

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

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

The chart below summarizes examples of actions and activities that help All Saints fulfill our mission. These actions and activities have been initiated or completed in 2013, or are ongoing.

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Family Faith Formation for children ages 3 through grade 12 and their parents begins each Sunday in the sanctuary with singing, story-telling, and a financial offering. Following the opening activities, students gather in groups for study and activities planned for elementary, middle, and high school learners.			+		
The Adult Class, Track 1, began a study of the Book of Faith: Jeremiah/Lamentations on January 5. The study is facilitated by Sven Allenbach-Schmidt.			+		
All Saints Youth met on Sunday, January 5, at 12:15 to plan activities for the new year.	+		+	+	
The All Saints Women’s Book Group met on January 11 at the home of Sig Beecher to discuss the book <i>Someone</i> by Alice McDermott. Following a pot-luck breakfast, Norma Allenbach-Schmidt led the discussion.	+				
<i>Glory, Power, Majesty, Yours</i> was the theme of the Baltimore Quake Youth Encounter, an event for Middle School Youth. Seven youth from All Saints attended the January 10-12 weekend event with Alyson Jacobson and Pastor Gary as mentors and guides.	+	+	+	+	
The Rev. Richard Reichard, ELCA pastor and retired Executive Director of the National Lutheran Home, lead worship, preached, and presided at Holy Communion on Sunday, January 12, while Pastor Gary went with All Saints youth to the Baltimore Quake Youth Retreat.		+			
The Tuesday morning Adult Bible Study group concluded their study of Ecclesiastes on January 14. The focus of their study for the following four weeks is “Doing Church a New Way.”			+		
The Senior Saints met at noon for lunch at the Comfort Inn on January 16 for conversation and planning for 2014.	+				
Marian Rebecca Ours, daughter of Laura and Steve Ours, was received into God’s Holy and Eternal Kingdom through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 19.		+			

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At its January 8 meeting, the Congregation Council approved the motion for All Saints Lutheran Church to contribute \$600 from the Thrivent Choice Funds to Good Samaritan Lutheran Church, Lanham MD, in honor of Pastor Gloria Cline-Smythe upon her installation as a pastor in the ELCA.		+		+	
At its January 8 meeting, the Congregation Council approved the motion that Thrivent Choice funds in the amount of \$5,596 shall be used toward the All Saints benevolence commitments to the Metro DC Synod.				+	
The Prayer Shawl Ministry group met on January 23 at the home of Dot Christon.	+			+	
All Saints was represented at the re-launch of the synod's Together in Mission event, Ministry Worth Sharing, held at the Virginia Theological Seminary on January 25. Speakers presented ideas about how to better follow Jesus in the 21 st century.	+	+	+	+	
Dottie Hall and Nancy-Pat Weaver offered an inspiring Temple Talk describing the mission and outreach of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, and displayed some of the beautiful blankets and shawls created by the group members.		+		+	
On January 26, 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 2 included 662 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 26. The auction raised \$1161. The funds will assist with the costs of youth activities, including the 2014 mission trip to El Salvador.	+			+	
The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held on January 26. The congregation gathered for lunch prepared by Chris Greenawalt and Wayne Bossler. Inspiring remarks by Pastor Gary and Council President Mike Clark followed a celebration of the ministry activities of 2013. The congregation elected four new council members, a treasurer and financial secretary, four Nominating Committee members, two members of the Mission Endowment Fund Committee, and two representatives for the Metro DC Synod Assembly. Additions to the Constitution of ASLC also were approved. The amended 2014 Spending Plan was approved. Special thanks were extended to Jean Reams for assembling the outstanding report booklet	+	+	+	+	+
All Saints has joined Community Crisis Services (CCSI) in visiting campsites in the county where homeless persons reside to provide them needed supplies. The Saints are offering donations of new or clean, slightly used blankets and sleeping bags to assist these individuals. Liz Muller coordinates this ministry.				+	

