



# The Grapevine

## All Saints Lutheran Church ELCA

### March 2008



*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.*

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Sunday Worship @ 8:30 & 11:00  
 9:45 Education Hour

**March**

3/1 - 9:00 am  
*All Saints Evangelism Summit*

2/4 - 7:00 pm  
*Ministry Planning Night*

3/5 - 6:30 pm Meal, 7:30 Worship  
*"Hungering for Identity" at St. Michaels*

3/8 - 8:30 am  
*Women's Book Group*

3/8 - 11:30 am  
*Men's Book Group*

3/11 - 10:00 am  
*Lutheran Women Bible Study*

3/11 - 7:00 pm  
*Congregation Council Meeting*

3/12 - 6:30 pm Meal, 7:30 Worship  
*"Hungering for Community"  
 at St. Michaels Truth Church*

3/18 - 10:30 am  
*Senior Saints - Marietta House*

3/20 - 12:00 pm and 7:30 pm  
*Maundy Thursday Worship*

3/21 - 12:00 pm and 7:30 pm  
*Good Friday Worship*

3/22 - 7:30 pm  
*Easter Vigil*

3/23 - 8:30 and 11:00 am  
*Easter Worship*

**"A Spectacular View"**

The Appalachian Trail winds through the mountains from Georgia to Maine. It is a 2160 mile "continuous marked footpath". It takes careful planning to hike the trail nonstop. Six months is the least time it can be done. Timing, starting location and daily distances need to consider the rain & cold of early spring in the north, as well as the heat & humidity of mid-summer in the south. A lifelong goal for many is to hike the Trail from start to finish.

The longest I have ever hiked on the Trail is a day-trip of 11 miles. We would drive 5 miles from our home to a parking area and do a "loop" hike. That loop is named "Dragontooth". There are wonderful vistas of valleys and distant mountains along the way on Dragontooth. It has that name because near the top very large boulders (some 15-20 feet high and at least that big in diameter) seem to grow out of the mountain in jagged rows that look like dragon's teeth.

After climbing over the "teeth" it is another half-mile to the top. The view from the top is spectacular. The marker says that it's possible to see 55 miles in one direction.

Halfway through Lent I am reminded of climbing Dragontooth. The destination is worth the effort, but it is a long hike, and there are obstacles to climb over, or go around, along the way. I pray that the journey you began on Ash Wednesday has provided some vistas along the way. May you have the strength and determination to keep going, even when there are boulders.

Before the spectacular celebration of Resurrection we will wave Palms for the King. Then begins the Holy Week. It will culminate this year in The THREE DAYS. Yes, *three* days of preparation immediately before Easter. All 3 days are connected in ONE worship service. Maundy Thursday, when we remember Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and his last meal is the first part. Good Friday is the second part of our worship, when we face the Darkness of Jesus' death.

The Easter Vigil on Saturday is the final part of our worship to prepare us for Easter. It will include readings across the entire Bible, a return of the light that was removed the night before, a reminder of our Baptism into the death and life of Jesus, and special music. Yes, this is the first time the *Triduum* (three days) will be celebrated at All Saints Church. Yes, I encourage you to conclude your Lent "hike" with all 3 parts of this special worship.

The view from the top of Dragontooth can be experienced only by going the full distance. The full impact of Easter can only be known by going the full distance.

Pastor Gary



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Phillip Woodruff 301-868-9383

*Capital Improvement Committee*

TBD

Please keep the council members in your prayers and join them in the mission and ministries of All Saints. You may call them to serve on their teams, or come to the planning night for **all** ministries. The next Ministry Planning night is March 4 at 7:00 pm. The next Congregation Council Meeting is March 11 at 7:00 pm (note these are both Tuesday meetings because of Lent Wednesday Worship).

## Filling Post-Holes or People?

I particularly enjoyed Pastor's recent sermon story about erecting a fence. Perhaps I identified with the challenge of securing posts as a necessary first step in the project at hand. Within the context of All Saints, the fence posts were the ministry team and standing committee leadership positions that stood vacant as the 2008 council began its work. As you observe from the leadership roster on this page, most posts are now in place, and the remaining post-holes may be filled by the time that you read this.

As with Pastor's story, the feat was accomplished with the aid of many hands and involved some "turnabouts"; in our case those were not the work of a monstrous rented digging machine but the power of the Holy Spirit directing people's gifts in a new direction. We give thanks to God for the faithful discipleship of all those who have stepped in to fill our vacancies.

