

Ministries that Enable Us to Fulfill the Mission of All Saints Lutheran Church May 20, 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. The 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, as well as prayers of thanksgiving.				+	
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.		+			
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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.	+			+	
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 second annual Richard Felix Lamroux Memorial Bowling Fundraiser sponsored by the Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council was held on February 24, with all proceeds going to the Bowie Food Pantry.	+			+	
The Senior Saints gathered for a tour of the College Park Aviation Museum of February 28, with lunch at Sir Walter Raleigh Inn.	+				
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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.	+	+	+	+	
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 2013 Planning Calendar for Committees has been prepared.					+
The Constitution and Bylaws have been updated, and can be accessed through the All Saints website.					+
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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, Stever 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.		+			
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.		+			
Nicole Ruby Johnson was received into God's Holy and Eternal Kingdom through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 7. Her parents are Shannon and Kevin Johnson.		+			
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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.	+				
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 three months of Pastor Gary's 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.		+			
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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 th 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 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.	+				
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.		+			
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As a way to share in Pastor Gary’s sabbatical experience, throughout his sabbatical the Sabbatical Team is preparing daily meditations that are sent to the congregation each week. Additionally, a sabbatical prayer has been created by the team to be used each Sunday as well as through the week.		+			
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.	+			+	
Throughout May, June, and July, the Saints are encouraged to post thoughts, reflections, or notes about sabbatical experiences on the space provided in the narthex, or drop comments in the “Sabbatical Mail Box” outside of Pastor’s office. These experiences/notes will be shared with Pastor Gary during his welcome back celebration on August 11.	+	+	+	+	+
All Saints has announced plans to participate in the rebuilding of the New Jersey Shore ravaged by Storm Sandy by supporting the efforts of Atlantic City Long Term Recovery Group. Gary Beecher and Liz Muller are organizing the participation of All Saints which will take place August 11-17.				+	

Anticipated Events

- Overnight Camping on the North Property – May 24
- Arts Program Presentation of the Schubert Singers – May 31
- Women’s Book Group – June 11
- Prayer Shawl Ministry – June 13
- Youth Spring Yard Sale – June 22
- Teen Youth Mission Trip to Portland Maine on July 21-26
- 2013 Ministry Faire – August 25
- The Saints attend Navy vs. Delaware Football Game – September 14

