



The Grapevine

All Saints Lutheran Church ELCA

April 2009



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  
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April

4/1 - 6:30 pm Meal, 7:30 Worship
"RE: NEW" at Grace Lutheran

4/9 - 10:00 am
Lutheran Women Bible Study

4/9 - 12:00 pm and 7:30 pm
Maundy Thursday Worship

4/10 - 12:00 pm and 7:30 pm
Good Friday Worship

4/11 - 11:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt

4/11 - 7:30 pm
Easter Vigil

4/12 - 8:30 and 11:00 am
Easter Worship

4/15 - 7:00 pm
Ministry Planning Night

4/18 - 8:30 am
Women's Book Group

4/18 - 7:00 pm
Chesapeake Chorale Chamber Singers

4/21 - 12:00 pm
Senior Saints - Brunch at Comfort Inn

4/22 - 7:00 pm
Congregation Council Meeting

4/24 - 7:00 pm
Teen Youth Group Lock-in

Pastor's Perspective

Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome went to the tomb where the dead body of Jesus had been laid following his execution. They were able to get into the tomb because the stone blocking the opening was moved. That was unexpected, confusing and caused fear.

Their curiosity caused them to go into the tomb. They may have said to each other, "We need to see this thing through, no matter what." The unexpected, the confusing and the fearful continued inside the tomb. There was a being that could not be described as human sitting there. An encounter like that would definitely cause *me* to have those reactions. Without them saying anything, the purpose of their visit was described. "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified." The Bible doesn't tell us if they said anything. Maybe they were so stunned that they just nodded. "He has been raised," was the next thing they heard.

You and I have been preparing since February 25th to be able to grasp the meaning of these words. We are preparing to hear it on April 12th, Easter Sunday. I pray that your preparing has been an opportunity for God to draw you closer; perhaps as close as those three were to the one in the tomb.

During these weeks we have been barraged with other news, too. It has been bad news individually, nationally and globally. It is tempting and easy to react the way St. Mark says those three reacted. "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them ... for they were afraid." Yes, tempting and easy to be afraid because it all seems too big and too complicated.

There is Good News coming. It may be that economic improvement is possible soon. I don't know about the details of that. The Good News that I have complete faith in, is that the One who was in the tomb is no longer there. That means that the tomb of fear in which we feel trapped is open and the Light of the World is pouring in through the opening. "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

The Good News that encounters – and counters – all bad news, and all fear, and all anxiety, and all uncertainty is that Jesus is not dead. He is not in the tomb. He is not overcome. And therefore neither are you.

When you celebrate Jesus' Resurrection, you experience the power of God to cause your own resurrection. That is worth shouting about. That is worth praising God.

Pastor Gary

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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 April 15 at 7:00 pm. The next Congregation Council Meeting is April 22 at 7:00 pm.



Starfish or Shells

On March 7th, twenty-three ASLC members gathered for the first of two leadership retreats scheduled for 2009. The day opened with devotions followed by small group sharing of life/faith stories so that we might come to know each other better. The theme for our working sessions, discerning God's primary calling for All Saints, was introduced with the viewing of a Nooma film entitled *Shells*.

In the film, Rob Bell tells a story that encapsulates its central point. One day his son was busily gathering shells as the two of them walked along the beach. Spotting a starfish further out from shore, Rob encouraged his son to get the starfish. The son eagerly ran out to retrieve it but suddenly reversed course and came back to shore without the starfish. His father, noticing this, encouraged him to try again. Again the boy eagerly headed in the direction of his goal but came back without the starfish. After this scenario was repeated several times, Rob asked his son, "why didn't you get the starfish?" The son answered, "because my hands were full of shells."

