved member of All Saints, was held on Saturday, August 10. A luncheon followed the service.		+			

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On Sunday, August 11, young people from All Saints received their 2013-14 scholarship awards to acknowledge their active life in the congregation and to assist them in their college education. Students receiving scholarships included Adamma Ariguzo, Eric Bettinger, Connor Bozick, Matthew Braun, Meghan Chaney, Jamie Schumacher, Kasey Schumacher, Uzoma Ariguzo, Scott Bettinger, and Andrew Braun. Roz Kleffman chairs the Scholarship Committee.			+	+	
From August 11-18, seven Saints were in Atlantic City working with the Atlantic City Long Term Recovery Group to address the damage wreaked on the Jersey shore by Hurricane Sandy. These faithful Saints were Chuck Arnold was the site supervisor, Dave Baine, Richard Bates, Wayne Bossler, Cecile Chapman, RoAnne Hartfield, and Pastor Gary. Gary Beecher and Liz Muller coordinated the effort.				+	
All Saints Youth gathered for a Pool Party on Saturday, August 17 at the home of Chris and Cindy Austell.	+				
An All Saints Worship and Music Planning Session, open to all, was held on Saturday, August 24. The session focused on planning for upcoming seasons of the church, as well as ways to involve youth and families more fully in the life of the church.		+			
All Saints Ministry Faire was held Sunday, August 25. The Stewardship Team sponsored the Faire, and Norma Allenbach-Schmidt provided leadership for the event. Over 25 displays were prepared by ministry leaders and members who were available during the Faire for conversation.	+	+	+	+	
The Prayer Shawl Ministry met on Thursday, September 5, at the home of Betty Cirone.	+			+	
On September 8, All Saints celebrated the 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ELCA by taking part in “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday, a day dedicated to serving the community. Members and friends participated in ten different community service activities scheduled throughout the day. There were activities for individuals of all ages, interests, and talents. Liz Muller coordinated the event for the congregation. A Commission for Doing God’s Work with Our Hands was offered during each worship service (sending) and the day ended with a 5:00 gathering for informal worship, a light meal and sharing		+		+	

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Riley Lewandowski was received into God's Holy and Eternal Kingdom through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on August 25. Riley is the son of Eugene Lewandowski and grandson of Cheryl Hollar.		+			
A Sunday School Planning meeting was held on Sunday, August 25, at the home of Kim Watson. All were invited to share thoughts, inspiration, and fellowship regarding children's Sunday School experiences.	+		+	+	
On September 1, the Adult Faith Formation Track 1 class began study of <i>The Greatest Story: Paul</i> from the Augsburg Fortress Book of Faith. Sven Allenbach-Schmidt facilitated the class.			+		
The 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feast was held at All Saints on Saturday, September 7. The Ale Saints, led by Jim Sichelman and John Summerlot, coordinated the event.	+				
The Youth Group of All Saints gathered supplies for and assembled Lutheran World Relief School Kits as part of the "God's Work, Our Hands" Day of Service on September 8.				+	
Throughout July and August, All Saints supported the children of Bowie Food Pantry clients by donating a variety of school supplies. The Saints continued their support of the Pantry through donations of food, funds, and service.					
Tuesday morning Bible Study sessions reconvened on September 10. The Group is studying <i>Ecclesiastes</i> .			+		
The All Saints Women's Book Group met on September 14 at the home of Louise Waynant to discuss <i>Flight Behavior</i> by Barbara Kingsolver. Liz Muller led the discussion.	+				
Family Faith Formation Hour began on September 15. The experience is for children of ages 3 through grade 12, their parents, and other family and friends. The hour begins in the sanctuary with singing and storytelling, followed by class sessions. High school students will use <i>Animate Bible</i> , Middle School Youth will use <i>Connect: Quirky Teens Bible Themes</i> , students in Grades 1-5 will use <i>Spark: Activate Faith</i> , and Pre k-K students will use <i>Spark</i> materials.		+	+		
The Saints were well represented at the Navy vs. Delaware Football Game on September 14. Ken Bozick coordinated the group's participation.	+				
Installation of Sunday School teachers occurred on September 15 during both worship services.		+	+		
On Sunday, September 15, a warm observance of Farewell and Godspeed was offered to members Gib and Judy Devey who are moving to Virginia.		+			

