

ASLC NEWS

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Burgers, Brats, & Beer

ASLC's Annual Cookout is Sun, Jun 2, 5:00pm at Pastor Dave & Gary's house. They will provide the beverages, hamburgers, brats and the fixings. You are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space so we have an idea how many will be attending. Hope to see you there, rain or shine!

Treasurer's Report

	Apr 2019
Income	\$12,996.73
Expenses	<u>-12,345.02</u>
Net Income	+\$651.71

YTD 2019 Net Income = +
\$7,426.83

Sincerely, Bob Lierman



Pastor Dave's Column

Summer has a different rhythm for all of us, including me. With a number of church activities winding down, it opens up some space for me to do lots of planning and creating for the upcoming church year which begins in September. I design the worship templates and themes for the Season of Creation and Advent and even do a basic sketch of Lent. (That may sound crazy to you, but I'm a Type-A organizer and this helps the year to run more smoothly for me.) I will also be working on a "Jesus Year" curriculum for our Confirmation class and laying down the basic tracks for ASLC's new worship CD. I'm also trying to figure out how our congregation can study Jacqueline Bussie's incredible book *Love Without Limits*.

Like you, I also use this time for rest and recharging. My sister & I are taking my Mom to the beach to celebrate her 80th birthday. I will also be attending the Wild Goose Festival which is a continuing education event. I also use this time to read a book or two from my eternal [con't. p.2]

[from p. 1] pile of "things I want to read."

Unfortunately, I never reach the end of it because I'm always adding another book to it! (I know some of you can relate to this but there are far worse addictions!)

This different rhythm for summer is one I learned a number of years ago and it works well for me. I always look forward to having the space for creativity and seeing where the Spirit is leading us in the upcoming Church Year.

Blessings, Pastor Dave

Welcome to our new members: Randy Wetzel, Larissa Bowman, and Zach and Estella Wetzel. Congratulations to Zach and Estella on their baptisms the last Sunday of April!



We also had an unexpected visitor on Sunday, May 19th. This big boy lives along the creek that runs through our church property.



Street Medic Fundraiser

Thanks to a Thrivent Action Grant and a match from an anonymous donor, ASLC will be doing a fundraiser during June for BeLoved House's Street Medic Program.

Here's some info on the ministry itself:

BeLoved Street Medic Team is the first homeless/formerly homeless medic team in the NATION. They train regularly with Nurses and EMTs and do ongoing outreach on the streets and at campsites. The team was formed in the wake of the death of Janet Jones who froze to death in October 2016. Ponkho had taken a CPR class while homeless and been able to use that to respond to a medical crisis at Pritchard Park. We decided that training and having a medic team would be a way to prevent homeless deaths. We have on average 20 people who die every year in Asheville and Buncombe County. The team has been in existence since 2017 holding its first training in Feb 2017 and its first health fair on the street in Apr. 2017.

Here's where you come in: Some of our youth will be shopping for supplies on Sunday, June 9th after worship. We'll meet together at the mall for lunch and go from there.

There will also be a donation box in the gathering space for supplies. Here is what's needed: glucometers and test strips (if you have one to donate), bug spray, poison ivy meds, hospital gloves, baby wipes, and over the counter medicines such as Tylenol, cold and flu in pill form, etc.

Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