The film's analogy is this: we can become so caught up in the shells of our life, our day-to-day "busyness," our projects and to-do lists, that we fail to grasp the starfish, God's primary calling for our lives. The point applies to us as individuals and as a church body. Our ministry teams, committees and council can devote so much energy and time to monthly business, activity planning, and program development that our concentration is deflected from discerning or living out our primary mission. Deliberations centered on discerning what God wills All Saints to be are more difficult than planning the next church event, but such conversations are crucial. Starfish are capable of regeneration, shells are not. We will grasp our future by saying yes to God's vision for us and in leaving behind the shells that distract us. We can't say no to any of our busyness unless we know the something else to which we have said yes.

Liz Muller



March Council Highlights

The March 24th council meeting opened with John Rees leading us in devotions based upon the assigned reading from Jeffrey Jones' *Heart, Mind and Strength*. Following discussion and prayer, team ministry updates were received.

As the first item under unfinished business, the council discussed and approved major provisions within an updated nursery policy to be drafted by the Governance Committee. The Parish Administrator will continue to be responsible for scheduling of nursery attendants. Regarding the recently created hired staff position, the Learn Team Liaison will serve as contact person/supervisor and the Executive Committee will oversee performance evaluation. The policy will also stipulate a probationary period for the newly hired staff person.

The second unfinished business agenda item involved discussion of leadership vacancies. Council approved the appointment of Doug Lingle to chair the Memorials Committee. The executive committee is currently awaiting a response from a candidate for the position of Budget and Finance committee chair. Team leadership vacancies remain for the following ministry areas: Capital Improvements, Property Management, and Youth. Jan Withers has graciously offered to serve as one of our Thrivent Congregational Coordinators. We still need to recruit one more person to serve in that role.

Under new business, council responded to a recommendation from the Master's Plan Development Group by passing a motion stating that "pledges and donations contributed to the North Property account will be used for the payment of principal and interest on the mortgage." Any incidental North Property or campus development costs (e.g., taxes, plat consolidation/survey fees) will have to be addressed through line item provisions included in the annual budget, beginning in 2010. Pastor also informed the council of the status of the communications we have received regarding an additional land parcel north of the North Property that is available for purchase. (See the Master's Plan Development Group's report in this month's *Grapevine*.)

Following new business, the council received the reports of the officers and pastor. The meeting closed with announcements and prayer.

Financial Report for February 2009

February income for budget spending - \$28,828.44
Monthly income needed for budget - \$36,280.00
Year-to-date income for budget spending - \$59,711.76
Year-to-date income needed for budget - \$72,560.00
Income for budget spending to date is at 82% of budget.

Total February income (budget & non-budget) - \$32,642.94
Total year-to-date income (budget & non-budget) - \$70,464.72

Budget expenses for February - \$34,891.73
Budget expenses year-to-date - \$63,960.61



All Saints Master's Plan Development Team Explores Possible Opportunity to Expand Campus

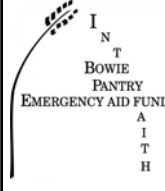
The All Saints Master's Plan Development Team has received information that a five acre parcel of land located directly north of the "North Property" has become available for purchase. Given the proximity of this parcel of land to the All Saints campus, the Team was contacted to determine All Saints' interest in purchasing this property. The Master's Plan Development Team is currently seeking and reviewing details regarding the property to determine if it might enhance the mission of the congregation in future years. Should this further exploration reveal that the land could be acquired at a reasonable cost and that it would offer ways to fulfill the mission of the congregation, the Team would recommend that the congregation explore the possibility of acquisition.

The National Christian Choir's 25th Anniversary Concert


Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 8:00 PM
Music Center at Strathmore

Tickets will be available only through Strathmore beginning on Monday March 16th at 10:00 am. Prices range from \$59-\$20. Phyllis Thomas sang in this group and her son, Bruce, is going to sing with them for this 25th anniversary concert.



SERVE TEAM ACTIVITIES



THE BOWIE FOOD PANTRY
The pantry is in need of peanut butter, jelly, beef stew, coffee, and tomato products (diced, whole, paste, sauce). Thanks for your support of those in need!



