

# Abiding Savior News



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**Don't forget we have one worship service starting June 5th at 10:00am!**

### **Pastor's Column**

Do you have an altar in your home? That may seem like an unusual question but chances are, you probably do! Recently I came across a book entitled "Altars and Icons: Sacred Spaces in Everyday Life" by Jean McMann. Jean defines an altar or shrine as "an ordered arrangement of objects with symbolic meaning." A material thing -- a stone, a photograph, an old shoe -- can become a shrine or altar when it is displayed in a way that evokes inspiration, memory, respect or reverence. Furthermore, we value objects that are part of a collection for their beauty, rarity, or historical significance; the things in our shrines or altars are valuable for the memories and sentiments they evoke. They remind us of our connection to loved ones, to the Holy or to nature.

Armed with this understanding of an altar, take a mental inventory of your home and see if you have knowingly or unknowingly erected an altar. Some of these altars are constructed for a season. Others are a permanent installation.

Several altars I found in my home include the picture of Gary's mother who recently passed away. Her picture is on the fireplace

mantel surround by several pieces of pottery. I also have an altar in my dining room which is the collection icons that hang on the wall. I love them for their spiritual significance but they also remind me of the trips Gary & I have taken all over the world. It's our tradition to buy at least one on every trip we take together.

My "calavera" or Day of the Dead figure collection is an altar as well. It reminds me that life is a precious gift that is not to be wasted. It should be celebrated and savored every chance we get.

Then there are smaller altars like the wooden cross in my office that was carved by Henry Fricke, Vera's husband. I think of him every time I look at it. There's also a painting on my office wall by Florence Conrad.

The reason why I bring this up is that the construction of altars is not just an ancient practice relegated to churches. We consciously and unconsciously put these together all the time. Now that we know this, perhaps a nice summer project would be to find a spot on a shelf, a wall, or a window sill and build an altar that reminds us of our connection to God, loved ones, or nature. These can be powerful objects of devotion that carry strong emotions and spiritual significance. Happy crafting!

Blessings, Pastor Dave

**Financial Secretary's Report**

	April 2011	March 2011
General Fund Giving	7204.00	7485.98
Mortgage Giving	<u>2234.00</u>	<u>1925.00</u>
Total	\$9438.00	9410.98
Monthly Budget Needed	9764.70	9764.70
Difference (short)	(\$326.70)	(\$353.72)

The month of April took in \$913.00 in other designated gifts such as: candles, flowers, Cancer Relay for Life and Habitat. These amounts are not included in the monthly income for Budget.

Toni Corkran, Financial Secretary

NOTE: In Doris Wright's report to Church Council, total deposits verses **actual** spending yielded a surplus of \$613.74. [Toni uses an average monthly budget figure.] Let's try to keep this up over the summer months. It is encouraging news. We appreciate your generous support of ASLC!

**Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed**

There are still open slots in the Sunday Morning Calendar for greeters, ushers, coffee fellowship and cleaning. If you can cover any of these, please sign your name on the master chart located in the narthex. Thank you! See the chart in the right hand column for more info.

**Fairview Welcome Table**

The Fairview Welcome Table is now serving lunch on Thursdays, 11:30-1:00 at Fairview Christian Fellowship which is behind the library. This lunch is designed not only to feed the hungry but also create an opportunity for the whole community to sit down and have a meal together. Pastor Dave has attended several times and hopes that others from our church will check it out as well. It costs about \$4 to feed each person so any donation you give above that will help feed those who cannot afford to pay. Our church will be donating desserts to the Welcome Table the first Thursday every quarter which will begin next month.

		6/5		6/12		6/19		6/26
10:00	Greeter	Toni Corkran	Irene Sayers			Jennifer Ownbey	Sue Boeger	
10:00	Reader	Art Blue	Doris Wright			Jennifer Ownbey	Lawson Habb	
10:00	Worship Asst	Andrea Slusser	Doris Wright			Jennifer Ownbey	Lawson Habb	
10:00	Ushers		Long / Wright					
	Tabulators	Corkran	Huntsman / Sayers			Coleman / Hoffman	Kline / Fricke	
	Altar Care	Toni Corkran	Sandra Huntsman			Ellen Anderson	Lynnie Barrett	
	Coffee		Donna Burns			Family Life MT		
	Cleaning							
	Flowers							
	Candle					Stevens		

### Relay For Life

Thanks to your generous support, ASLC will be a sponsor for the 2011 Relay For Life. We will have the opportunity to place a welcome letter in all the participant's packets. The text of the flyer will read as follows: "Like many of you, we have lost friends and family members to cancer and appreciate your participation in the 2011 Relay for Life. Together we CAN make a difference!" It will also include the church's web address. If you would like to participate in the event, please see Pastor Dave for more details.