Just as Pastor's fence-building project resulted in some new insights, our recent three-week focus on securing leadership positions has reminded me that our essential first step is not to secure twenty structural posts but to gather the hands of all the Saints in worship, prayer, study and service that transforms us and thrusts us in a new direction in the name of Jesus.

Nowhere is this truth more evident than in the ministry of evangelism. The call to share our stories and to enact the good news of Christ's story is not a responsibility we can delegate to a ministry team or its leader. While the convenience of fences has rendered shepherding obsolete in much of the world, it is still the essential component of discipleship. If our primary focus becomes maintaining our institutional fence—filling leadership post-holes, mending gaps in the mesh of procedures and policies—we obscure the shepherding responsibility, the greater field work to which all of us have been called. As Christ has sought, fed and saved us, so we are sent to gather and feed others.

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd." (*John 10: 16*) "Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son." (*Acts 20:28*)



## February Council Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order by council president Liz Muller with a warm welcome to both new and returning council members. The meeting was opened by Pastor with prayer. Two council members graciously shared their personal faith-journey stories. All present appreciate their sincere, thoughtful and, yes, entertaining accounts, bringing us closer together as we reflect on the similarities and differences of our own faith-journey experiences.

The business agenda opened with ministry team reports. On behalf of the **Gather Team**, council liaison John Summerlot announced that an Evangelism Summit is planned for the morning of Saturday, March 1. The Gather Team invites all members of the congregation to participate in open conversation about Evangelism. **Serve Team** liaison, Raymond Wood, provided a written report submitted by Serve Team leader, Jayne Lingle. Planning is in full-swing to deliver Easter baskets to Shepherd's Cove, return to Biloxi working with Project Rehab, collect food items for the Bowie Food Pantry and enlist volunteers for the annual Christmas in April project. RoAnne Hartfield reported that the **Worship and Music Team** plans to offer an Easter Vigil service at 7:30 pm on Saturday, March 22. Also, the team will purchase new choir robes this year and has organized a task force to search through countless catalogs. David Dasenbrock suggests that the old choir robes be given to the Tone Chimes. Finally, the Worship and Music Team will consider purchasing a trolley for the piano in 2008. **Learn Team** liaison, John Rees, provided a written report that highlighted three priorities for 2008 and beyond: (1) recruit more teachers at all levels, developing a three-month rotation for Sunday School teachers and holding teacher development workshops in the summer; (2) design effective utilization of space in the building and the temporary structures that reflect our values for learning; and (3) develop an multi-generational, family-based Christian Education Ministry. Doug Lingle reported that the **Support Team** skillfully repaired 67 wooden chairs on February 18! Following that, Larry Floor repaired the trolley and metal chairs on February 19.

Liz Muller announced that Mary Schoenfuhs, Mission Endowment Committee chairperson, has declared a vacancy on the committee. As this is an elected position, the seat will remain vacant until the 2009 congregational meeting elections. In the interim, Phil Woodruff will serve the committee in an advisory capacity.

Liz Muller reported, as the second order of business, that newly appointed ministry team leaders are as follows:

**Evangelism:** Kim Watson

**Budget and Finance:** Larry Floor

**Property Management (Outside):** Wayne Bossler

**Christian Education:** Dave Conrad

The fellowship, mutual ministry and capital improvements ministry team leadership positions still need to be filled.

As the third order of business, the council discussed planning for the utilization of the existing and new temporary trailer space. John Summerlot advocated for dedicated space for the youth. This will provide them with an identity as part of the congregation. The topic of space utilization will be a focus of conversation for ministry night on March 4. Also, a space utilization meeting will be scheduled with parents and youth to discuss a designated space.

The council received a proposal to form a task group to review the constitution and by-laws as the fourth order of business. The proposal mindfully states, "Any changes should reflect our priority to be a **mission**-driven rather than a **maintenance**-driven organization." The council's executive committee will provide a list of names for the constitution task group at the March council meeting.

As the final order of business, the Council accepted and approved written reports from the President, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Pastor.