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A “thank you luncheon” and training session for everyone who has assisted in any capacity with leading Sunday morning worship and for those who want to learn more about helping on Sundays was held on September 22. Approximately 30 individuals shared in the meal and break out discussion groups. Nancy-Pat Weaver provided leadership for the activities.		+			
Beginning September 25 the Stewardship Team initiated a series of Track 2 Adult Faith Formation classes, basing the discussion on the book <i>Generosity</i> , by Gordon MacDonald.			+		
The Saints offered special thanks to Larry Floor for facilitating the coordination of the replacement of the heating/air conditioning system.					+
A task group is exploring possible upgrades to sound system and audio/visual capabilities that would enhance all aspects of All Saints’ mission.					+
By the sacrament of holy baptism, the Saints welcomed Grant Levi Johnson, son of Rachel and Stephen Johnson, into the Lord’s family on Sunday, September 29.		+			
Consecration Sunday devotional booklets containing 21 devotions prepared by members of All Saints were sent to the congregation. A series of Consecration Sunday Temple Talks began on September 29. Louise Waynant, Matt Bitter, and John Summerlot offered the Temple Talks.		+			
The Saints participated in the community Crop Walk to end world hunger held on October 6, 2013.				+	
The All Saints Women’s Book Group met on October 12 at the home of Louise Waynant to discuss <i>Wish You Well</i> , by David Baldacci. Sharron Sample led the discussion.	+				
Pastor Shawn Brandon was the speaker for the Consecration Leaders Dinner event held on October 13. His presentation focused on the theme of Consecration Sunday.	+	+			
Consecration Sunday was held on October 20. Pastor Shawn Brandon offered the sermon. A Celebration Luncheon catered by Chris Greenawalt followed the 11:00 worship service. As of November 7, 78 families made financial commitments to support the mission and ministries of All Saints, with a total amount of \$335,352 pledged.	+	+	+	+	+
A Youth Wreath Fundraiser was held at All Saints between October 20 and November 10, with delivery between December 2 and December 7. Kim Watson and Allyson Jacobson coordinated the event for the youth.				+	

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Holy Communion instruction was offered by Pastor Gary on October 20, 27, and November 13.		+	+		
Oktoberfest was celebrated at All Saints on Saturday, November 3. The event was coordinated by John Summerlot. Chris Greenawalt, catered an all-you-can-eat Oktoberfest feast, and live music added to the festivities.	+				
An All Saints Worship and Music Planning Session, open to all, was held Sunday, October 13, following the 11:00 worship service. The session included discussion of Advent/Christmas plans and Lent/Holy Week plans.		+			
The October 15 Prayer Shawl meeting was held at the home of Dot Christon.	+			+	
A revised member directory was published for the Saints in October. Jean Reams coordinated the revision.					+
Roz Kleffman provided coordination and photographic expertise for the creation of an All Saints Photo Directory.	+				+
The All Saints Women's Book Group met on Saturday, November 9, at the home of Norma-Allenbach-Schmidt to discuss <i>And the Mountains Echoed</i> , by Khaled Hosseini.	+				
Sunday worship on November 10 included a celebration of Martin Luther's birthday 530 years ago, and featured music and reflections in his honor. All Saints children offered two special songs that involved enthusiastic participation from the congregation. Veterans in the All Saints congregation were recognized during this service.		+			
The Senior Saints met for lunch at the Comfort Inn on November 14. Martha Floor coordinated the event.	+				
Riley Lewandowski completed instruction in Holy Communion and received communion for the first time on November 17. Riley is the son of Eugene Lewandowski and grandson of Cheryl Hollar.		+			
The All Saints Prayer Shawl Ministry met at the home of Dottie Hall on Thursday, November 21.	+			+	
The Saints contributed warm coats to the annual winter Coat Drive coordinated for All Saints by Deborah Rice. Coats will be donated to the Miracle of Love and the Community Ministry of Prince George's County for distribution throughout Prince George's County.				+	
All Saints has joined Community Crisis Services (CCSI) in visiting campsites in the county where homeless persons reside to provide them needed supplies. Donations of blankets and sleeping bags are being collected. Liz Muller coordinates this ministry.				+	

