

# THE VIEW

September 2019

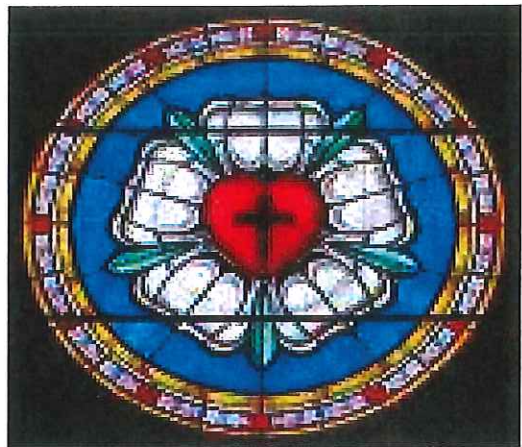
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## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Pastor Mura was called home to be with His Lord this afternoon.

Please pray for all the members of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Laotchikit and for his students as Pastor Mura was also the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in the school. This is a big blow for their congregation.

Lord have mercy.



Pastor Walta Clercius and Pastor Mura Supreme.

Pastor Mura Supreme, the pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Laotchikit, suffered a stroke and was called home to be with His Lord on Wednesday, August 28, 2019. In addition to leading the congregation, Pastor Mura was the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher for the students in the Lutheran School in Laotchikit.

Please pray for all the brothers and sisters in Laotchikit, especially his students, as Pastor Mura will be greatly missed.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us" Ephesians 3:20



REMEMBER : **T-SHIRTS** ARE ON SALE TO SHOW MT. PISGAH TO THE COMMUNITY WHETHER WE ARE MINGLING OR WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITY. \$10.00 BUYS YOU A **BRIGHT RED T-SHIRT!!!!**

Laotchikit, Haiti, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

To the Pastor and the members of Mt Pisgah Lutheran Church, NC.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and Peace to you from God our Lord and Savior Jesus-Christ!

This is to thank you for your past and continuing blessings. In the name of all the members in our Lutheran churches in Central-Plateau we thank you for all your efforts for us. You are blessing us with your love, your time, your charity, your money..... You are so blessed to be a blessing.

Blessings from The Church and school in Laotchikit, Pas Bonbon, Savann Platt,

Thomonde, Savane Haleine, Lagwannm, Rocky Road la Rivye Milet, Hinche,

Tidjo/Maissade, Metivier. Words and expressions are not sufficient to really express our thankfulness to you but we can just use this simple but meaningful word "THANK YOU" which is written in capital letters to express our gratitude to each one of you in the church of Mt Pisgah.

You are really helping us in Laotchikit with the church, the school, the seminary, the clinic, the sewing machines program, the gardens, the Lutheran business, the scholarship....in all and in all.

For the 2019-2020, we will have more than 2000 children in our schools in Central-Plateau. We will have 700 students in Laotchikit in our school. For this session, we have now 52 students in our seminary.

Finally, our thanks go to each congregation and individual that worked with us and who yet have the desire to continue to cooperate with us in the future works and projects.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Central-Plateau is expressing once again her gratitude to you for your willingness to continue to work and cooperate with us in the future.

May God's continuing blessings be yours through all the year ahead!

Brotherly yours in the resurrected One,

Pastor Walta Clercius

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### SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

September USHERS			September LECTORS	
8:00 AM		10:45 AM	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
9/1	Lydia Cassidy Bill Kruse	Leah Ryel, Harold Zell Jim Wing, John Frost Laura Reinhold	Rick Sanborn	John Zagone
9/8	Rudy Eidam Bob Morin	Marion Miller, Bill Jaeger, Jerri Creech	Jerry Kaufman	Kathy Kirchoefer
9/15	Bob Morin Rick Sanborn	David Hawthorne, Leah Ryel Harold Zell, Steve Leyrer	Vicki Amato	Linda Licht
9/22	Jen Stickney Mike Ebanks		Paul Mincer	Jim Wing
9/29	Bill Kruse Paul Mincer	Jim Wing, Bill Jaeger, Jerri Creech	Jerry Kaufman	Linda Licht



### **Ushers needed**

**Six volunteers are needed to Usher. Anyone interested should contact David Hawthorne at (828) 808-9277 or [david@davidhawthorne.com](mailto:david@davidhawthorne.com)**

## *Birthday Blessings*

9/4 David White  
9/6 Maxine Tatreau  
9/7 Anna Hawthorne  
9/10 Jerene Creech  
9/13 Elaine Fabricius  
9/15 Dean Glossop