The meeting closed with prayer offerings by all council members followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Wenger  
Council Secretary



## Financial Report for January 2008

January income for budget spending - \$31,694.08

Monthly income needed for budget - \$33,834.00

Budget expenses for January 2008 - \$23,695.65

Budget expenses Year-to-Date - \$23,695.65

## **Growing Our Investment in God's Future**

All Saints members received a letter in December from Pastor Gary Rhinesmith and Rev. Ray Blanset updating you about payment of the mortgage secured for the purchase of the 5-acre field north of, and adjacent to, the property where the church building is located. That letter also shared initial plans for completing the payment of the mortgage. Included in that letter was a review of the progress made with *Invest in God's Future*, the capital fund appeal to pay initial acquisition costs and receive estimates of giving for 2006 and 2007. An end-of-the year account regarding amounts pledged, offerings received, and balance remaining was presented in the Annual Report to the Congregation in January 2008.

The letter indicated that no major development of the property is planned until the mortgage is paid in full. Further, the letter explained that the All Saints Property Acquisition Group encourages continuing preliminary discussions regarding development of the property with congregation members, our neighbors in Glen Allen, and potential development partners.

We are now initiating a follow-up capital fund appeal to continue offering funds that will complete payment of the mortgage prior to the first 5-year adjustment. The theme of this appeal is *Growing Our Investment in God's Future*. Planning for this appeal is underway by The Property Acquisition Group. The *Growing Our Investment in God's Future* appeal will include small group meetings in homes and at the church building to tell you the status of the property acquisition and to explain various options you will have to contribute to the Appeal. The meetings will be scheduled at the end of April. You will receive a letter with the details of the Appeal, and they will be included in the April issue of *The Grapevine*.

Pastor Rhinesmith and Rev. Blanset concluded their December 2007 letter with a prayerful reflection about the blessings God has granted All Saints through the years. They stated, "God has made possible an expansion of our physical campus for mission and ministry. God is with us as we respond to that blessing. The history of All Saints Lutheran Church has been one of meeting challenges and taking advantage of opportunities that enhance and grow God's mission through the ministry of the congregation. Together, with God's inspiration and blessing, we can realize the doubling of the property God has given us."



### **Men's Retreat at the National Cathedral Washington, DC Saturday, April 19, 2008**

A retreat for the men of All Saints Church will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the Washington National Cathedral. We will begin our day with breakfast at 8:00 am. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 3:00 pm. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm.

Our presenter for the day will be the Reverend Miriam Nicholson. She is an ELCA pastor and a professionally gifted story teller. Pastor Rhinesmith and I had the opportunity to attend a story telling workshop given by Pastor Nicholson at Gettysburg Seminary in July 2007. We were moved and impressed by her presentation and decided we would invite her to conduct a retreat for the men of the parish.

In addition to Pastor Nicholson's 'story time' there will be free time to explore the Cathedral and the beautiful grounds that surround it. The Cathedral creates a sense of God's presence like few other places. I am sure that the day will be memorable.

The cost for the retreat is \$35. Checks can be made payable to All Saints Lutheran Church. Be sure to mark your check, "Men's Retreat." Please invite a friend to come along.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 301-262-4179 or [rblw@comcast.net](mailto:rblw@comcast.net).  
Thanks so much.

Rick Bates



**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP:** Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 9, at Sig Beecher's home. We will meet at 8:30 am to discuss *Middlesex*, by Jeffrey Eugenides. Directions to Sig's home, from All Saints: Travel south on Route 301 for about 8 miles. Merge onto MD Route 4 South toward Prince Frederick, and travel about 1.7 miles. Take the MD 408 East ramp toward Wayson's Corner/ Annapolis. Turn left onto MD 408, and travel about 1.3 miles. Turn left onto Sotterly Lane and travel about .1 miles. Turn left onto Pemberton Lane, and travel to the end. There will be a circle at the end of Pemberton Lane. Look for a mailbox with #1123. Address is 1123 Pemberton Lane, Lothian, MD 20711-2403. Telephone: 301-627-6560.

**MEN'S BOOK GROUP:** We are reading *Dune* by Frank Herbert. We will meet on Saturday, March 8, at 11:30 am in the classroom at the church building.



**The Senior Saints** will tour the Marietta House Museum on March 18. Carpools will form at the church at 10:30 am. Marietta is a Federal-style 1813 brick house, home to Gabriel Duvall, an

associate justice on the U.S. Supreme Court for 23 years. The house passed to his grandson and great-grandson so multiperiods are represented including the Federal, Civil War and Victorian eras. Marietta is also home of the headquarters of the Prince George's County Historical Society and the location of the Frederick S. DeMarr Memorial Library of County History. Our destination following the plantation tour will be T J Elliott's for lunch. Contact Martha Ploor (301-464-9309) by March 6 for reservations.