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A “Blankets of Hope Marathon” coordinated by Deborah Rice and the Serve Team was held at All Saints on Saturday, February 1. Over 50 blankets were made by participants of all ages. The blankets were created to provide hope and comfort to wounded heroes in Combat Support Hospitals in the Middle East, major medical facilities in Germany and around the world as well as some military hospitals in the United States.	+			+	
All Saints continues updating its website, which has become an important evangelism tool. Fred Wentland coordinates this ministry.	+			+	
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.		+		+	
All Saints is participating in the “10,000 Trees” project that will involve a native tree planting on the All Saints campus in the spring. A team from All Saints, led by Maria Arnold, met with experts from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay on Saturday, February 1, to make plans for the planting. All Saints will receive free trees and an educational workshop in return for planting and maintenance.					+
On Sunday, February 2, Josh Sichelman provided an instrumental selection for the Offertory for the 11:00 service at All Saints		+			
The Saints enjoyed a Small Bites Potluck on February 2 following the 11:00 service. This was the first of a series of monthly themed potluck lunches coordinated by the Fellowship Team.	+				
The Worship and Music Ministry Team met on Saturday morning, February 8, to begin planning for the season of Lent and Holy Week. The team also discussed next steps regarding the sound system upgrade. All who are interested in learning more about, sharing ideas for, and/or enhancing ASLC worship experiences are encouraged to attend these planning sessions.		+			
<i>Green Fire</i> returned to All Saints on Saturday, February 8, with 34 Saints participating. Following a pot luck meal and viewing the documentary film, <i>Green Fire</i> , Maria Arnold and Walter Knausenberger led a thoughtful discussion of important environmental issues. All Saints Youth and their adult sponsors, Cindy Austell and Alyson Jacobson, offered a film and led a discussion about the 2014 Youth Mission trip to El Salvador. The free will offering of \$200 will enable the youth to provide the first of ten environmentally safe stoves for the citizens in the El Salvadorian village they will visit.	+		+	+	

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On Sunday, February 9, Nathan Braun provided an instrumental selection for the Offertory for the 11:00 service at All Saints		+			
The Teen Youth went on a snow tubing outing at Ski Liberty Mountain Resort on February 9.	+				
All Saints was well represented at the installation of Rev. Gloria Cline-Smythe as Redevelopment Pastor of Good Samaritan Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 9. Pastor Wendy Deeban, Dean of the Maryland Conference, officiated, and Bishop Richard Graham preached. Pastor Gary served as Rev. Cline-Smythe's advisor during her 18 month internship.		+			
The Senior Saints toured Riverdale House Museum on February 20. Lunch followed the interesting and informative visit.	+				
The Prayer Shawl ministry met on February 20 at the home of Jane Hilt.	+			+	
February has been set aside as a month of reflection to consider how we might offer ourselves, our time, and our talent in response to God's love for us. We offer ourselves to God and what we offer is consecrated, or made holy, by God. The offering took a tangible form and was consecrated during the worship services on February 23.	+	+	+	+	+
All Saints is participating 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.				+	
The third annual Richard Felix Lamrouex Memorial Bowling Fundraiser sponsored by the Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council happened on February 23. \$3500 will be given to the Bowie Food Pantry. Jim Sichelman coordinates this service opportunity for All Saints.	+			+	
At the February meeting of the Congregation Council, the Council approved the motion that All Saints investigate the needs and resources related to an off-site service ministry in central Prince George's County, with the intent of identifying, by the annual meeting in 2015, a ministry to support or a ministry to begin.				+	
All Saints will join with other churches in the Metro DC synod in a synod-wide initiative to update membership rolls and make appropriate statistical adjustments to obtain a realistic figure from which to start to build growth to meet the 5% annual synod target.					+
The Saints responded to an appeal from Bishop Graham to make a donation to assist the residents of West Virginia whose lives will continue to be affected by the chemical pollution of their water supply in January. Donations were forwarded to our neighboring synod with permission to spend it as the synod finds most helpful.				+	