The All Saints Easter Bunny is preparing Easter baskets for the children of Shepherd's Cove. Thank you so much for everything that has been offered. We have received everything we need!! Any thing extra will be donated to another shelter. We truly appreciate your support of this project and we know you have made a difference in the lives of the families at Shepherd's Cove.


Rebuilding Lives by Rebuilding Homes
People are still without homes due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. You can help directly. Join the All Saints Rebuild Team that will be rebuilding homes April 27-May 1. No skills are required, just the desire to make a difference in someone's life. **The deadline for signing-up for the trip is April 12.** You can also directly aid the mission with a financial contribution to the **All Saints Church Disaster Fund**. The money will be used to assist with housing costs while the team is in Mississippi. Talk with Chuck Arnold, Dave Baine or Pastor Gary to get more details. **GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS.**




CHRISTMAS IN APRIL
This year All Saints is sponsoring a house in Bowie, owned by a disabled widow, for Christmas in April. We are looking for volunteers to help out on Saturday, April 25. There will be yard work, painting, cleaning, light construction, and a few odds and ends to take care of. All ages and abilities are welcome and needed. Contact Chuck Arnold at arnold_chuck@comcast.net or (301) 262-5484 to sign up. There will also be sign up sheets available in the narthex between services. **GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS.**



Share a Meal Ministry
Is a ministry for you and your family to provide meal(s) in times of need such as illness, child birth, injury, surgery or family crisis. If you or someone you know needs our help, please contact Pastor. If you want to get involved in this special ministry, please contact Jayne Lingle or Marguerite Mattison.



Women of the Cup
Women of the Cup will be going on a field trip to a "pottery party" for their April meeting. We will be painting some ceramic communion cups, for those who wish to make one. There will also be other items to paint if you already have a cup, or if you prefer to create something else. We are going to ask for the afternoon of Sunday, April 26, but that remains to be finalized, so stay tuned! Contact person: Marilyn Morgan at 410-721-1039



Women's Book Group

RoAnne Hartfield has invited us to come to Collington for our April meeting when we will discuss *Traveling Mercies: Some*

Thoughts on Faith, by Anne Lamott. Note that our meeting will be on the third Saturday, April 18, and will begin at 8:30 am (note time change) with breakfast and conversation. RoAnne will need to know how many people to plan for so please let her know in person, by telephone at 301-925-7386, or by email at hartfield10450@comcast.net if you will be able to attend.



SENIOR SAINTS

On Tuesday, April 21, we will be meeting at the Bowie Comfort Inn (US Route 301 south at US 50) for brunch at 12:00 noon.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT:

You, your friends, and your family are invited to join us for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held on April 11, from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. This year the children will be enjoying a puppet show entitled, "It's Not Just About the Bunny After All." The puppet show will lead off the event. An egg hunt, carnival games, and Easter activities will follow the performance. All children 10 years and younger are invited to participate in the egg hunt. Each child should bring a basket to collect eggs. Light refreshments will be served. If you have any questions about the Easter Egg Hunt, please contact Emily Summerlot at john.summerlot@verizon.net



All Saints Scholarship Program



Attention all college and technical trade school students. Applications for the 2009 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.



WOMEN OF ELCA NEWS

The ELCA Women will meet at 10:00 am in fellowship hall on Thursday, April 9, for a Bible study

discussion of Faithful Disobedience. Sometimes to be faithful to God is to be disobedient to other authorities. In the messiness and ambiguity of life, we ask for God's help in discerning the right thing to do. The theme verse is Esther 4:14 and the title is *For Such a Time as This*. Please join the group to explore this topic.

Spring Convention: You are invited to attend the Spring Convention of the Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization to be held on May 2, at St. Luke at Silver Spring, MD. It will be a day of worship, learning, stewardship and fellowship. There will also be an opportunity to study women's cardiac health issues. Registration is due by April 1 and registration forms are on the table in the narthex. Please contact Mary Seale if you want additional information.