**All Saints Scholarship Program**



Attention all college and technical trade school students. Applications for the 2008 scholarships are now available on the table in the narthex or by calling the church office. Applications must be received in the Church office by April 20, 2008. **See Grapevine insert!**



**The Women's Bible Study**

The theme verse for the March Women's Bible Study is Matthew 5:8 - Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they will see God.

Please join us in fellowship hall at 10:00 am on Tuesday, March 11 for discussion considering "Pure in Heart, Rich in Vision."

Jesus comes to show us God's face. He also comes to restore our vision. Seeing is a gift not to be taken lightly.



**The All Saints Easter Bunny** is

preparing Easter baskets for the children of Shepherd's Cove. We need 50 baskets, grass, small

stuffed animals & toys, & lots of candy. (PLEASE, NO loose candy- candy must be individually wrapped). There are 2 tubs at the front doors to collect the goodies. Please, help make Easter special for these children of God. Cash contributions are also needed. Contact Marguerite Mattison or Jayne Lingle.



**THE BOWIE FOOD PANTRY**

is currently in need of canned meat, spaghetti sauce, and canned fruit. Thanks for your support of those in need!

**EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM**

(Flowers will be Easter Lilies, Tulips, Hydrangeas, Mums, Azaleas and Hyacinths)

Please complete this form and return it with payment to All Saints Lutheran Church by March 16 . Each plant is \$15.00. Flowers may be picked up after the 11:00 am service on a first come basis.

Name of donor as you wish it to appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin:

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of plants ordered \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Your designation:

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In thankfulness for \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Faith Connections

“I pray that God may grant that you be strengthened in your inner being with power through God’s Spirit as you are being rooted and grounded in love.”

*Ephesians 3:17b-18*

This month’s article is second in a series on the Four Keys: Faith Practices for Living One’s Baptism. These keys were developed by the Rev. Dr. David W. Anderson and Paul Hill in their book *Frogs without Legs Can’t Hear: Nurturing Disciples in Home and Congregation*.

The second key is Family Devotions. The concept of individual or family devotions suggest a practice that takes place generally in and through the life of the home, but our understanding of the practice also includes the congregation. For many Christians, a life devoted to God’s word is almost exclusively experienced in the congregation. It is not enough, however, to gather periodically in a public setting to receive God’s grace through Word and Sacrament ministry. The Christian life is edified by God’s word for a life of prayer, praise and thanksgiving in both home and congregation.

A devotional life is a way to practice the presence of God through the Word of God. A devotional life is more of a consciousness and way of life than a formula to accomplish a certain task. Family devotions connect the generations with faith, home and love in a world that speaks and operates on a different basis than the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If we want to grow in our understanding and devotion to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, it is vital that we read the Bible and gain ongoing insight and inspiration for daily life.

Here are some ideas that will help you learn more about how God is active through the word in your life. Choose one or more and adapt them to your situation.

Display symbols of faith in your home at a level everyone can see (e.g., pictures of Jesus, crosses, Bible quotes, etc.).

Share Bible stories that relate to ongoing activities in your life.

Purchase Christian CDs and DVDs to provide contemporary interpretations of Bible stories and concepts.

Choose age-appropriate Bibles and devotion books to ground your family faith discussions in a Bible story or verse. (*Davey and Goliath’s Devotions for Families on the*

*Go, Christ in Our Home*, devotion booklets published by ASLC, etc.)

Learn Bible verses that promote healthy behavior, such as “May the Words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord,” and post them on your refrigerator.

Immerse your family in Christian community and experience Bible truths and promises through song, study, creative arts, relaxation and recreation. (Bible camp, family retreats, Vacation Bible School, etc.)

Preview movies and TV programming through a faith lens. Question whether they will enrich your hearts or tempt you to stray from God’s way.

Weave your reflection on God’s Word with a study of the issues that confront you in your local and global community.

Have conversations about how current events affect the way you live out your call to discipleship in God’s world.

Give children the opportunity to include Bible stories in their imaginary play. (the Christmas story, Noah’s ark, Daniel in the lion’s den, Jesus calms the storm, Jesus feeding the 5,000, etc.)

