

# ASLC NEWS

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## BeLoved House Winter Gear Drive

From December 24 through the end of January we will be collecting supplies for BeLoved House that will be used to keep our homeless population warm and healthy. On the next page is a list of supplies that are needed. You can bring them with you to church or place them in the drop-of box on the front porch of the church. Thank you for all of your support of our outreach projects during this pandemic.

## Treasurer's Report

### November 2020

Income	\$17,183.39
Expenses	<u>-8,712.06</u>
Net Income	+\$8,471.33

YTD 2020 Net Income =  
+\$13,675.12.

Sincerely, **Bob Lierman**



## Pastor Dave's Column

Somebody asked me today what my New Year's resolution will be for 2021. To be honest, I really haven't given it any thought. The usual goals of exercising more and losing weight seem inappropriate since we've been battling bigger demons such as COVID-19, systemic racism, and conspiracy theories run wild. So I gave it some thought and here's my list for 2021.

First of all, I will strive to be a kinder and more empathetic person. We will never heal our nation if all we do is fight each other. Telling others how stupid they are for believing what they believe only deepens the divide.

There is a difference between standing firm in our convictions and beating someone over the head with them. Some of these conspiracy theories will play out and be exposed for the the untruths they are. When our neighbors and friends come to their senses "I told you so" is not the right response. "Welcome home" is the better option! [con't. p.2]

*[from p. 1]* Secondly, I pledge to narrow my focus in 2021. Being outraged all the time over what's happening in our nation has left me feeling exhausted and powerless to do anything about it. I have discovered that I feel more hopeful and empowered if I focus on making a difference in the community where we live. I promise to keep one outreach project going at our church throughout the pandemic. If you see a need that's not being met, let me know about it! Our church does well with focusing on small benevolence projects that often get overlooked by larger churches.

As we gladly say good-bye to 2020 and look toward a more hopeful 2021, I thank everyone for your support of me and of our congregation. It not easy to steer a church through a pandemic but I think that, together, we've been able to remain a healthy and vibrant faith community.

Blessings, Pastor Dave

### Birthdays

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

### Anniversaries

John & Toni Corkran	1/4/1963
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If you'd like your birthday or anniversary to be published, please give these dates to Pastor Dave. Thank you!

### 2021 Offering Envelopes

Your 2021 offering envelopes are in the gathering space. If you are worshipping online we can either mail them to you or you can pick them up in the drop off box on our front porch. You can also mail checks without your offering envelope.

**Winter Gear Drive**  
*Help our neighbors in the cold!*

Hosted by  
**Abiding Savior Lutheran Church**  
*United in Christ, Welcoming All*

**MOST NEEDED ITEMS:**  
**Thick Ski Gloves**  
**Sleeping Bags**  
**Tents**  
**Blankets**  
*New or gently used items welcomed*  
**Flashlights**  
**Hot hands**  
**Backpacks**  
**Sterno**  
**Vitamin C drops**  
**Pop top food & snacks**

**Drop off gear at the following at the church from Christmas-January**

**Gear will be distributed by BeLoved Asheville's Street Medic Team**