

ASLC NEWS

United in Christ. Welcoming All.

All Saints' Sunday

Sun, Nov 5th is All Saints' Sunday. Our worship that day will look quite different than a typical Sunday as we worship around a Table of Remembrance. This table includes old family plates, pictures of the departed saints of Abiding Savior, along with whatever other pictures of people you'd like to remember who are no longer with us. There will also be a candle lighting station that you can use any time during worship.

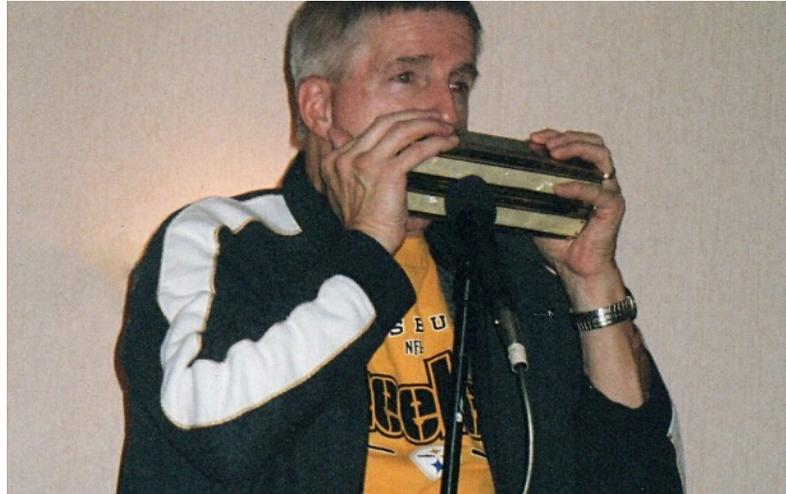
Treasurer's Report

	Sept 2017
Income	\$8,473.55
Expenses	<u>-9,799.64</u>
Net Income	-\$1,326.09

YTD 2017 Net Income =
-\$3,566.30

Sincerely, **Bob Lierman**

September was a tough month in terms of giving. Let's finish the year strong and try to make up the difference.



Pastor's Column

"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things...and the God of peace will be with you." — *Phil 4:8-9 [NRSV]*

This past month has been a bit of a blur for me as I spent a week helping my step-Mom take care of my Dad as he made the transition from Palliative Care into Hospice Care. Then after he died on Oct 4th, it was a mad rush to make all the necessary arrangements and preside at his funeral in Pittsburgh. My deepest thanks to all of you for your prayers, words of encouragement, and offers to help during this difficult time in the life of my family. I literally felt the strength of your prayers as I led the funeral liturgy for my Dad. It was one of the most difficult things I've ever done in my life but am glad I was the one to do it. *[con't p.2]*

[from p. 1] My time spent in Pittsburgh was very healing for me. I gave myself a few days to decompress and took a "David, this is your life" tour of the city of my birth. I dined with old friends I haven't seen in person in ages. I visited the graveyards of my great-grandparents and grandparents, I stopped by old homes and neighborhood that have played an important part of my life, and paid a visit to Berkeley Hills Lutheran where I was both confirmed and ordained.

Then there was the food: Betsy Ann Chocolates, a chipped ham sandwich from Isaly's, German food from Kretzler's Tavern and pasta from the local Italian restaurant. I may have gained a pound or two but it was worth it!

I share my journey with you because, in the midst of grief, it is helpful to surround ourselves with people and experiences that are "pleasing and worthy of praise." It is a healing balm for our souls. The journey of grief is long and hard. But I can say it's a little bit easier when we surround ourselves with reminders that even in the darkest of times life is a beautiful and precious gift we should savor and enjoy!

Blessings,
Pastor Dave

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Here is a picture from ASLC's hike on Oct 14th. Such a beautiful day!



Rescue Mission Coat Drive

The coat drive is Nov 4th. We need volunteers to make cookies, provide hospitality and help clients find coats on the day of the event. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space.

Pritchard Park Breakfast

Sun, Nov 19, is our day to feed the homeless at Pritchard Park. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space for donations of food and/or to volunteer on that day. We will assemble the breakfast on Sat, Nov 18, 10:00am.

Advent Prayer Beads

On Sun, Nov 12, 12:15pm we will learn how to make Advent Prayer Beads. All the supplies you need will be provided and lunch will be served. These beads will be used with our 2017 Advent Theme— *Bring Us Focus: Fill Us With Hope, Peace, Joy and Love*. They are a meditative device that we can use to help us reflect on the things we are thankful for and the things we want to invite into our lives during this holy season.

Each week there will also be a downloadable worship service to use at home. It includes "virtual prayer beads" for you to color and write your intentions on.



Birthdays

Leanne Cunningham	12
Richard Kurtz	13
Harold Sweitzer	24
Billie Hebb	24
Raymond Wright	25

Anniversaries

None this month.

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

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ASLC Youth went shopping for gloves and hats to donate to the Coat Drive thanks to a Thrivent Action grant.



Greeter	Sue Hebb	5	Kay Doverspike	12	Doris Wright	19		26
Reader	Kay Doverspike		Doris Wright		Jen Ownbey		Harold Sweitzer	
Worship Asst	Kay Doverspike		Doris Wright		Jen Ownbey		Harold Sweitzer	
Usher	Brian Propst							
Usher	Keaton Propst							
Tabulate	Corkrans		Butera/Wright		Radles		Dawn Lierman	
Altar Care	Sue Hebb		Linda Butera		Toni Corkran		Lynnie Barrett	
Nursery	Emily Propst		Kay Doverspike		Vicki Roome			