

# ASLC NEWS

United in Christ. Welcoming All.

## ASLC Pritchard Park

Pritchard Park Breakfast is Sun, Feb 3rd, 9:00am. We will assemble the breakfast on Sat, Feb 2, 10:00am. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with this important ministry.

## Offering Envelopes

2019 Offering Envelopes and 2018 Giving Statements are in the gathering space. Don't forget to pick them up after worship.

## Treasurer's Report

	Dec 2018
Income	\$12,527.19
Expenses	<u>-10,517.08</u>
Net Income	+\$2010.11

YTD 2018 Net Income =  
-\$823.93

Thanks to everyone for giving so generously during the month of December. We appreciate your support!

Sincerely, Bob Lierman



## Pastor's Column

### LENT 2019: SANCTUARY

"You are my refuge, a fortress against the enemy.  
Let me abide in your sanctuary forever,  
Find protection under the shelter of your wings."

*Psalm 61:3-4 (NRSV, adapted)*

This year's theme for Lent is Sanctuary. On Sunday mornings and Wednesday night Holden Evening Prayer we will explore the various ways we can create sanctuary for ourselves and be sanctuary for others. Here's a list of the themes and a little explanation about each one:

Ash Wednesday, Feb 5—**INTRO TO THEME**

Sun Mar 10, Wed Mar 13—**CHURCH**: How the liturgical space we literally call the "sanctuary" transforms and renews us.

Sun Mar 17, Wed Mar 20—**NATURE**: Exploring the wonders of creation's many cathedrals. [*con't p.2*]

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Sun Mar 24, Wed Mar 27 —**WITHIN**: Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. We will look at how to maintain a healthy "temple."

Sun Mar 31, Wed Apr 3 —**COMMUNITY**: Creating an atmosphere of shalom with the family we are born with and the family we create.

Sun Apr 7, Wed Apr 10 —**SERVICE**: Exploring our call to become sanctuary for others.

In this chaotic and often noisy world, it's important that we deliberately seek out sanctuary for ourselves and for others. I'm really excited about this theme and hope it will be a blessing to you this Lenten season.

Blessings, Pastor Dave

### Confirmation Art Gallery



Our Confirmands, with the help of Pastor Dave and Jen, created collages on the subject of the Holy Trinity. We also turned two under-used bulletin boards in the gather space into an art gallery. Make sure you take the time to check out their work.

### Artists/Poets Needed

Pastor Dave is looking for collages, painting, poems, etc. that fit our theme for Lent: Sanctuary. Pick one of words for the week or do something that reflects the word "sanctuary" itself. We would like to put these on display starting Ash Wed, March 6th, so you have about a month to complete your project!

### Thank You From Elias Varn

Elias Varn would like to thank Pastor Dave and the entire congregation at Abiding Savior for their help with his Eagle Scout project. Elias said, "I couldn't have made it without your help. Abiding Savior donated more to Helpmate than any other organization I partnered with...I'm so grateful for the wonderful community at Abiding Savior."

### Congrats to Elias: Eagle Scout!

Elias Varn received approval from the board to earn the designation as an Eagle Scout. This is a high honor and we're proud of his accomplishment.



**Birthdays**

Sue Hebb	3
Jennifer Ownbey	16
Caitlyn Blayney	17

**Anniversaries**

None this month

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

**Game Day**

Join us Sun, Feb 24 for board games and chili after church. This is an opportunity for us to play together and get to know one another better. No sign-up is needed for this event.

**Synod Training for Pastor Dave**

Pastor Dave has two required Synod Training Events this month. The first is a new Anti-Racist Training which will be held Sat, Feb 16 at St, Marks in Asheville. The second is Boundary Training which will be held Tues, Feb 26 at Calvary, Morganton. It is renewed every three years and explores establishing strong professional boundaries for clergy and learning how to take better care of ourselves so that we remain healthy emotionally, spiritually and physically. You can leave a message on the church cell phone if you need to get in touch with him either of these days.

**Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday falls later this year! Worship will be on March 6th. Easter is April 21st. We will do Holden Evening Prayer on the Wednesday nights during Lent. These special worship services will e at 7:00pm with coffee and dessert served afterward.

<b>Greeter</b>			<b>3</b>					
<b>Reader</b>	Jeanette Larson	Sue Hebb		10	Kay Doverspike			
<b>Worship Asst</b>	Jeanette Larson	John Corkran	John Corkran		Jen Ownbey			
<b>Usher</b>					Jen Ownbey			
<b>Usher</b>								
<b>Tabulate</b>	Butera/Wright	Radis			Sue Hebb			
<b>Altar Care</b>	Sue Hebb	Linda Butera			Toni Corkran			
<b>Nursery</b>					Kay Doverspike			
<b>Church Clean</b>								
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Jeanette Larson							