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 April 5. 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 _____





"Will Starve for Food"

The Teen Youth Group is registered to take part in the "30 Hour Famine" on April 24 - 25. For this event, youth around the world go without food for three meals to raise money for those in the developing world without

enough to eat. We will participate in several ways:

€Going without food for 30 hours, from after lunch on Friday until dinner on Saturday, in solidarity with and awareness of people around the world who go hungry everyday.

€Getting sponsored to fast for the 30 hours of the event and encouraging people to donate to World Vision.

€Asking the congregation to participate with us by having a "Rice Dinner" on April 24. People participate in the "Rice Dinner" by having nothing but rice for dinner (which is all much of the world has to eat every day) and then contributing the money that they would have normally spent for dinner to our collection for the 30 Hour Famine.

€Having a Lock-In on the night of the 24th, including several activities to educate ourselves about the conditions of people in developing nations.

€Taking part in crafting activities with fair trade beads from West Africa and local recycled materials, and then selling the goods after the two church services on Sunday, the 26th. Proceeds will be donated as a part of the money we collect for the 30 Hour Famine.

€Coming together again on the evening of the 25th to break our fast together in a simple meal that will remind us of the scarcity with which much of the world lives every day.

For more information, to make a donation or to sponsor a youth for the 30 Hour Famine, contact John Summerlot at 301-775-8206.



Memories from Shekinah 2009:

On March 20-22nd, seven youth and two adults from All Saints attended the Metro DC Synod Youth Retreat held at the 4-H Center in Front Royal, VA. The theme was "I...am a Child of God." Through large and small groups, worship services, and experiential activities we explored how I see myself, how others see me, and how God sees me. The youth's demonstration of their faith through a photo slide show, their enthusiastic music, and their bonding with new friends was inspirational. Below are some thoughts our church youth expressed on the return from Shekinah.

Chibueze shared that he "had a good time. The family time (at the end of each day) was good because we always got to talk about the day's activities."

Andrew shared "the fun-ness part was taking pictures."

Eric found "the best part was small groups and bedtime."

Connor shared "it was good to get to worship in another atmosphere and get away from the norm."

Uzoma found "the fun-ness part was the interactive time."

John thought "the best parts were breakfast, lunch, and dinner because it was like a break from the insanity and a time to relax. The small group was AWESOME too."

Elizabeth shared, "I loved small groups. I had fun and made a lot of new friends."

As a first time adult attendee, I was inspired by all of the youths' enthusiasm and energy. As one would expect on the first evening, all of the youth were separated from familiar friends into small groups and a look of anxiety and dread was noted on their faces. But by the next morning, they developed new friendships and were engaging and sharing. One of the activities was the development of a computerized photo display on one of the three areas noted above. This activity incorporated taking digital photos of the small group to express the concept, downloading them into a computer, and organizing the photos with captions and music. Our congregation will be receiving a copy of all of the small groups' slide shows. We will look forward to sharing it with you, and you will see (and I believe feel) the younger generation's faith!

All Saints eco-friendly event does world of good

By MARIA ARNOLD Special to the Blade-News
Published 03/19/09

All Saints Lutheran Church's Green Team recently hosted a community event to learn about, and see and touch, eco-friendly alternatives to such items as Styrofoam cups, paper plates and cleaning products.

Planning for this event began in the fall after church leaders unanimously approved a motion to "recommend that members and staff of All Saints take into account the origin and disposal of any materials purchased by the congregation, and move toward adopting practices that minimize adverse environmental impact."

As All Saints looked at alternatives to Styrofoam cups, they cleared space in the kitchen and began a successful "bring your own mug" program.

And as planning for the event ensued, organizers found a real readiness among local retailers to demonstrate their "green" options along with excitement among congregation members about the event and the direction All Saints is moving.

The two-part event involved presentations and time to visit displays and exhibitors. The program began with All Saints' Pastor Gary Rhinesmith framing the event with the faith connection to environmental stewardship, including thoughtful consideration of who is our "neighbor" and how we can affect positive change in Bowie.