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A gala Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction to benefit All Saints Youth Group's Mission Trip to El Salvador was held on Saturday, March 1. The event included Happy Hour by the Ale Saints, a Lou-zee-anna Buffet, a youth jazz band, a Silent Auction, and a Youth Service Auction. Tom Beers did an excellent job as auctioneer. This year's King was John Summerlot and the Queen was Mrs. Beers, Tom's mother who recently celebrated her 100 th birthday. The Youth raised \$7735 from the auction and donations.	+			+	
The Saints enjoyed a Pie Day Potluck on March 2 following the 11:00 service. This was the second of a series of monthly themed potluck lunches coordinated by the Fellowship Team.	+				
Ash Wednesday services were held at All Saints at noon and 7:30 pm on March 5, Joshua Sichelman prepared the ashes for worship.		+			
The ASLC Women's Book Group met on Saturday, March 8, at the home of Ruth Ann Killion to discuss <i>The Invention of Wings</i> by Sue Monk Kidd. Louise Waynant led the discussion.	+				
All Saints participated in the initiation of the Elijah's Bowl Project held at Grace Lutheran Church on March 8. Liz Muller coordinated this participation for the Saints.				+	
The Adult Class, Track 1, began a study of <i>Blessed Are You: The Beatitudes of Jesus in Scripture and Life</i> , on March 9. The study was facilitated by Sven Allenbach-Schmidt.			+		
On March 7, nine high school youth traveled with Pastor Gary, Matt Bitter, and Cindy Austell to attend Youth Encounter's Virginia Beach Zone, a weekend youth event that makes faith come alive through workshops and worship	+	+	+	+	
On March 13, All Saints supplied dinner for Warm Nights guests staying at Village Baptist Church in Bowie.				+	
<i>Restored in Christ</i> was the theme of the five Lent Wednesday services All Saints shared with Grace Lutheran Church. Each evening began with soup supper and conversation, with worship following in the sanctuary. All Saints hosted services on March 12, 26, and April 9. Grace hosted services on March 19 and April 2.		+			
A new door was installed in the nursery by Gary Beecher and Chuck Arnold. It allows another exit from the nursery. Additionally, new closet doors have been installed in the Fellowship Hall.					+
The Saints joined with the family of Karen White, daughter of Skip and Merle Thomas, and mother of Ashley, Chad, and Caitlin to celebrate Karen's life at a memorial service held at All Saints on April 4.		+			

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The All Saints Arts Program presented the Chesapeake Choral Chamber Singers in a special Lenten concert on April 5.	+			+	
The Saints enjoyed a <i>Foods to Dip</i> Potluck on April 6 following the 11:00 service. This was the third of a series of monthly themed potluck lunches coordinated by the Fellowship Team.	+				
All Saints youth sponsored a car wash following 11:00 worship at All Saints on April 6. Funds from a good will offering will be used to help support the youth mission trip to El Salvador.				+	
<i>Tools for a Healthy Group Life</i> was the theme of the All Saints Leadership Retreat held on Saturday, April 12, at CCPC in Bowie.	+	+	+	+	+
All Saints expanded its ministry with Shepherd's Cove to include day-to-day items needed by families at the Cove.				+	
Creation of beautiful Easter Baskets for children in need was coordinated by Bev and Steve Roberts. Basket assembly of items donated by the Saints occurred on April 12.				+	
Palm Sunday worship at both services on April 13 included joyful singing and distribution of palms by the children of All Saints. The services concluded with a narrative reading of the Passion Story.		+			
Maundy Thursday services were held at All Saints at noon and 7:30 pm. Services included foot washing and stripping of the altar.		+			
Good Friday Tenebrae services were held at All Saints at noon and 7:30 pm. Services included reading the seven words of the cross.		+			
Easter Sunday services at All Saints on April 20 were joyful experiences. Special music included anthems by the choir, piano and organ music by Hyojin Ahn, trumpet music by guest musician Tess Coffey, and music by the Brass Ensemble of Chibueze Ariguzo, Uzoma Ariguzo, Tim Bensch, and Nathan Braun.		+			
A special Easter Breakfast was provided for the Saints and visitors between services on April 20. The Annual Easter Egg hunt for the children of All Saints was led by All Saints youth.	+				
Special thanks were given to Dave Baine, Eric Davis, Walter Knausenberger, Larry Floor, Steve Roberts, Karen Stockinger, and Rhonda Stockinger for their yard work preparing the church grounds for Easter.					+
Activities and events for All Saints 10,000 Trees project include an Environmental Education Workshop held on April 6, a Spiritual Theological Workshop scheduled for Sunday, April 27, and a Planting Day occurring on May 3.	+		+	+	
The Serve Team coordinated the annual Christmas in April event that was held on April 26. The Saints were assigned a home in Upper Marlboro. Chuck Arnold coordinated this event for the Saints.				+	

