

**Ministries that Enable Us to Fulfill the Mission of All Saints Lutheran Church**  
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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 <sup>st</sup> 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 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 26. The auction raised \$1161. The funds will assist with the costs of youth activities, including the 2015 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 2015 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.		+			
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 will take a tangible form and be consecrated during the worship services on <b>February 23</b> .	+	+	+	+	+
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 is scheduled for February 23, with all proceeds going to the Bowie Food Pantry. Jim Sichelman coordinates this service opportunity for All Saints.	+			+	
<b>The Saints are responding to a recent 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 will be forwarded to our neighboring synod with permission to spend it as the synod sees fit to be most helpful in the situation.</b>				+	

### **Anticipated Events in February and March**

- Senior Saints Field Trip, February 20
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, February 20
- Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction, March 1
- Pie Day Themed Potluck, March 2
- Women's Book Group, March 8
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for Youth Mission Trip to El Salvador, March 4
- Ash Wednesday, March 5
- Lent Wednesdays with Grace Lutheran