As you and your older children experience life’s ups and downs, invite them to consider some of the personal conversations David had with God about challenging times in his life. They are recorded in the book of Psalms.

Reprinted from the ELCA North Carolina Synod website and ELCA Call to Discipleship bulletin insert, “Faith Practices: Study”



**METRO DC SYNOD YOUTH RETREATS: SHEMA 2008**, the Metro DC Synod Youth event for 3rd-6th graders to be held on April 20 in Burke, VA. This year’s theme is *Walking Wet* through which we will explore what it means to live as a baptized child of God. 3rd-6th grade children received their information and registration packet in Sunday School on February 24. Registration forms are **due on Sunday March 9**. Please see Debbie Ariguzo for more details.

## God's Global Barnyard

During this Lenten season, the children of All Saints Lutheran Church will be collecting change to support the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. The money will be designated to buy farm animals for people in need in Kenya. The entire congregation is invited to join in this effort. A special "Noisy Offering" will be received at both services on Sunday, March 9. Bring your change to church that day and help buy a goat, some chicks, or other barnyard animals. If you wish to make a contribution with your regular offering, please note "God's Global Barnyard" on your offering envelope to assist the tellers. We hope that through this project the children will learn that they are part of the church at large, that they can make a difference in the lives of their brothers and sisters in Christ, and that by sharing with others they will learn the joy of giving. Thank you for your support of this endeavor!

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Greenawalt at (301) 912-3026 or email [themuffinann@yahoo.com](mailto:themuffinann@yahoo.com).



## Adult Education at All Saints

On March 2, we will usher in two new Sunday morning education offerings: a thirteen-week Augsburg Bible study entitled "God, the People and the Covenant" and a five-week adult forum, "Christians and Trade Justice." We invite you to join us at 9:45 each Sunday for this opportunity to learn and to grow in faith and fellowship.

### **Augsburg Study**

The Augsburg series will study the books of Chronicles, Daniel, Haggai and Nehemiah through the lens of their historical context, their prophetic voices, and their meaning for modern life. By exploring the covenant relationship between God and the people of Israel during a couple of challenging periods, we will try to gain a better understanding of what it means for us today to live in relationship with God.

We will explore the founding of the Covenant, the rise and fall of the North and South Kingdoms and the Imperialism that surrounded Israel. Are we not challenged by imperialism today? Are important parts of our society at high risk? What can we do personally and as a congregation?

We'll look at the reigns of King David and his son Solomon as Israel begins to focus its

relationship with God on Jerusalem and the Temple. Then, we'll jump forward a few hundred years, to the Babylonian Captivity and the return to Jerusalem from exile, to see how the covenantal relationship can be maintained during times of stress. In good times and bad times, then as now, God offers us the constancy of love and welcomes us back home.

If you have any questions about this thirteen-week series, contact John Laughlin or Sven Allenbach-Schmidt for more information.

### **Christians and Trade Justice.**

While trade is clearly a moral issue, we don't often discuss it in our churches. Trade agreements and other issues of international finance strongly affect economic equality or disparity, both in the U.S. and around the world. What is our role as Christians and as a church? During our five sessions, we will discuss articles from the *Sojourners* magazine on this topic, together with other resources. Contact Ruth Ann Killion or Nathan Rich for further details.

## **Churches for Middle East Peace Annual Conference**

ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson is a featured speaker at *Calming the Storm: Middle East Peacemaking in a Turbulent Time*, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual conference of Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP), to be held April 20-22 at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC.

Join Middle East peace advocates from across the country and a range of Christian churches to 1) learn about opportunities for Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking in the context of broader regional dynamics and with the Bush Administration's initiative to move the peace process forward in 2008; 2) to and lobby Congress with up-to-date specific talking points designed to make your voice heard. At the CMEP conference, Church leaders, issue analysts and policy experts will provide important insights and updates and prepare conference participants to meet with elected officials.

Churches for Middle East Peace, a coalition of 22 U.S. churches and church-related organizations, is positioned to guide church members and clergy in effective advocacy grounded in the principles of our faith. CMEP will help arrange your meetings with your Representative and Senators. Register on-line, see updates and housing information at [www.cmep.org](http://www.cmep.org). If interested or you have questions, please see Nathan Rich or the flyer in the narthex.