The next speaker, Gary Allen, shared his perspective on the exciting local plans, programs and progress toward greening Bowie. Allen, a former mayor of Bowie, is chairman of the City's Environmental Advisory Committee and executive director of the Center for Chesapeake Communities, an Annapolis-based nonprofit that provides technical assistance to governments in the Bay Watershed on environmental issues.

The "open house" portion of the program included exhibits staffed by Patuxent Nursery, The Home Depot, Contribucheck and Greenwise Directory. Tyrone Jones of Contribucheck, a certified Minority Business Enterprise, presented their environmentally responsible products, including 100 percent recycled copy paper, green seal cleaning products, recycling stations, and 100 percent recycled food service supplies including plates, cups and paper towels.

The Green Wave food containers are made of natural fiber such as sugarcane plasm, grass plasm and reed plasm, and are biodegradable. Greenware clear cups are made from NatureWorks bio-polymer, a resin currently derived entirely from corn. Also present that evening, Marie Ambrosia shared

information about her Web site, www.greenwisedirectory.com, to be launched soon, that lists "green businesses" within a 50-mile radius of Baltimore.

Displays included an array of environmentally friendly products from local retailers, such as 100 percent recycled paper towels, napkins and toilet paper; various cleaning products; organic drinks and snacks; organic pet food; environmentally friendly craft items such as cornstarch "nuudles" and soybean crayons, and more examples of the sugarcane and fiber-based compostable cups, plates and utensils.

Informational displays highlighted All Saints' Green Team efforts, Diplomat Cleaners' changes to their dry cleaning processes, programs available in the city of Bowie that support residents' efforts to be environmental stewards, and information about USDA's Bio-Preferred Program and composting program. See the City of Bowie Green Page, www.cityofbowie.org, for information about local programs and share concerns via an environmental survey.

More than 50 people attended, including Bowie Council members Diane Polangin and Todd Turner and Prince George's County Council member Ingrid Turner, along with guests from local congregations participating in the Bowie Interfaith Green Groups blog.

All Saints is pleased to join with local congregations to increase awareness of "Green Living" through <http://bowie-interfaith-green-groups.blogspot.com/>. As the blog demonstrates, the faith community in Bowie is mobilizing to address the effects of climate change and play a role, along with citizens, the government, businesses and other nonprofit organizations, in improving air and water quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change.

All Saints members considered the event a huge success, in part to donations to All Saints and for giveaways and door prizes, including gift certificates from Patuxent Nursery and David's Natural Market in Gambrills, door prizes and compact florescent lights from The Home Depot, organic snacks and drinks from Giant at Free State shopping center and Safeway at Bowie Town Center, 100 percent recycled paper products from Staples, cleaning products from Target, organic pet food samples from Crunchies Natural Pet Foods in Crofton and Mighty Healthy Pet in College Park, and tote bags for all from Staples, Giant, Safeway and Target.

The writer is the All Saints Lutheran Church Green Team leader.

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ADULT LEARNING at ASLC

The North Classroom is open! Sunday morning adult classes are now meeting in our new building. Come and check it out! You are welcome to participate in any session. Nathan Rich <nrich3@yahoo.com> is the coordinator for adult learning at ASLC.

Sunday 9:45 AM

April 5: **Hallelujah! ... the Bible and Handel's Messiah - Lent**

Explore the Scriptural texts of Handel's Messiah, including musical commentary:

- Behold the Lamb of God
- He Trusted in God
- Who is the King of Glory?
- I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
- Why Do the Nations Rage?
- Hallelujah, Worthy Is the Lamb, Amen

Led by *Norma and Sven Allenbach-Schmidt.*

April 19 - May: **Augsburg Adult Bible Study: New Creation in Christ**

Sven Allenbach-Schmidt and participants will discuss readings from Ezekiel, Luke, Acts, and Ephesians.