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The Adult Faith Formation Track 1 began a new study, “Book of Faith: God’s Own People: Studies in I Peter” on April 27. Sven Allenbach-Schmidt coordinated the study.			+		
May was Scholarship Month at All Saints. Applications for students were made available, and temple talks were offered. Donations and prayers of the congregation were requested.			+		
The theme for the May 4 potluck lunch event was “Food with a Story.” The Saints shared foods and the story behind the recipes.	+				
The Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council (BIRC) annual golf fundraiser was held on Monday, April 28, at the Bowie Golf and Country Club. Jim Sichelman coordinates participation in this event for All Saints.				+	
A mortgage retirement celebration occurred during both services on Sunday, May 4, along with a celebration lunch following the 11:00 service. The mortgage on the North Property was successfully retired in January.		+			
The ASLC Women’s Book Group met on May 9 at the home of Susan Beers to discuss <i>Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand</i> by Helen Simonson. Liz Muller led the discussion.	+				
World Malaria Day, April 25, offered the Saints a special opportunity to participate in offering contributions for the ELCA Malaria Campaign.				+	
The Youth Group held a fundraiser on May 11, selling hanging flower baskets for Mother’s Day. The fundraiser netted \$510 to help support the youth mission trip to El Salvador.				+	
The second annual All Saints Yard Sale, Burger Burn, and Car Wash was held on Saturday, May 17. The event was a fundraiser for the youth mission trip to El Salvador.	+			+	
The Rev. Michael Lohmann led worship, preached, and presided at Holy Communion on Sunday, May 11 when Pastor Gary and Connie visited family on the west coast.		+			
The All Saints Softball team participated in the 2014 season’s games.	+				
The Worship and Music Ministry Team met on Tuesday, May 20, to review Lent and Easter season worship events, and make plans for the season of Pentecost.		+			
The Saints participated in a Bowie Baysox fundraiser in support of the Youth mission to El Salvador. The game was held on June 13.	+			+	
The Senior Saints sponsored a tour of the Prince George’s County Materials Recycling Center on May 22.	+				
Special thanks were extended to the 17 Saints who planted 40 trees on the church property as part of the 10,000 trees project sponsored by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake.	+			+	

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The ASLC Women’s Book Group met on June 11 at the home of Norma Allenbach-Schmidt to discuss <i>Murder as a Fine Art</i> by David Morrell. Karen Lee Banks led the discussion.	+				
Sunday School classes for children and youth ended for Summer break on May 18. Special thanks were offered to the many volunteers who helped to make the 2013-2014 program a success, along with the parents who nourished their children’s faith formation.			+		
The Sunday School offering for 2013-2014 was designated to purchase mosquito nets as part of the ELCA Malaria Campaign. \$1125 was offered during the year, enabling a purchase of 112 mosquito nets. Additionally, the Sunday School staff and volunteers donated another 16 nets. A total of 128 people will be protected from malaria while they sleep as a result of these gifts.			+	+	
Congratulations were extended to ASLC graduates Chibueze Ariguzo and Elizabeth Jacobson. A complete listing of graduates, including those whose families are members of All Saints, was published in the June <i>Grapevine</i> .			+		
Members of All Saints support Operation Kid Comfort that provides support to children of military families whose parents are deployed and Quilts of Valor that supports combat veterans who have been injured or affected by their service. Sharron Sample coordinates All Saints participation in these service activities.				+	
The theme for the June 1 potluck lunch event was “Hoagies, Grinders, and Subs.	+				
Worship for Pentecost Sunday, June 8, included a “speaking in tongues” component and display of colored streamers representing the coming of the Holy Spirit. The combined choirs sang at both services.		+			
Chairs in the sanctuary were rearranged in a communal style for the season of Pentecost to emphasize the underlying theme of Pentecost, which is the growth of the church and relationships among people.		+			
The Adult Faith Formation Track 1 began 13 week study “The People of God Set Priorities” in June. The study focused on Haggai and 1 and 2 Corinthians. Sven Allenbach-Schmidt coordinates the study.			+		
Dedication of the ASLC electronic sign along Route 301 occurred on Sunday, June 15. Fred Wentland shared an inspiring reflection about planning for and installing the sign. Special thanks were extended to all who have helped with installing the sign, along with all who contributed to the purchase of the sign.	+	+	+	+	+
The Senior Saints visited the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on June 19. The tour was followed by lunch in Annapolis.	+				