## “Our Morning Out”

### Calling all Moms, Dads, Grandparents, and Caregivers.

If you are at home during the day with children or if you'd like to spend some time getting to know the youngest members of the All Saints community, please join us for “Our Morning Out.” We are excited to have so many children at ASLC, and we would like to offer the opportunity for the children to spend time together as well as for the moms, dads, and grandparents to talk, relax, and enjoy one another's company. So, if you'd like to get to know one another, share stories, and build relationships, please join us on the following dates:

March 14: 9:30 – 11:00 am Play date at the church  
April 11: 9:30 – 11:00 am Play date at the church  
May 9: 9:30 – 11:00 am Caregivers will be present to watch the children while we fellowship.

Also, we will be planning activities over the summer months for families. Some ideas for these activities include a picnic at a local park, a trip to a community swimming pool, and a movie matinee. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact Emily Summerlot at 301-627-6410 or [john.Summerlot@verizon.net](mailto:john.Summerlot@verizon.net).

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

### Thank You, Senior Saints!

Thank you very much to the Senior Saints for hosting the ASLC Morning Out (youngsters and Moms) on February 19 for a post-Valentine's Day Luncheon. Toby and Caleb Summerlot, Jonah Sichelman, and John Greenawalt thoroughly enjoyed the child-friendly food and time together with their extended church family. Thanks again!



### WOMEN OF THE CUP

We will be going out for dinner and a movie on Friday, March 28. We will meet at the church at 5:00 pm. Watch for more details in the Sunday bulletin.



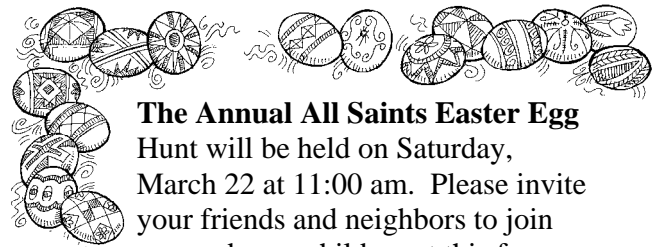
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**LENTEN WEDNESDAYS CONTINUE** with the last two being held at St. Michaels Truth Church in Mitchellville. On March 5 at St. Michael Truth Church the theme is “Hungering for IDENTITY” and on March 12 the theme is “Hungering for COMMUNITY”. The soup meal begins at 6:30 pm and worship begins at 7:30 pm. You are encouraged to join us for worship, even if your schedule does not allow you time to be at the scheduled church building by 6:30pm. Also, soup will be served continuously until 7:15pm each Wednesday; therefore you may arrive at any time and still be able to eat. **Directions to St. Michael Truth Church:** From All Saints Church building, turn left (south) onto U.S. 301. Turn right (west) onto MD 214 (Central Ave.) Go 4.4 miles on 214 and turn right onto St. Michael Truth Drive. The church building is on the left. The address is 700 Saint Michaels Drive, Mitchellville, Maryland, 20721.



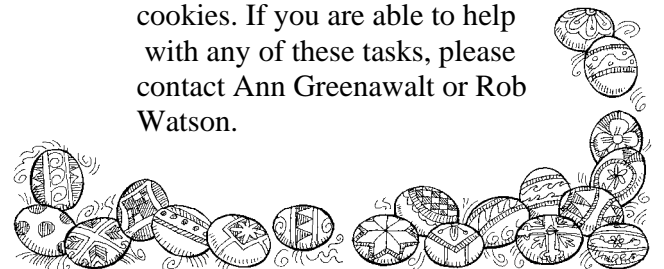
March 5 – at St. Michael Truth Church –  
“Hungering for IDENTITY”

March 12 – at St. Michael Truth Church –  
“Hungering for COMMUNITY”



### The Annual All Saints Easter Egg

Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 22 at 11:00 am. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join you and your children at this fun event! The children will hear the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection, make simple crafts, and play some games prior to the Egg Hunt. Volunteers are needed to assist with crafts and games, set-up and clean-up, and to provide beverages and cookies. If you are able to help with any of these tasks, please contact Ann Greenawalt or Rob Watson.





# HOLY WEEK

March 16 — March 23, 2008

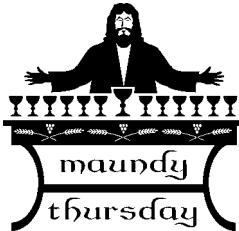


**Palm Sunday**

**March 16**

**Worship at 8:30 am & 11:00 am**

Distribution of Palms and a dialog presentation of the Passion of Jesus according to the Gospel of St. John.