April 19 - May: **Issues In Genetics**

Gary Beecher will be leading discussion of *Genetics and Faith: Power, Choice and Responsibility*, the study published by the ELCA Task Force on Genetics for comment in 2009. The study is available to download at www.elca.org/genetics. Please sign up in the narthex or notify Nathan Rich by **April 12** if you would like a copy of the study guide.

Outline for Sessions:

Apr 19 – Introduction of social statement. General discussion of genetics, life-directing functions, mutations and outcomes.

Apr 26 – Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs). What are they? Benefit/risk to society/environment. Legal/societal issues.

May 3 – Practical uses of genetic information (applied to human beings). Genetic testing/screening, associated decisions. Personal/corporate/societal use/misuse of genetic information. Legal/ethical considerations.

May 10 – Stem Cell Research/Cloning – What are they? What have we learned from animal studies? Ethics/Morality/Legality applied to human beings (frozen, stored embryos, cloning for ‘human parts’).

May 17 – General Discussion – Where do you stand as a Christian on these broad issues of genetics?

Each session will be based on selected readings from the social statement and will be supplemented with additional materials. A reading list is available on the table in the narthex of the church. Sessions leader – *Gary Beecher*

Tuesday at 10:00 AM - Bible Study

Study of the Gospel of Luke continues, led by *Pastor Rhinesmith.*

WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

If you are interested in any of these events, please talk to Nathan Rich.

Mobilization to End Poverty

April 26-29, 2009

Washington Convention Center

The Mobilization to End Poverty (M2EP) will be a historic gathering. Thousands of Christians will come together in a powerful movement committed to the biblical imperative of reducing domestic and global poverty. The Mobilization will call the new President and Congress to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and cut domestic poverty in half within ten years. ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson will be speaking at the event along with a host of other well-known speakers such as Jim Wallis, Elizabeth Edwards, and Governor Mike Huckabee. Events include keynote addresses and plenary sessions, workshops and trainings, Lobby Day, networking opportunities, and public rally in Lafayette Park. See www.sojo.net.

All Saints Arts Program Concert Schedule

Saturday, April 18, 8:00 pm

The King Shall Rejoice!

Chesapeake Chorale Chamber Singers

Sunday, May 3, 4:00 pm

US Navy Band Chamber Ensemble



Family Faith Connections

Last month's column included suggestions for family activities during Lent. As we conclude the season of Lent, here are some ideas for the seven weeks of Easter. May your family experience God's grace as you grow together in faith.

First week of Easter: As a family, write a song to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Use a familiar tune that you all know. Sing it during your devotional time together.

Second week of Easter: Making bread is part of the Easter tradition in various cultures. Make some bread together. You may want to put a cross on it somewhere made with white icing. If you make a couple of loaves, give a loaf of bread to a neighbor.

Third week of Easter: In John 21:1-14, the disciples have a hard time catching fish. Jesus tells them to fish on the other side of the boat and, sure enough, they get quite a load of fish. When the disciples discover that it is Jesus who tells them to do this, Jesus invites them to have breakfast with him. To remember this story, invite someone to your house for breakfast.

Fourth week of Easter: How do you follow Jesus? Let every member of the family have an opportunity to tell how he or she follows Jesus. Other family members can add how they think that person follows Jesus. What talents or gifts does this person have to offer? How can these gifts be used to follow Jesus?

Fifth week of Easter: Celebrate the resurrection in the new life present in creation. Plant a garden together, or give a small plant to someone who is hospitalized or homebound.

Sixth week of Easter: Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Talk about how you can be peacemakers at home, in school, at work, in your community, and in the world. What does it mean to be a peacemaker? Do something as a family that promotes peace.

Seventh week of Easter: Remember your baptism by having a splash party. Splash each other, and as you get wet, remember how the waters of Baptism drown our sin and restore us to new life in Christ.

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Teach Your Kids to Share Day Baltimore's Port Discovery, April 14

Every day, children receive messages about money and spending. From video games to movies, toys to music concerts—it can leave parents feeling overwhelmed. Now there's a way for parents to instill sensible money habits in their kids and have fun doing it.

