

# ASLC NEWS

United in Christ. Welcoming All.

## Easter Sunday Worship & Breakfast

Sunday April 16, our Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt is at 9:45am. There's a sign up sheet in the narthex so we know how many tables to set up in the Fellowship Hall. Then join us for Easter worship at 11:00am

## Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Worship are both at 7:00pm. Thursday includes a foot washing and Holy Communion. Friday is the 7 Last Words of Christ through music, scripture and a brief reflection on each word.

## Treasurer's Report

	Feb 2017
Income	\$15,556.26
Expenses	<u>-16,079.02</u>
Net Income	-\$522.76

YTD 2016 Net Income =  
+\$151.82

Sincerely, Bob Lierman



## Pastor's Column

Holy Week has always been the most meaningful set of worship services in the liturgical calendar for me. We share joint custody of Christmas with the secular world but we have Lent all to ourselves! The frenzy of activities which surround Christmas are absent from Holy Week. It has a slower and more reflective pace which is perfect for an introvert like myself.

I love gathering in the garden on Palm Sunday to bless the palm branches and process into the church. I love the songs of "Hosanna" that fill the air as well as the festive mood of the day.

I find it very meaningful to walk with Jesus through the last days of his life as Holy Week continues. My personal ritual is to listen to the soundtrack of "Jesus Christ Superstar" as the week begins.

Then, on Maundy Thursday, it's a blessing for me to do the foot washing and share the story of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. The highlight of the evening for me is the stripping of the altar which is done in silence. We remove everything from the front of our *[con't. p.2]*

[from p. 1] worship space until only the cross remains. It reminds me of my need to let go of everything in my life that stands between me and Jesus.

The highlight of the week for me is definitely Good Friday. It is there that we reflect on the Seven Last Words of Jesus as he hung on the cross. In the worship space there is also the gradual dimming of the light which is always a moving experience for those in attendance. I know most people shy away from this worship service but, personally, I cannot fully celebrate Easter until I have walked through Jesus' darkest moment. As we leave the service, again in silence, I give everyone a masonry nail to take with them. This powerful symbol is the bookend to the ashes that were placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. I keep this nail in my pocket until Easter Sunday.

On Saturday, I deck out the church and get it ready for Easter. As lilies take their place throughout the worship space and butterflies are hung from the rafter, my spirit begins to soar. It is my way of anointing Jesus' body for burial as I await the celebration of Easter morning.

So, I hope you will join me on this journey. The rituals, music and words which surround this week as some of the most powerful ones we participate in as the Church of Jesus Christ. They bring me closer to Christ and I hope they will do the same for you!

Blessings, Pastor Dave

### **Pastor Dave @ Create in Me**

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Pastor Dave will be at Camp Lutheridge from April 20-22 for Create in Me, a faith and arts retreat. He will be leading a workshop on medical herbalism during his time there. Any pastoral emergencies should be directed to the church cell phone, 505-5229.

### **ASLC Spring Clean-Up**

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There will be a work day @ ASLC on Sat, Apr 8, 9am-12pm. If you're able to work outside, please bring gloves and other yard tools. We want to spruce up the property so it's ready for Easter Sunday! There are also inside chores that need to be done as well. Refreshments will be provided.

### **ASLC Yard Sale**

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Start saving your items to donate to the church yard sale which will be held sometime this spring. We are looking for gently used household items, toys, furniture, etc. PLEASE, NO CLOTHES. Instead you can donate them to either BeLoved House or Goodwill. Thanks!

### **Clothing for BeLoved House**

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ASLC members have done a great job of donating adult clothing to BeLoved House during the winter months. We will continue this collection through Lent and are looking for gently used, casual clothing. There is a box in the narthex for donations. Thank you!

### **Holocaust Author to Speak @ ASLC**

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The Jewish Secular Community of Asheville is sponsoring a Book Talk and Signing by Holocaust survivor and Asheville resident Walter Ziffer on Friday, May 5, 8:00-9:00PM at ASLC. The event is free and open to the public. We expect a full house so get here early to make sure you have a seat. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex with more information.

### Birthdays

Jim Usedom	2
David Eck	7
Susan Bolick	9
Tom Radle	15
Franklin Cunningham	17
Lawson Hebb	24
Jenna Usedom	25

### Anniversaries

None this month.

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please give it to Pastor Dave.

### Lent Cross Craft Picture

Thanks to Jen for showing us how to do this craft project. The crosses were made from paper towel tubes. See more on web site.



<b>Greeter</b>	Sue Hebb		2		9		16		23		30
<b>Reader</b>	Susan Bolick	Kay Doverspike		Jen Ownbey		John Corkran		Doris Wright			
<b>Worship Asst</b>	Susan Bolick	Harold Sweitzer		Jen Ownbey		John Corkran		Doris Wright			
<b>Usher</b>	Brian Propst										
<b>Usher</b>	Keaton Propst										
<b>Tabulate</b>	Butera/Wright	Tom & Pam Radle		Dawn Lierman		Corkrans		Butera/Wright			
<b>Altar Care</b>	Sue Hebb	Linda Butera		Toni Corkran		Lynnie Barrett					
<b>Nursery</b>	Emily Propst	Kay Doverspike				Vicki Roome					
<b>Church Clean</b>				Jen Ownbey							