**maundy  
thursday**

**March 20**

**12:00 noon & 7:30 pm**

Holy Communion, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar



*My  
Father  
will  
honor  
the  
one  
who  
serves  
me.  
John 13:26*



**GOOD  
FRIDAY**  
Tenebrae Service

**March 21**

**12:00 noon & 7:30 pm**

Last Words of Christ  
Tenebrae Service of  
Darkness



*Easter  
Vigil*

**March 22**

**7:30 pm**

God's salvation story is  
told as the Light grows  
from darkness.



**E A S T E R**

**March 23 Easter Day**

**8:30 am Festival Worship with Trumpet**

**Breakfast at 9:45 am**

**11:00 am Festival Worship with Trumpet**



November 18, 2006 is now part of the history of All Saints Lutheran Church. On that day 15 people left Bowie to travel to Biloxi, Mississippi. This group would spend Thanksgiving week helping to rebuild the home of Noel Belius and others in Biloxi. This was the first Rebuilding Biloxi group. Three other groups have gone since then. Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Rebuilding Biloxi is a response of faith. It is a response to Jesus' parable. The skills of those who have worked in Biloxi range from experienced to, well, *not* experienced. The involvement of *everyone* in the congregation is a response to the least. They are still living in camping trailers 29 months later. They are still being denied insurance payments that are legally theirs.

The next group from All Saints Lutheran Church will be going to Rebuild Biloxi

April 12 – 19

You are invited to consider traveling and working in Biloxi.

Talk with Dave Baine or Pastor Gary for details. The cost of the trip will be determined individually.

**There is space for 15 people and 2 spaces are still available.**

You are invited to assist the people of Biloxi by supporting Rebuild Biloxi.  
Watch for details.



**Christmas in April**

**CHRISTMAS IN APRIL** is looking for volunteers. Each year, on the last Saturday in April, teams gather to help out those in the community who are elderly, disabled, or low income and in need of home repair services. This year, the day of the event is Saturday, April 26. Please contact Chuck Arnold at (301) 262-5484 or [arnold\\_chuck@comcast.net](mailto:arnold_chuck@comcast.net) to volunteer.

**All Saints Lutheran Church Arts Program Presents**



**MOSAIC HARMONY  
GOSPEL CHOIR**  
Saturday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.

**U.S. NAVY BAND CHAMBER  
PLAYERS**  
Sunday, May 4, 4:00 p.m.



**Celebrate Earth Day this year by joining in the fun with Bowie's 1<sup>st</sup> Stream Team Clean-Up 9-12 on Saturday, April 19!**

Stream teams will pick up trash in 4 neighborhood streams along city-owned property in an effort to improve water quality and habitat in Bowie. The streams are the Millstream, White Marsh, Upper Collington, and Green Branches. Students can earn Student Service Learning hours for participating. *Interested?* Environmental stewards, student or other, contact Beth Chaisson at 301-809-3047 or [echaisson@cityofbowie.org](mailto:echaisson@cityofbowie.org). And/or contact Maria Arnold (301-262-5484 or [maria-arnold2006@comcast.net](mailto:maria-arnold2006@comcast.net)) to connect with Upper Collington stream leaders, and volunteer with Maria near and along Kavanaugh Lane (Upper Collington Branch). This is the stream most in need of volunteers at this point.

**What can we do at All Saints?** The stream just north of the All Saints Lutheran Church property line is part of Mill Branch and is privately-owned property. We are contacting the home owner's association to obtain permission to do some water quality testing and clean-up. There's much more to come! There will be a brainstorming session at 7:30 pm at All Saints March 12 at the Ministry Planning meeting. Have ideas but can't attend? Send your ideas in advance to

[maria-arnold2006@comcast.net!](mailto:maria-arnold2006@comcast.net)