9/19 Linda Licht  
9/20 Garrett Hawthorne  
9/20 Marianne Bugner  
9/22 Justine Reid  
9/22 Vicki Fisher  
9/30 Sylvia Gonzalez

### **COMMUNITY CONCERN OF THE MONTH**

*Henderson County Hunger Coalitions's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunger Walk*  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**



There will be a table set up in the narthex at Church for people to sign up to walk or to sponsor a walker. After early Service, Rick Sanborn will be at the table on 9/7 and 9/14, and Jan Tharp will be there on 9/21. Donations will be accepted then and at 2nd Service, when Kathy Kirchoefer and I (Leah Ryel) will at the table all 3 of those weeks. Checks are to be made payable to Henderson County Hunger Coalition (abbreviated to HCHC), with the name of the walker at the bottom of the check. If anyone has questions, you can contact me at 697-1973.

Sign-up will be held at 8 a.m. on September 21, at Jackson Park's Shelter 1. Participants can walk 10 miles, or 5 miles, or take the 1-2 mile fun walk instead.

## Prayers and concerns

### Surgeries and Illness

Nancy Bargar  
Suzi Karnatz  
Jerry Kaufman &  
daughter Elizabeth  
Eleney Selius  
Neil Motyka (Fry)  
April Thomas & baby Judah  
Wendy White

Ed Bertram  
Joann Kapugi  
Brian Keeney  
Tara Lumley  
Carol Ormsby  
Marshall Hunt (Fry)  
Kate & Matt-baby Charlotte  
Bob Biddle

Glenn Karnatz  
Brandon Wilson (Rappley)  
Vicki Rutland (Berryman)  
David Pellman  
Mary Hill  
Grant Germain (McLellan)  
Buddy Harrison (Fry)

### Homebound

Joan Ginter  
Ann Cheadle  
Geri Ellerson  
Kathleen Fox

Jan Nelson  
Dorothy Lehman  
Mike Lohr  
Dianne Luecke

Millie Freese  
Ivalee Rymer  
Eleney Selius

### Other Prayers and Concerns

Our Preschool Staff, Children & Families

Evangelical Lutheran Church & School Laotchikit, Haiti,

Mission of the month  
Blue Ridge Health Services

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## **Stewardship is More than Money—It is an Outpouring of Love**

By the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son” (John 3:16). “God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays his life down for the sheep” (John 10:11). Love means sacrifice. Sacrifice means a humbling of oneself for the good of another. And this is what the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us: Love means sacrifice.

We love our families. And we love them by sacrificing ourselves for them. We put their needs before our own. We sacrifice our own wants and desires for their good and for their needs.

We love our country. And we love it by pledging our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor to defend her. We ask not what our country can do for us, but what we can do for our country. We make sacrifices for our country's good and we do it because we love her.

We love our church. And we love our church by giving of ourselves, by sacrificing our time, talents, and treasures in service to it. We volunteer to teach Sunday School, VBS, and other various boards. We help out cleaning and fixing what needs to be cleaned and fixed at the church property. And we give a portion of the income God has given us, so that the lights will go on, and the heat and air conditioning may run; so that a pastor will preach to us both law and gospel and administer baptism and the Lord's Supper; so that the Word will go forth into all the world through the missionaries we call and send out.

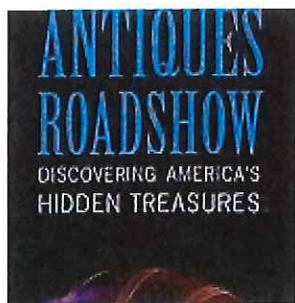
God has called us into these three spheres of family, country, and church. He puts the solitary into a home. No one is an island unto himself. Everyone is put into a family, a country, and a church. In these spheres, God cares for all our needs of body and soul. He employs other members of these spheres to ensure that we have everything we need for this body and life and for the next.

These callings place a claim upon us, a claim upon our presence, our prayers, our time, talents, and treasures. They give us a duty. That duty is to love. And love means sacrifice. And sacrifice means that we humble ourselves for the good of another.

So then, "let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:7-11). And love means sacrifice.