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The Saints donated warm socks for men, women, and youth for the All Saints Sock Drawer during November.				+	
A memorial service for Joan DeHenzel, beloved member of All Saints, was held on Tuesday, November 26. Pastor Gary led preached and presided at the service.		+			
All Saints continued its commitment to the Warm Nights program sponsored by CCSI by hosting 25 guests during the week of November 17-24. The congregation provided food, shelter, and companionship, as well as much time in preparation for this outreach ministry. Linda Baine, JoAnn Lohsen, and Liz Muller coordinated the event for All Saints, with Karen Lee Banks assisting as Breakfast Coordinator.				+	
Holden Evening Prayer was featured at Thanksgiving Worship held at All Saints on November 27. The offering was given to the Bowie Food Pantry.		+		+	
All Saints participated in the “Pacific Typhoon Response” to assist in responding to the urgent needs of residents of the Philippines impacted by Super Typhoon Haiyan. The effort is coordinated by the Lutheran Disaster Response of the ELCA.				+	
Gifts of Hope returned to All Saints on Sunday, December 1. The Gifts of Hope program enables churches throughout our synod to assist those in need by buying Christmas gifts that support local social ministry organizations, Lutheran camps, and our synod’s companion synods abroad. 230 gifts totaling more than \$8000 were received Louise Waynant coordinates this ministry for All Saints.				+	
The All Saints Youth group hosted a Christmas Cookie Fundraiser on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8. The Saturday event included babysitting and gift wrapping, and received free will donations. Over \$800 was raised to assist with the youth mission trip to El Salvador planned for 2014.				+	
All Saints welcomed 10 new members to the congregation on Sunday, December 8. They are Eric Davis, Beth Davis, Joe Fezie, June Fezie, Edith Fezie, Steve Ours, Laura Ours, (and baby Marian Ours), Mark Steiner, Melissa Steiner, and Donna Wilson. A reception to greet new members was held after each worship service.	+	+			
The Annual holiday book group gathering for men, women, and youth was held on December 14 at the home of Louise Waynant and Rick Bates. Maria Arnold led the discussion of <i>A Sand County Almanac and Sketches Here and There</i> by Also Leopold.					

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The DC area LINC news-Lutheran Social Services is creating a single clearinghouse for social outreach that will include regional human-services nonprofits and faith-based organizations. All Saints will be a pilot congregation to put its programs into the database. This effort will support both synod purposes and the evangelism and service ministries of ASLC.	+			+	+
With approval from the Congregation Council, the All Saints Youth Group will lead the congregation into relationship with the church in El Salvador. A youth mission trip to El Salvador is planned during the first full week of August, 2014. The trip will be open for anyone in the congregation to participate. The Youth Group will coordinate with Enlace, an organization that arranges mission trips to El Salvador. All Saints will be establishing a three-year partnership with a congregation in El Salvador as part of the project.	+	+	+	+	
The Congregation Council continues its leadership in planning for needed updates to the building to enable the Saints to host a Day Care Program. These updates include ordering new doors as needed, installing new locks, electrical work in the kitchen, and a contract signed for sprinklers. These updates will benefit the congregation as well as supporting the Day Care Program					+
The Congregation Council accepted the recommendation of the Sacred Garden Columbarium Task Group for additions to the Congregation's Constitution and By Laws regarding the management and maintenance of the Sacred Garden and Columbarium. The congregation will approve those additions during the 2014 Annual Meeting and ratify them during the 2015 Annual Meeting.					+
The Children's Christmas program was held on December 15 in the sanctuary. Over 35 children participated in telling the Christmas story in <i>A Super Hero Christmas</i> . The congregation joined in singing traditional carols. Rob and Kim Watson coordinated the program, and appreciation is extended to the many adults who helped to make the event a joyful one.	+	+			
The Prayer Shawl Ministry met Thursday, December 19 at the home of Jan Withers.	+			+	
All Saints participated in the Bowie Food Pantry's collection of unwrapped Christmas gifts for children of the Pantry's client families.				+	

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All Saints Christmas Eve worship services were held at 4 pm, 6 pm, and 9 pm. The emphasis for the 4 pm service was young children and families. A festival celebration with instruments and special music was offered at 6pm. The 9:00 pm service provided a time for personal preparation for the coming of Jesus. Candles, carols, and communion were offered at each service. Worship attendance was 231.		+			
Through purchase of textile crafts on December 22, the Saints participated in an initiative by the American Palestinian Women's Association based in Washington DC to provide housing for patients at the Lutheran World Federation Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem.				+	
Rev. Russell Fink led worship and presided during Holy Communion at the "Lesson and Carols" worship services on December 29.		+			
Upgrades for the building include locks installed on fire doors, "Do Not Block" signs, and a new outlet installed for the kitchen freezer.					+
The Congregation Council has approved a proposal for the All Saints sign to be purchased from the J. M. Stewart Corporation of Sarasota, Florida. A power line and a data line will be run underground, and the sign will be programmed via computer.					+
Good News! Pastor Gloria Cline-Smythe has successfully completed her internship at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church in Lanham. Pastor Gloria received approval by both the Seminary and Synod. An installation service will be held at Good Samaritan early in 2014. All Saints own Pastor Gary was her internship supervisor, Pastor Gloria has participated in the life of All Saints through Bible Study and Consecration Sunday events in 2012.		+	+	+	+