## Annie Mouse loves to gather news and pictures about the saints

- There sure was a big ruckus around here before Ash Wednesday. I thought I was in New Orleans for Mardi Gras. The youth hosted a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Meal, and the crumbs on the floor in the fellowship hall sure were tasty. Bob Jones, Mike Schumacher, John Summerlot, Kim Watson and Rob Watson helped the youth. I'm already looking forward to Shrove Tuesday next year.
- I couldn't take a nap after filling up on pancake crumbs because there was a lot of talking in the fellowship hall about Ministry Planning. 26 people stayed to talk about how to implement some of the action items from the Vision Task Group discussions. They sure were a busy bunch.
- You will be able to sit more securely now because about 76 of the wooden chairs in the sanctuary have been repaired. For two days the smell of glue and the sound of hammers & power drills kept me interested in what Dave Baine, Doug Lingle, Larry Floor and Janaro Brown (Doug's friend) were doing. They sure knew what they were doing.
- This cold weather is a good time think about ice skating. Lindsay Wenger has been doing more than thinking about it. She has been skating with a synchronized team that competed in a National Championship in Rhode Island. They placed third in the competition. Congratulations!
- Have you noticed the wonderful pictures that our young children are drawing during church? They are using new, washable crayons that JoAnn Lohsen put in all the bags that the children take into church with them. I'm sure the parents are grateful that JoAnn has made their laundry chores easier.
- Talk about going the distance. Bob and Carol Jones definitely have traveled a long way. They visited New Orleans in January and that completed their tour of all 50 states. They enjoyed the Mardi Gras parades and brought back plenty of beads to share with everyone during Shrove Tuesday pancakes. Not only that, but they have also been to all 7 continents. Whew! I'm tired just thinking about all that travel.
- I definitely feel safer because Matt Floor, Martha and Larry's grandson, is an Anne Arundel County police officer. Matt is doing such a fine job that he was the Southern District's Officer of the Year for 2007. His award said, "You have set an example for any new officer starting their career." Way to go Matt!



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## The Happiest of March Birthdays

- 3/03 - Marcia Bossler
- 3/06 - Martha Floor
- 3/06 - Evelyn Clark
- 3/07 - Daniel Johnson
- 3/08 - Lynnsey Carrigan
- 3/08 - Brynn Adams
- 3/09 - Laurel Crampton
- 3/09 - Jim Sichelman
- 3/11 - John Summerlot
- 3/11 - Brian Johnson
- 3/15 - Rebecca Gowan
- 3/15 - Ashley Mattison
- 3/16 - Jerry Hughson
- 3/16 - Randy Pryor
- 3/17 - Mike Hales
- 3/18 - Donita Johnson
- 3/19 - Chris Austell
- 3/21 - Edgar Avalos
- 3/22 - Troy Stockinger
- 3/23 - Rick Bates
- 3/25 - Dawn Wheeler
- 3/26 - Jason Lancaster
- 3/26 - Holly Wenger
- 3/29 - Nathan Rich
- 3/31 - Eric Bettinger



### REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

#### MILITARY DUTY:

Dave Allen, Ross Bogard, Robert Bryant, Chad Field, Jim Gehring, Ryan Hartwig, Jon Heyer, Richard Hunt, Brian O'Connell, Matt O'Connell,

Wil Rollefson, Shanna Stann.

**AT FULL-CARE HOME:** Joan DeHenzel, Dick Hartfield, Velma Hollar and Walter Schoenfuhs Sr.

**OTHER CONCERNS:** Bob Abell, James Amos, Wendy Andrews, Tim Beal, Aida Bendt, Mary Bohannon, Kirsten Burton, Carl Carlson, Jerry Champion, Chris Cook, Chris Dobe, Michelle Dowsett, Matt Firestone, Alan Harry, Pearl Hibbard, Judy Ho, Velma Hollar, Robert Keating, Carole Jones, Doris Levy, Serge Loiseau, Family of Eva Mach-Dixon, Donna Malone, Helon McLeroy, Maria McNamara, Olivia Miller, Jason Newell, Robert Olds, JoEllen Pasewald, Catherine Patsias, Mark Quasius, Karen Rees, Jack Rice, Fred Rickson, Sylvia Roe, Benjamin Schultz, Richard Schumaker, Ed Seely, Bambi Steiner, Curt Stende, Rev. Jerome Taylor, Cheri Waesche, Bill Wesley, and Karen White.



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**February 29 - March 22, 2008**

**"My Fair Lady" by Lerner and Loewe**  
**May 30 - June 28, 2008**

2nd Star Productions is in its 13th season of providing quality theatre to the area. Performances are on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For times and pricing, please call 410-757-5700 or 301-858-7245 and leave a message in mailbox 4 if you get voicemail. More information can also be found on the table in the narthex or visit the website: [www.2ndstarproductions.com](http://www.2ndstarproductions.com). A percentage of 2nd Star Productions opening nights proceeds are donated to All Saints.

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