### Women's Garden Party

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 27, 6:00pm for the annual Garden Party at Pastor Dave and Gary's house. Women of all ages are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages, plates, cups and utensils will be provided. We usually have a great turnout for this event so come enjoy an opportunity to get to know the women who attend ASLC a little bit better.

### Invite a Member to Lunch

During the summer months please consider taking someone out to lunch after worship whom you don't know very well. This is a great opportunity for folks who attend both services to get to know each other. A list of restaurants that are close to the church is located in the narthex. We also encourage everyone to stay after church for coffee and goodies each week. Don't just talk to your old friends, make some new ones as well!

Photo: Jennifer and the kids chillin' during Sunday school!



### Pritchard Park Homeless Breakfast

We are serving breakfast at Pritchard Park on Sunday, June 12. We will assemble the breakfast on Saturday, June 11, 10:00am and depart from ASLC on Sunday morning at 8:30am for a 9:00am breakfast at the park. There is a volunteer list in the narthex for those interested. If you've never done this before, we encourage you to give it a try. It is a powerful way to spend Sunday morning.

### NC Synod Assembly

Pastor Dave will be at the North Carolina Synod Assembly from June 2-4 at Lenoir Rhyne University in Hickory. If you have any pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Dave on his cell phone, 505-5229.

### Pastor Dave on Vacation

Pastor Dave will be at the beach in Charleston, SC from June 6-9th. Call his cell phone during this time if you have any emergencies.

He will also be in New York City from June 27-July 2nd. Emergencies during this week should be directed to Rev. Cindy Coleman. Her cell phone is 989-1023 and her home phone is 633-0743.

### Summer Vacations

Don't forget that while you are on vacation this summer the ministries of ASLC continue. Please do your best to make up any offerings you might miss while you are gone and we hope you have a safe and restful vacation!



## Birthdays

Linda Butera	6/14
Tom Brown	6/14
Darlene Stevens	6/15
Eldon Thomas	6/20
Sandra Huntsman	6/21

## Anniversaries

Wally & Ellen Anderson	6/7/1947
Chip & Sherry Prazich	6/13/1964
Tom & Jan Brown	6/17/1967
Richard & Donna Burns	6/18/1966
Jim & Leah Usedom	6/21/1981

*(If your name does not appear on these monthly lists, please give the information to Joan)*

## Fall Education Opportunities

Over the summer months Pastor Dave will be working on two new Adult Sunday School classes for the fall. We'll begin in September with a 4-6 week course entitled "Introducing the New Testament." It will be a condensed version of a college course book written by Mark Allan Powell, professor of New Testament at Trinity Seminary. This will be a 101 Course that be useful for both those who are just beginning to read the Bible as well as those who have studied it all their lives. We'll study the time period in which the New Testament was written as well as the main characters in it.

After we finish this course, we're going to immerse ourselves in the book of Acts. Often we spend much of our time looking at the teachings of Jesus but don't know as much about the early church and what it looked like. Our goal will be to try and see what wisdom those first followers of Jesus have to teach us in the 21st century.

## Prayer List

In addition to ASLC members on our prayer list, we are praying for the following family and friends: Tammy Epley – Don & Nancy Albright's daughter, and Kim Hoffman – Linda Hoffman's niece. If you add the name of a loved one to the list, please let Joan know who they are. Names will remain on the list for four weeks unless requested for longer. Thanks for your help.

## Reconciling in Christ Survey

Don't forget to fill out your Reconciling in Christ survey this month. We're asking everyone to think about who we are as a church and how we want to be known in the community at large. Your help with the worship survey was extremely valuable and we hope you'll put the same careful thought into this survey as well. You should have received the RIC survey via e-mail. You can also pick one up in the narthex. If you are not receiving church e-mails and would like to be added to our list, please send your address to [abidingsaviorlc@aol.com](mailto:abidingsaviorlc@aol.com).



The kids gave us a rousing version of "Rise and Shine" during the 11:15 Service on Easter Sunday.



The official Arky-arky, just like Noah envisioned.