

ASLC NEWS

United in Christ. Welcoming All.

WC Rescue Mission Coat Drive

We are helping Western Carolina Rescue Mission with their annual cat drive on Sat, Oct 22, 9am-12pm. We need volunteers for the event plus people to bake cookies to serve the clients. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have coats you'd like to donate, take them to any Swannanoa Valley Cleaners. Thanks!

Treasurer's Report

	Aug 2016
Income	\$7,474.79
Expenses	- 9,950.34
Net Income	-\$2,475.55

**YTD Net Income (Jan-Aug) =
- \$3,100.37**

NOTE: August was a rough month financially mainly due to vacations. If you're able, please try to catch up during September and October. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely, Bob Lierman



Pastor's Column

"Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug." — *Is 51:1, NRSV*

For those of you who know me well, this is my favorite time of year. 90 degrees is NOT my anointed temperature! I like crisp, cool fall mornings, the vibrant color of the trees and everything pumpkin. However, my favorite part of this season occurs at the end of October and the beginning of November. This starts a trifecta of holy days to remember our loved ones who have gone before us: All Hallows' Eve, Dia de los Muertos, and All Saints' Day.

In early October I create an ancestor altar at my house. This tradition may be unfamiliar to you but I find it to be quite meaningful. This altar includes pictures of deceased loved ones I wish to remember, including pets. I also add fresh flowers, candles, and calaveras which are small skeleton figures engaged in everyday activities. This altar is in our dining room so during meal time we light the candles and think of those we love [cont p.2]

[from p. 1] Toward the end of October we have what I call an ancestor dinner which consists of pork and sauerkraut, potato pancakes and apple sauce. This is a traditional German meal that my grandparents would have made and I ate many times as a child. The only problem is the potato pancakes stink up the house so we only do it once a year! Even my German friends don't cook them indoors.

Finally, on All Hallows Eve (Oct 31st), Dia de los Muertos (Nov 1), and All Saints Day (Nov 1) we usually leave a food offering on the altar plus a little libation. We take a moment to remember our ancestors and give thanks for their lives and faith. I usually take the altar down after All Saints Sunday which is on Nov 6th this year.

There is no right or wrong way to do an ancestor altar. It can be as simple as a picture, a candle and a rose in a vase. Whatever pictures and object help you to remember and honor departed loved ones should be a part of your altar. Get creative and let me know if you decide to do one at your house.

Rituals are important in all of our lives and some of those rituals occur in our homes rather than at church. I wish everyone a blessed season of remembrance as we give thanks for those whose love we still feel long after they are gone.

Blessings,
Pastor Dave

Family plates for All Saints Sunday

Pastor Dave needs 12 plates for our All Saints table, Nov 6th. He is looking for old plates that hold a special memory for you. Write a short note as to where the plate came from and drop them off in his office during the month of October. Thanks!

BeLoved Community

The BeLoved Community has a need for casual clothes (T-shirts, jeans, clean socks, casual mens & women's shoes). Also backpacks and Canvas bags. There is a box in the narthex for these items. Thank-you!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Sarah Bolick	1
Mark Barrett	3
Reid Usedom	10
Lynn Barrett	13
Penny Miller	14
Arch Hebb	19
Claudine Kurtz	19
Leah Usedom	24

Anniversaries

Lawson & Sue Hebb	s10/02/2010
Mark & Lynn Barrett	10/15/1988

If we do not have your birthday and/or anniversary, please give them to Pastor Dave so we can include them next year!

Altered Playing Cards

Back by popular demand! Pastor Dave will lead a class on altered playing cards on Sun, Oct 16th, 12:15pm. Lunch will be served and there is no need to sign-up ahead of time! These cards are mini art canvases which we collage with pictures we like, inspirational sayings, etc. Anybody can do this! Come play with us and unleash your creativity.

Reformation Sunday

October 30th is Reformation Sunday. Members are encouraged to wear red on that day to symbolize the fiery presence of the Holy Spirit that blazes in our lives. Next year we will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and will do special activities leading up to this event.

Luther's Small Catechism

Did you know that there is now a FREE app for Apple and Android phones that allows you to read and explore Martin Luther's Small Catechism? Pastor Dave gives it a thumbs up so look for it in your app store.

November Dates

Mark these events on your calendar so you don't miss them!

- Nov 6 -- All Saints Sunday
- Nov 8 -- Election Day
- Nov 13 -- Pritchard Park Breakfast
- Nov 20 -- Advent Angel Making Workshop
- Nov 24 -- Thanksgiving Day

ASLC Hike at Max Patch:



Greeter	Sue Hebb	2	Sue Hebb	9	Toni Corkran	16	Kay Doverspike	23	Sue Hebb	30
Reader	Kay Doverspike		Harold Sweitzer		John Corkran		Jen Ownbey		Lawson Hebb	
Worship Asst	Kay Doverspike		Harold Sweitzer		John Corkran		Jen Ownbey		Lawson Hebb	
Usher										
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Tabulate	Dawn Lierman		Corkrans		Butera/Wright		Radles		Dawn Lierman	
Altar Care	Sue Hebb		Linda Butera		Toni Corkran		Lynnie Barrett			