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## ANTIQUE ROAD EXTRAVAGANZA



Benefiting the Council on Aging. Join Carillon Assisted Living for a nostalgic afternoon. Have your item evaluated by James A. Brannock, a professional antique appraiser/dealer. Find out if that prized possession is worth a small fortune to others, or is simply priceless to you. RSVP 828-785-5488

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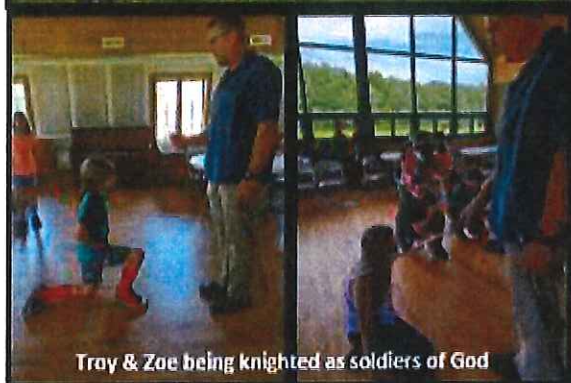


## PRETEEN WEEK 2019

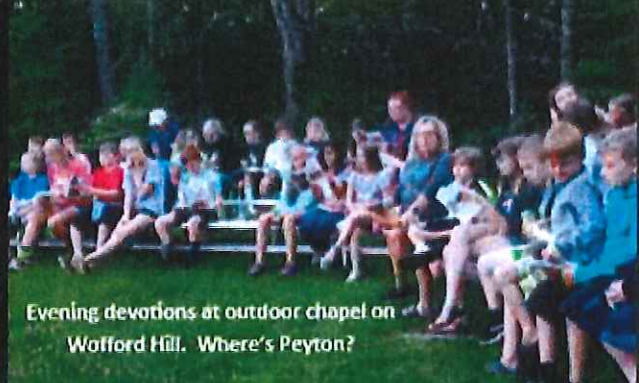
The camp adventures of  
Zoe, Peyton, & Troy



Camp's new addition is a hit! Just ask Peyton!



Troy & Zoe being knighted as soldiers of God



Evening devotions at outdoor chapel on Wofford Hill. Where's Peyton?



Tweetsie Railroad fun for Troy & friend



Peyton enjoying Tweetsie Railroad's Arcade



Girls just wanna have fun, too. Right, Zoe?



Zoe's favorite spot. That's Doug filling in as lifeguard.



Troy & Zoe clean up nicely for the dance, don't you think?



It was a great week! Thank you  
for your support of this ministry!



## A Solution to a Declining Society

The last few years have seen cultural change that is so rapid that it'll make your head spin. Some changes have been positive, some have been negative, some we are on the fence about, and some we are left dumbstruck by their insanity. Many attribute the social, political, and cultural upheaval to the waning of Christianity in Western Society, and they have a point: religious destabilization certainly has not helped the situation. But I tend to interpret this to the perpetual struggle against mankind's fallen nature, which ebbs and flows in degree of wickedness.

Nostalgia may make us long for the "good ol' days", and in some respects they were better, but they had their problems too. A decline of civilization being linked to religious apathy seems to be a reoccurring theme. A hundred years ago it was such a problem that the government looked past their misinterpretation of Jefferson's "wall of separation" for guidance. Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt (the 26th President of the United States of America) offered these ten reasons for going to church in the Ladies' Home Journal in 1917:

1. In this actual world a churchless community, a community where men have abandoned and scoffed or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid downgrade.
2. Church work and church attendance mean the cultivation of the habit of feeling some responsibility for others and the sense of braced moral strength which prevents a relaxation of one's own moral fiber.
3. There are enough holidays for most of us which can quite properly be devoted to pure holiday making... Sundays differ from other holidays—among other ways—in the fact that there are fifty-two of them every year... On Sunday, go to church.
4. Yes, I know all the excuses. I know that one can worship the Creator and dedicate oneself to good living in a grove of trees, or by a running brook, or in one's own house, just as well as in church. But I also know as a matter of cold fact the average man does not thus worship or thus dedicate himself. If he stays away from church he does not spend his time in good works or in lofty meditation. He looks over the colored supplement of the newspaper.
5. He may not hear a good sermon at church. But unless he is very unfortunate he will hear a sermon by a good man who, with his good wife, is engaged all the week in a long series of wearing and humdrum and important tasks for making hard lives a little easier.
6. He will listen to and take part in reading some beautiful passages from the Bible. And if he is not familiar with the Bible, he has suffered a loss...
7. He will probably take part in singing some good hymns.
8. He will meet and nod to, or speak to, good, quiet neighbors... He will come away feeling a little more charitably toward all the world, even toward those excessively foolish young men who regard church going as rather a soft performance.
9. I advocate a man's joining in church works for the sake of showing his faith by his works.
10. The man who does not in some way, active or not, connect himself with some active, working church misses many opportunities for helping his neighbors, and therefore, incidentally, for helping himself.

Although good ol' Teddy missed important things like receiving forgiveness and strength through the Means of Grace, I don't think anyone can find fault with the points he presented in this list. I hope and pray for today's leaders and this nation will come to the same conclusions as our former President.