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Members of All Saints accompany CCSI every two weeks on "scouting" trips to locate and visit campsites that homeless persons have established in Prince George's County. The ministry aims to gain a better sense of the number and needs of the homeless in this county and to develop an ongoing relationship with the homeless community so that we can gain their trust and more effectively serve them. Liz Muller coordinates this ministry for ASLC.				+	
The theme for the July 6 potluck lunch event was "Iron Chef Berries" as celebration of summer with favorite berry recipes.	+				
The first meeting of the ASLC Cancer Support Group was held on July 12. The group will meet monthly. Diane Cvitko coordinates this ministry.	+				
The Prayer Shawl ministry met at the home of Sig Beecher on July 15.	+			+	
Thirteen youth and seven adults from ASLC left for El Salvador on July 19 to begin a nine day mission trip that included installation of 21 Eco-stoves. That is more than double the goal to which the group had committed. The Saints were able to follow the travels and experiences of the travelers through the ASLC Facebook page.	+	+	+	+	+
While Pastor Gary was with the youth on the mission trip to El Salvador, worship services were led by the Rev. Barry Maberry on July 20 and the Rev. Michael Lohmann on July 27.		+			
The theme for the August 3 potluck lunch event was "Chili Cook Off" and featured all types of chili recipes.	+				
A baby shower was held for Hyojin and Kevin on Sunday, August 10, following the 11:00 worship service. The gala event included a light lunch and the sharing of gifts, wisdom, and laughter.	+				
All Saints scholarships were presented to 11 students on Sunday, August 10. Those receiving scholarships this year were: Adamma Ariguzo, Chibueze Ariguzo, Uzoma Ariguzo, Eric Bettinger, Scott Bettinger, Connor Bozick, Andrew Braun, Matt Braun, Shannon Chaney, Kasey Schumacher, and Elizabeth Jacobson who received the Wanda McNeil Scholarship. Each student received \$500.			+		
The Rev. Shannon Anderson led worship, preached, and presided at Holy Communion on Sunday, May 11. Pastor Gary and Connie visited family on the west coast		+			
The Prayer Shawl ministry met at the home of Dottie Hall July 19.	+			+	
<i>Be Doers of the Word</i> was the theme for the 2014 ASLC Ministry Fair held on Sunday, August 24. The Fair featured over 20 diverse ministries through exhibits prepared by ministry team members. The Fair offered a warm and friendly way for participants to learn how we serve both internally and externally and how each of us is called to take part. Norma Allenbach-Schmidt, Fred Wentland, and Rob Watson coordinated the event.	+	+	+	+	+

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The El Salvador mission travelers provided a presentation during both worship services on August 24. Each traveler offered a personal reflection and the group led the congregation in songs shared during the celebration/dedication worship service with our partner congregation in El Salvador.	+	+	+	+	+
Throughout the summer, the Saints took turns watering the 40 new young trees that were planted on May 3, and will continue that support in subsequent months.					+
The Saints have faithfully taken turns mowing the lawn each week in the late spring and summer months.					+
Throughout the summer months, worship was enhanced by special vocal and instrumental music provided by individuals and small groups.		+			
The Congregation Council approved new Building Usage Guidelines and Policies and Procedures at the August meeting of the Council.					+
Estimate of Giving mailings sent during the summer months resulted in improved contributions.					+

Upcoming Events and Actions

Choir rehearsal resumes: September 4
Crab Feast sponsored by the Ale Saints: September 6
Themed Potluck meal- Meals Under \$1.80 per serving: September 7
God's Work, Our Hands: September 7
Prayer Shawl Ministry: September 9
Worship and Music Ministry Team meets for planning: September 10
Elijah's Bowl (ASLC provides lunch): September 13
ASLC Book Group: September 13
Fall Sunday School Year for Family Faith Formation begins on September 14 with focus on "New Ways to Share God's Love"
Holy Communion Instruction begins: September 21-October 12
Crop Walk, October 5
Navy Football gathering: October 11
Annual Wreath Fundraiser to support Youth attending the 2015 Youth Gathering in Detroit: October