
ASLC NEWS

United in Christ. Welcoming All.

Offering Envelopes

Your 2018 offering envelopes are available in the gathering space of the church. Don't forget to pick them up.

Treasurer's Report

Our regular Treasurer's Report could not be done due to a computer crash. We will give you the financial data for November and December as soon as possible. However, based on the Financial Secretary's report for November we have some good news: Monthly income for Nov was \$11,410! If we average the 2017 budget, it comes to \$9,645.50 per month. That makes an approximate gain of **+1,765.50** for Nov which will help to make up some of our deficit for the year. Thank you for your generous support of our church.

Sincerely,

Pastor Dave



Pastor's Column

As the wheel of the seasons keeps turning through the year,
We marvel at the wonders of nature that appear...
In the winter all is quiet as snow blankets the earth.
Evergreens whisper the promise of new life and rebirth.
(Words by Pastor Dave, Tune: Thaxted)

It might sound weird to you but I absolutely love January. The rush of the Advent/Christmas season is over and we settle into a time of peace and quiet until we celebrate Ash Wednesday in February. I take my cues from nature during this time and see it as a period of "hibernation" where my thoughts turn inward and I also focus on self-care. It's a time to read that book that's been sitting on our bedside table since September. It's a time to get a little extra sleep and detox from all delicious food and drink we consumed during the holidays. I also use this time to call up friends I haven't seen in a while and try to arrange a time to grab coffee and catch up on what's happening in their lives. *[con't p.2]*

[from p. 1] The starkness of the season provides a moment of clarity for me. Like the bare trees which surround us, I focus on my "roots," i.e. the things that nourish and sustain me spiritually and emotionally. It's a good time to set realistic and concrete goals instead of those intoxicated resolutions we may have made on New Yers' Eve. It's a time to think about what we want to grow in the garden of our lives when spring flowers grace our gardens.

So, I wish you all a life-giving, energizing January. Receive it as the blessing it is intended to be!

Blessings,
Pastor Dave

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Jen and Pastor Dave hosted a Parent's Night Out in December. The kids made prayer beads, ate pizza, and had a great time s we watched Rudolph together.



Surprise Donation for Homeless Ministry

Thanks to a generous benefactor from our community, ASLC received a check for \$1,500 to be used to minister to the homeless in 2018. This is such a wonderful gift and we are dreaming up ways we can use this to benefit organizations in our community who do this important work. We are going to try to match this with ThrivenT Action Grants so that the money goes even further. Stay tuned for more details!

Ray Wright Memorial Service

Ray Wright's Memorial Service will be Sat, Jan 13, 11:30pm with a catered lunch afterward. The family has requested that any memorials be sent to either Abiding Savior or CarePartner's Home Hospice. We are so grateful for the contribution that both Ray and Doris have made to our church.

Ray's woodwork skills have graced our sanctuary since it was built. For those who don't know, Ray made the plant stands, offering and communion plate shelves, the poles on our processional candles and Coptic Cross, along with the bookcase behind the piano. He also designed a cross holder for Pastor Dave that's in the sacristy and the guest register in the gathering space.

ASLC Bowling Outing

ASLC will be going bowling on Sun, Jan 21st. We'll leave after worship, have lunch in the food court at the mall, and then have a fun afternoon at the nearby bowling lanes. Come join us for a fun afternoon of community building.

Birthdays

Anne Schwabland	2
Doris Wright	3
Sean Blayne	3
Meara Cunningham	10
Mary Barrett	28

Anniversaries

John & Toni Corkran 1/4/1963

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

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Thanks to our Advent angels who decorated our worship space on Dec 2nd.



Nursery	Linda Butera		Kay Doverspike				
Altar Care	Sue Hebb		Linda Butera		Toni Corkran		Lynn Barrett
Tabulate	Butera/Wright		Radles		Dawn Lierrman		Corkrans
Usher							
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Worship Asst	Mark Bolick		Harold Sweitzer		John Corkran		Kay Doverspike
Reader	Mark Bolick		Harold Sweitzer		John Corkran		Kay Doverspike
Greeter	Sue Hebb	7	Kay Doverspike	14	John & Liz Propst	21	28