

ASLC NEWS

United in Christ. Welcoming All.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday is April 1st. We begin our celebration with our **Easter Breakfast** at 9:45am. You are welcome to join us even if you haven't signed up in advance. Breakfast is followed by an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the kids. **Easter Worship** is at 11:00am. Come and join us for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus!

Treasurer's Report

	Feb 2018
Income	\$8,744.94
Expenses	<u>-12,071.26</u>
Net Income	-\$3,326.32

YTD 2018 Net Income =
-\$3,720.86

Sincerely, **Bob Lierman**

Expenses are always high in February due to insurance payments, high heating bills, and other costs. Hopefully March and April giving will help to even things out.



Pastor's Column

March For Our Lives

"The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." [Is 11:6]

On March 24, the youth of March For Our Lives, along with their supporters, took to the streets of our cities to demand that their lives and safety become a priority, and that we end gun violence in our schools and communities. I attended the rally in Asheville and was moved to tears a number of times during the impassioned speeches I heard. Our local event was organized by a group of 10 teenagers and the majority of speakers were teenagers as well, including one student from Stoneman Douglas High School.

We've talked about gun violence before in our nation. In fact, we've talked about it far too many times, but much has happened to address the issue. Yet, at this moment in our nation's history, it feels like the conversation has shifted. This is due to a group [con't p2]

[from p1] of brave teenagers from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida who recently experienced one of the world's deadliest school massacres. Their tears, grief, and impassioned pleas over the past few weeks have launched a movement that shows no signs of stopping. Your pastor, along with our ELCA bishops who signed a letter of support for the rally, hope *[con't. p.2]* *[from p. 1]* and pray that their voices will sow the seed for transformation in our nation.

I don't know where everyone in our church stands on the issue of gun control. I'm sure some of us own guns, and other don't. I'm sure we also have different opinions regarding how we are going to solve the problem of gun violence that is plaguing our nation.

That being said, the one thing I'm sure of is that the voices of our suffering children has grabbed our hearts and our attention. If these brave young people cannot convince us to do something, I don't know what will. So let the "little children" lead us and maybe, just maybe, we can begin to create a more peaceful and safe society of all of us.

Blessings,
Pastor Dave

Below: Student from Stoneman Douglass High School who spoke at the Asheville Rally.



Pastor Dave @ Crete in Me

Pastor Dave will be at Create in Me from Thurs, Apr 5 through Sat, Apr 7. Any pastoral emergencies during this time should be directed to the church cell phone 505-5229.

ASLC Day Hike

ASLC is going on a day hike to Greybeard Trail in Montreat. We will meet at the church at 9:00am and carpool from there. What to bring? Hat, walking stick or track poles, water, sunscreen, rain gear, and a snack. If the weather is iffy the day of the hike, call Pastor Dave @ 505-5229. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space so we have an approximate head count of who is going.

Suzuki Violin Class Changes

For those who are cleaning the church pay attention to the shift in meeting days for our Suzuki Violin class in April. They will have two rehearsals on Apr 13 & 27, 4:14pm, with a recital on Sunday, Apr 29, 3:00pm.

Pritchard Park Breakfast

Yep! It's time for us to do the Pritchard Park Breakfast again. The date is Sun, May 20th. We will meet at the park at 9:00am. The breakfast set up will be Sat, May 19th, 10:00am. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space for donations of food and/or for volunteers to serve the homeless breakfast on May 20th. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

