

THE VIEW

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

I'll be the brave one and just say it. This has been the most awkward Lent and Easter seasons that I have ever experienced, and hopefully this will be the last one like it. Confined and isolated, this year just seems to be muted when we cannot express our joy to the fullest with family and friends. Well... at least not in person and with the intimacy of being close to one another. But I feel that this unique Easter season has been a necessary experience.

In addition to keeping us physically safe, Easter in quarantine has opened my eyes to other needs. I will never take the joy of greeting and worshipping with my brothers and sisters in Christ for granted again. May God use this isolation to remind me every day that He does not intend for us to be separated but united as His Church, the Body of Christ.

Is there a brother or sister that you haven't spoken to since the shutdown? Give them a call. Write them a letter. Poke them on Facebook (if that's still a thing). I am sure that they also could benefit from a little encouragement. And isn't that what the Easter season is all about? We are to encourage one another because the pain and sorrow of this sin-broken world has been defeated. We now live in hope, regardless of whatever this world throws at us, because Christ's victorious resurrection is evidence of our redemption.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life

of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:7-18)

Be strong. Stay safe. This momentary affliction will pass soon. Therefore do not despair, God is with us. Encourage one another with the victory that is ours in Christ. Jesus has defeated death for us; and nothing can steal that Easter joy.

Prayers and Concerns

Surgeries and Illness

Nancy Bargar	Brian Keeney	Helen Hutson (Montgomery)
David Pellman	Mary Hill	Neil Motyka (Fry)
Marshall Hunt (Fry)	Joann Kapugi	Grant Germ (McLellan)
Maureen Duemig	Mike & Delilah (Perkins)	Wiley Ilowit (Fry)
Ann (Ryel)	Harvey Nash	Charissa Oleskow (Bertram)
Robert Hamilton, Jr.	Mary Coffman (Rev. Coffman)	Joyce Boss (Kruse)
Ben Kirchoefer	Carol Walters	John Frost
Ann Marshall (Mincer)	Nicholas Head (McAbee)	Pastor Christensen

Homebound

Ann Cheadle	Kathleen Fox	Joan Ginter
Millie Freese	Dorothy Lehman	Mike Lohr
Dianne Luecke	Jan Nelson	Dave & Lee Marquardt
Glenn & Suzie Karnatz	Eleney Selius	Louise Bauer
Warna Berryman	Judy Fuchs	Gerry Ormsby

Other Prayers and Concerns

Our Preschool Staff, Children & Families
Evangelical Lutheran Church & School in Laotchikit, Haiti
Preschool teachers and families who are out due to health issues

NO NEED TO MISS CHURCH SERVICES

Information for accessing church service

Online: Video will be found on the home page at <http://www.mtpisgahlutheran.com>

The service bulletin will also be available on the homepage.

Phone: Service will begin at 10:45 am, dial in direct with no access code to (508) 924-5662 or call toll-free (844) 802-6666 and enter access code 889956

Podcast: Search for "Mt Pisgah Lutheran" in your mobile device podcast app.

YouTube: Recording link will be published on the home page once it is available.

Inquiring Minds want to know: So, here's the answer---

The quarterly Portals of Prayer cost \$2.80 per book for the large print and 1.38 per book for the small print.

Offering Envelopes cost \$389.00 yearly which is about \$3.38 per box.

Lutheran Witness is \$12.95 per one year subscription.

Thank you to everyone who asked about these costs and have contributed funds to help cover these expenses.



Start Preparing for the Annual Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 6th

8 am to 2 pm

The Ladies Guild is preparing for the annual Rummage Sale. Start saving the items that you would like to donate while you are doing your spring cleaning this year! We have decided that we will take small pieces of furniture (**please don't bring large, heavy furniture!**), but no clothing. You may start dropping off your items in the back of the Fellowship Hall on **May 17th**.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

February 27, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Paul Mincer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was declared. Minutes of the January 23, 2020 meeting were approved.

Council members present: Paul Mincer, Steve Kirchoefer, Robert Hamrick, Rudy Eidam, Vickie Amato, Jan Tharp, Debby Zagone, Wendy Maloney, and Leah Ryel

Others present: Pastor Jonathan Christensen

Absent: Homero & Sylvia Gonzalez, Diane Sanborn, and Wendy White

Vickie offered the devotion.

Mt. Pisgah's Vision Statement was read by all.

Robert Hamrick & Sylvia Gonzalez' Balance Sheet by Account from Jan. 1, 2020 to January 31, 2020 is attached. Robert explained that document. He stated that a donation of just under \$20,000, to go toward an electronic piano, had been received, & suggested that that information be published, with the hopes of receiving additional monies to replace the instruments in the sanctuary, the choir room, and the fellowship hall. All of those have been tuned to the point that that it's needing to happen much too frequently.

Jan mentioned that the knitters needed funds for yarn, so a motion was made.

