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CURRENTS — SPECIAL SPRING EDITION



Join us on April 28, 2018 for our Annual Mission Auction and Chili Cook-off! The Cook-off will begin at 5 p.m. along with our silent auction. The Live Auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds from this year's auction will go to benefit Young Life and local elementary schools.

**Donate an
Auction Item**

DONATIONS WANTED! Gift cards, certificates, baskets, weekend get-aways, tickets to sporting events, movies are just a few ideas. All donations are tax-deductible. We can arrange for pickup if necessary.

Eagle River Presbyterian Church is a 501c3 non-profit – *the church in the heart of the community with the community at heart.*

In past years recipients have included

- Fisher House Alaska
- Fire Lake Elementary School
- Helping Hand for Nepal
- Covenant House Anchorage
- The new Presbyterian church in the village of Gambell on St. Lawrence Island

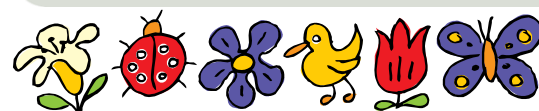
THANK YOU FOR HELPING US HELP OUR COMMUNITY!

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Dear Friends,

It's snowing this morning but the first day of spring was last week and we are only four days away from Easter. We've been walking through Lent together, talking about God's covenant promises to his people, promises that are ultimately fulfilled in God's Son, Jesus Christ. On Easter we tell the ancient story of God who conquered death and hell, who rose from the grave to be present with us forever. On Easter we sing *Alleluia: Christ is risen!* with our sisters and brothers all over the world and in every age. This Easter we share the feast of our Lord, the bread and cup that signify our eternal communion with Christ and each other.

I can think of no better way to wish you a happy Easter than to share this Easter sermon from St. John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople in the 4th century:

*Are there any who are devout lovers of God?
Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival!*

*Are there any who are grateful servants?
Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!*

*Are there any weary with fasting?
Let them now receive their wages!*

*To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows.
He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor.
The deed He honors and the intention He commends.
Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord!*

*First and last alike receive your reward;
rich and poor, rejoice together!
Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!
You that have kept the fast, and you that have not,
rejoice today for the Table is richly laden!*

*Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one.
Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup of faith.
Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!*

*Let no one grieve at his poverty,
for the universal kingdom has been revealed.*

*Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again;
for forgiveness has risen from the grave.*

*Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set
us free.*

*He has destroyed it by enduring it.
He destroyed Hell when He descended into it.
He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh.*

*Isaiah foretold this when he said,
"You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him
below."*

*Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with.
It was in an uproar because it is mocked.
It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed.
It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated.
It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive.*

*Hell took a body, and discovered God.
It took earth, and encountered Heaven.
It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not
see.*

*O death, where is thy sting?
O Hell, where is thy victory?*

*Christ is Risen, and you, o death, are annihilated!
Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!
Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!
Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!*

*Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead;
for Christ having risen from the dead,
is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
May the peace of Christ our Savior be with you all,

Piper



APRIL 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/28 Annual Auction/Chili Cook Off
- 5/13 Mother's Day Brunch
- 5/17 Organ Concert
- 5/20 Choir/CE Sunday
- 5/27 1st Sunday of Summer Schedule



Youth Confirmation Classes
will begin 4/22/2018. See
Rev Piper Cartland for any
questions

ERPC FINANCIAL REPORT as of April 1, 2018

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net Income</u>
January	\$16,295.50	\$19,186.31	-\$2,890.81
February	\$19,679.62	\$16,929.21	\$2,750.41
March	\$17,277.65	\$19,897.43	-\$2,619.78
TOTAL:	\$53,252.77	\$56,012.95	-\$2,760.18
INCOME HISTORY			
Contributions			
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Difference</u>
January	\$11,589.21	\$14,048.00	-\$2,458.79
February	\$14,875.00	\$11,758.00	\$3,117.00
March	\$12,586.05	\$11,908.00	\$678.05
Total:	\$39,050.26	\$37,714.00	\$1,336.26
Rental & Misc Income			
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Difference</u>
January	\$4,706.29	\$4,932.53	-\$226.24
February	\$4,804.62	\$5,286.85	-\$482.23
March	\$4,691.60	\$5,650.84	-\$959.24
Total:	\$14,202.51	\$15,870.22	-\$1,667.71
Total Income	\$53,252.77	\$53,584.22	-\$331.45
EXPENSE HISTORY			
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Difference</u>
January	\$19,186.31	\$19,724.81	-\$538.50
February	\$16,929.21	\$15,930.77	\$998.44
March	\$19,897.43	\$19,348.28	\$549.15
Total:	\$56,012.95	\$55,003.86	\$1,009.09

Ways to Support

There are a few ways to give

- Place cash or check in offering plate at worship on Sunday.
- Visit your local bank or your bank's website and set up a recurring electronic payment (just as you might do for your mortgage or other payments).
- Checks can also be mailed to PO Box 771337 Eagle River, AK 99577-1337.
- Go to our website and use the online giving program.



Bruce Davis	April 3
Gail Duft	April 7
Nathan Walters	April 8
Bill Walters	April 10
Dean Davidson	April 10
Weston Braunwarth	April 10
Scott Dietrich	April 21
Jim Anderson	April 25
Kelli Toth	April 25
Sonya Kmak	April 27



Kay & Lucy Witt	April 1
Dean & Donna Davidson	April 26
Jim & Donna Asher	April 28
Andrew & Jennifer Cottle	April 30



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