

# ASLC NEWS

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## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Worship is March 6, 7:00pm. The evening is Holden Evening Prayer and will also include the imposition of ashes and communion. We will be kicking off our Lenten theme of "Sanctuary" so I hope you'll be able to attend!

## Coffee With Jesus

Beginning Wed, Mar 13, 7:00pm, we will have Holden Evening Prayer each Wed in Lent through Apr 10. Dessert and fellowship will follow each worship service. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space to provide the dessert.

## Treasurer's Report

	Jan 2019
Income	\$8,482.17
Expenses	<u>-9,849.50</u>
Net Income	-\$1,367.33

YTD 2019 Net Income =  
-\$1,367.33

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)*

Sanctuary is such an inviting word. Who among us does not want to find a space in our lives that is a shelter from the storm, a respite from the hectic pace of modern life? The Bible speaks of sanctuary in many forms from a worship space to a feeling of peace and wholeness (shalom) that God creates inside of us.

This is the theme we are exploring this Lenten season and I hope you will enjoy exploring the many ways that sanctuary appears in our lives. We will also be talking about how we embody sanctuary for others, especially the poor and needy.

We the season unfolds I invite you to create art of any kind that explores this theme. We will have a few submissions in the gathering space on Ash Wednesday but we can continue to add to this as the [con't p.2]

[from p. 1] theme inspires us to create something in response to what we're studying during Lent. To help get the conversation started, here is a poem I wrote while creating this sermon series:

### Sanctuary

On days like these,  
I need a little sanctuary:  
the quiet majesty of an arched cathedral,  
the refreshing scent of a pine forest,  
the still, small voice within who whispers "All is well."

On days like these,  
I need a little sanctuary:  
the joyous company of friends,  
the taste of warm homemade bread,  
the tranquility of working in my garden.

On days like these,  
when the world around me  
is noisy and chaotic, hostile and hateful,  
sanctuary is not an option.  
It is a life-giving necessity.

To ignore it, is to rob myself  
of the experience of shalom  
that my body, mind, and spirit  
so desperately need.

To ignore it, is to reject  
one of God's greatest gifts to us.

"Come to me", Jesus says,  
"And I will give you rest.  
You will find shelter  
under the shadow of my wings.  
You will find refuge from the storm,  
a cool oasis when life  
gets you all hot and bothered."

Lord, prepare me to welcome  
and to experience sanctuary.  
Teach me how to be  
A living sanctuary for those  
Who cannot discover it for themselves.

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### ASLC Yard Clean-Up

We will be doing a spring clean-up of the church, fellowship hall, and grounds on Sat, Mar 23, 9:00am-12:00pm. Please bring cleaning supplies and yard tools with you. There is plenty to do for anyone who wants to help. Refreshments will be provided. Special Thanks to Gary Mitchell who already for the ball rolling by doing some tree and bush trimming in the front gardens!

### McCollum Wedding

Pastor Dave will be out of town on Mar 15-16 to perform a wedding. If you need to reach him during this time, please call the church number 505-5229.

### ASLC Hike

Saturday, April 6th, we are going to do a group hike, location TBA. We will meet at the church at 9:00am and go from there, weather permitting. Please see the sign-up sheet in the gathering space for more details. You will want to wear appropriate clothing and hiking shoes depending upon the weather and have a bag lunch with you as well. This will be a mild to moderate hike so you don't have to be super athletic to enjoy the wonders of creation!

### Create in Me Retreat, Lutheridge

April 25-28 is the annual faith and arts retreat, Create In Me, at Lutheridge. A number of ASLC folks have participated in this wonderful retreat. See the Lutheridge web site for more details or talk to Pastor Dave, Linda Butera, Jen Ownbey, Susan Bolick or Leanne Cunningham about it!

### Birthdays

Laurie Blayney	2
Pam Radle	3
Mark Bolick	22

### Anniversaries

Tim & Laurie Blayney 3/17/1989

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

### ASLC Spring Yard Sale

Mark your calendar and start bringing in your stuff for our church-wide yard sale, Sat, May 18, 8am-12pm. Lynnne Barrett will be co-ordinating this year's sale so check with her for more details. We are accepting household items, furniture, small electronic devices if they are in good working condition [no old TV's unless they are flat screen], and kids toys. NO CLOTHING! You can donate that yourself to Goodwill at one of their drop-off centers.



<b>Greeter</b>	Sue Hebb	<b>3</b>	Kay Doverspike	<b>10</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>24</b>		<b>31</b>
<b>Reader</b>	Brian Propst		Jeanette Larson		John Corkran		Jen Ownbey		Kay Doverspike	
<b>Worship Asst</b>	Brian Propst		Jeanette Larson		John Corkran		Jen Ownbey		Kay Doverspike	
<b>Usher</b>										
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<b>Tabulate</b>	Butera/Wright		Radles		Sue Hebb		Corkrans		Butera/Wright	
<b>Altar Care</b>	Sue Hebb		Linda Butera		Toni Corkran		Lynnne Barrett			
<b>Coffee Host</b>			Jeanette Larson				Kay Doverspike		Lynnne Barrett	
<b>Nursery</b>			Kay Doverspike							