On the evening of April 24, families across the country will come together for a lively and interactive educational experience. **Locally, this event will be held at Baltimore's Port Discovery Children's Museum from 5-9 PM.**

Using innovative tools and techniques, Teach Your Kids to Share Day focuses on teaching kids a values-based approach to money management. Together, families will explore ways kids can share, save and spend; discuss the importance of being responsible with money; and build a financial foundation for children that will last a lifetime.

Families can look forward to dinner, activities and prizes, plus educational materials to take home. Parents will gain a better understanding of why it's important to teach kids about financial principles. Kids will learn how even small decisions regarding money can make a big difference.

Teach Your Kids to Share Day is open to adults (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) and children ages 6–10. Cost is only \$10 per family. You do not have to be a member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. No products or services will be sold. To register, please visit Thrivent.com/share-day or call 800-236-3736



**DISCOVERY
CANYON**
*Explore the Wonders
of the Word!*

**All Saints
Vacation Bible School
July 6-10
Save the Date!!**

Garden for Wildlife

“Garden as if life depended on it... it does!” This is how Doug Tallamy signs his book, *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in our Gardens*.

All Saints Lutheran Church has the National Wildlife Federation’s (NWF) certification as a wildlife habitat. We’ll be **enhancing** our habitat over time. Plans are in the works for landscaping design and implementing native plants around the modular building and for installing a rain garden. On **April 25**, Pastor Lee Schray, Interim Pastor at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Alexandria, VA, will visit All Saints to help finalize the planting plans. She will also identify exotic, invasive species in the north woods so that we can remove them later.

You can join in the *Bowie Gardens for Wildlife* effort by certifying your yard. This spring, Bowie will apply to become a NWF Community Habitat. This will take a few years and a minimum number of homes, schools, places or worship, public space, and businesses to become certified. Come learn about gardening for wildlife and BayScaping at City Hall on Thursday, **April 16, from 7 to 9 pm**. Speakers include naturalist Lisa Bierer-Garrett of the Wild Bird Center in Old Bowie along with a Master Gardener who will talk about “BayScaping.” After the talks, visit a number of tables staffed by experts and local nurseries who can help you garden for wildlife. Questions? Contact Maria Arnold.



Time of Grace

The television program *Time of Grace* with Pastor Mark Jeske can now be seen in our local area on WJLA ABC Channel 7 at 7:30 am on Sundays. Pastor Jeske has served as the senior pastor at St. Marcus Lutheran Church on Milwaukee’s near north side since 1980.



HOLY WEEK

April 5 - 12, 2009



Palm Sunday

April 5

Worship at 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Distribution of Palms and a dialogue presentation of the Passion of Jesus according to the Gospel of St. John.



maundy
thursday

April 9

12:00 noon & 7:30 pm

Holy Communion,
Foot Washing, and
Stripping of the Altar



**GOOD
FRIDAY**
Tenebrae Service

April 10

12:00 noon & 7:30 pm

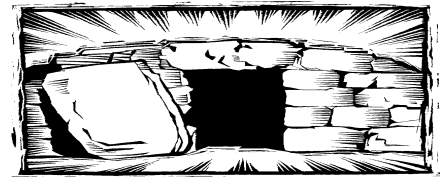
Last Words of Christ
Tenebrae Service of
Darkness



Easter
Vigil

April 11
7:30 pm

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



E A S T E R

April 12 Easter Day

8:30 am Festival Worship

Breakfast at 9:45 am

11:00 am Festival Worship



Annie Mouse

loves to gather news
and pictures about
the saints

Well, I am back from my restful retreat and I learned upon my arrival, some of the youth also were on retreat, though I am not sure it was restful, for them or the chaperones:

- Thank you, Jack Surratt, for volunteering your 12 passenger van for our church youth and chaperones to use and to travel safely together to Shekinah. They could have used me to clean up crumbs.....next year I'll jump into someone's sleeping bag and tag along.
- Heard about John Crampton's talent...won the thumb wrestling event during the opening large group session at Shekinah....way to go John!
- I've been humming "Pharoah, Pharoah, Pharoah, let my people go...uhh, yeah, yeah, yeah"....would Uzoma, Chibu, Eric, Connor, Andrew, Elizabeth, and John know why this is? Be sure to ask them about Shekinah!!
- In other exciting news about our youth, Joshua Sichelman won 2nd place in the school Science Fair at Highbridge Elementary for his project titled "Do all liquids freeze at the same rate?" If you love science as much as I do, you might ask Joshua what he discovered.
- I also discovered upon my return that our youth have been busy painting the nursery. Thanks to Kendra Bozick and her friends for making the nursery such a bright and friendly place for our youngest Saints.
- We also have a new face in the nursery; Kim McDermott has been hired to be one of the people who care for the children in the nursery. The nursery is available during both worship services *and* during the Learning Hour, 9:45-10:45 am every Sunday.
- I want to apologize for my interruption of Barry Lemley's presentation on Shrove Tuesday. I was attempting to make a discreet vacation getaway via the sanctuary side door when I was spotted by Jordany Rudolfo. I am very grateful to him and to Roz Kleffman for helping me get out the door before I caused a lot of panicked screaming and jumping on chairs.



Announcing the birth of Otis Jimmy Boyette, son of Wesley and Joanna Boyette, on March 17 at 10:43 pm. Otis weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 21 1/2 inches at birth. Everyone is doing well! Congratulations!



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The Happiest of April Birthdays

- 4/02 - Benjamin Killion-Conrad
- 4/02 - Charlotte Hales
- 4/06 - Rita Hughson
- 4/06 - Mel Helgeson
- 4/07 - Christopher Heyer
- 4/07 - Sarah Mattison-Ford
- 4/07 - Brylin Adams
- 4/08 - Pat Bettinger
- 4/10 - Christian Crampton
- 4/11 - Carol Jones
- 4/11 - Daniel Bendt
- 4/11 - Steven Ploor
- 4/14 - Corrinne Bendt
- 4/16 - Ken Bozick
- 4/16 - Kristin Clancy
- 4/16 - Chad DeVilbiss
- 4/21 - Kurt Muller
- 4/23 - Ray Blanset



REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

MILITARY DUTY: Ross Bogard, Chad Field, Ruth Lane, Ken Northington, Wil Rollefson, Shanna Stann.

AT FULL-CARE HOMES: Joan DeHenzel, Dick Hartfield, and Walter Schoenfuhs Sr.

OTHER CONCERNS: James Amos, Wendy Andrews, Tim Beal, Mary Bohannon, Sheryl Burcham, Arthur Burton, Kirsten Burton, Trisha Carbaugh, Carl Carlson, Jean Chaillet, Jerry Champion, Diana Cooper, Chris Dobe, Michelle Dowsett, Lauren Emshwiller, Elizabeth Ewing, Milton Estep, Phyllis Fordham, Ryan Gerhold, Anne Givan, Sue Hackman, Family of Harold Hahn, Pearl Hibbard, Robert Keating, Bob Kennedy, John Kohnken, Kathy Kvach, Serge Loiseau, Donna Lyng, Donna Malone, Betty Marshall, Marie Marshall, Michael Mattison, Jim McEachern, Maria McNamara, Olivia Miller, Jeanette Mudd, Scott Muldoon, Jason Newell, Robert Olds, Cheryl Olds, Hailey Olds, Family of Larry Parrish, JoEllen Pasewald, Annette Phillips, Benjamin Schultz, Eula Schmidt, Mary Beth Scruggs, Ed Seely, Frank Senger, Curt Stende, Family of Dave Stockinger, Tom Tobin, Jordan Wells, Linda Weinhardt, John Wenger, Sr., Bill Wesley, Mary Wright, and Phil Woodruff.



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