Motion #1:

Jan made a motion to provide \$200 for yarn for the knitters from the funds for Outreach and Community Concerns. The motion was seconded by Rudy Eidam, and passed unanimously.

There was some discussion about a way to fund the Sunday School. Those monies are used for such things as the Christmas goodie bags for children attending Christmas Eve Services.

Motion #2:

Robert made a motion to move \$2,500 from the LCEF Youth Fund Account to the Sunday School. Rudy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Pastor thanked the Church for helping in his absence, and announced that Paula Moore will become a new member.

Rudy had an oral report, from the meeting which Pastor, Steve Leyrer, and Rudy Eidam attended. Due to David Hawthorne's serious illness, the other Elders' groups will be expanding (absorbing David Hawthorne's people). Also, the large stones in the Memorial Garden need to be worked on, which will cost approximately \$2,300. Rudy will be taking home Iva Lee Rymer's stone, to prepare it for the engravers, as he has been doing.

Pastor stated that Iva Lee Rymer's Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, April 4.

Jan's report (attached) stated that the Mission of the month for January, Hendersonville Rescue Mission, received a check for \$304. Church members also served meals and filled Christmas bags for Mission residents. February's Mission of the Month for February is Interfaith Assistance Ministry. Mary Rappley delivered over 200 cans of soup for their Souper Bowl of Caring. The financial donation will be delivered at month end. Mission of the Month for March is Open Arms Pregnancy Center. Carol Walters sends cards to homebound, ill, and visitors. The blood drive was very successful (14 pints from 19 donors). No update on cookbook. New members on this Board are Pastor & Sarah Christensen, Steve Kirchoefer, Leah Ryel, Lydia Cassidy, Sylvia Gonzalez, and Barbara Volk. Jan, Lydia, Pastor, & Leah met yesterday. Today, Leah checked on opening a non-profit account at the Post Office, to send post cards announcing special Services, but was told that the cost is very prohibitive. Grace Lutheran had put stacks of their informational post cards in places like Whitley Drugs. Meeting T.B.A.

Diane was absent, and had no report.

Wendy Maloney announced that Whitney Yelton is expecting her 3rd child, her first son. There are about 65 students at the Preschool.

Pastor announced that the milk cooler came today. Funds for that had been in the dedicated account for a bus, and had been donated by the late Charlie Cavicchio. Pastor had contacted Elise Cavicchio, who approved of using the funds, as long as it was for something connected with the Preschool.

Debby Zagone's report (attached) stated that she had bought 2 new coffee makers, and 2 new food warmers, and will purchase 5 white tablecloths, since we currently have only 10 white tablecloths. Mt. Pisgah Cares meal program prepared 12 meals for 3 ill families in 2020, which is more than we did in all of 2019.

Vickie's report (attached) said that Bill Kruse had asked Mary to contact Haynes Electrical to check the smoke alarm system in the kitchen hallway, because it had been going off for no reason. A new head was replaced on 2/11. The kitchen-remodeling committee is establishing priorities for the kitchen update. Herb Spies has volunteered to supply materials and to construct new cupboards and cabinets! Bill Kruse has been replacing a large number of light fixtures inside and outside, and also the bags of rock salt for the Church and School.

Once the construction by Herb is approved by Council, we will need to schedule a Called Congregational Meeting.

Wendy White was absent, but her report is attached. The news from Haiti is frightening.

Pastor informed us that the alarm system is obsolete, and the cost for one unit is \$3,800.

Motion #3:

Steve Kirchoefer made a motion that we designate up to \$5,000 to the replacement of the fire alarm system. Leah Ryel seconded the motion, which was approved.

Pastor stated that today there was no heat in 3 classrooms. He authorized Haynes to order replacement parts, which will come Monday. Steve said that the Fellowship Hall doors ought to be kept shut, as the Preschool classroom doors are, as a fire prevention measure. Until the replacement parts arrive on Monday, Pastor stated that the classroom doors to the 3 rooms will be kept open, to prevent pipes freezing.

Since Homero was absent, Pastor spoke about the Grounds Report (attached). Item 3 stated that fencing is not complete.

Motion #4:

Steve made a motion to appropriate funds to finish the fencing. Wendy Maloney seconded the motion, which was approved.

Pastor said that he marked out the area near the sign. He mentioned a tree between the highway and Memorial Garden needs to be removed for better visibility (and to prevent its falling over into the highway or Memorial Garden, etc.).

Motion #5:

Steve made a motion that the tree near the Memorial Garden be removed. Rudy seconded, and the motion was approved.

Old Business items were already addressed.

New Business:

The first two items were previously discussed.

3. Pastor announced that \$17 came from Amazon Smile; anyone shopping on Amazon can donate.
4. Pictorial directory was brought up by Pastor. Debby stated that John had agreed to handle that.

Our next meeting will be 3/19, and Paul Mincer will pray.

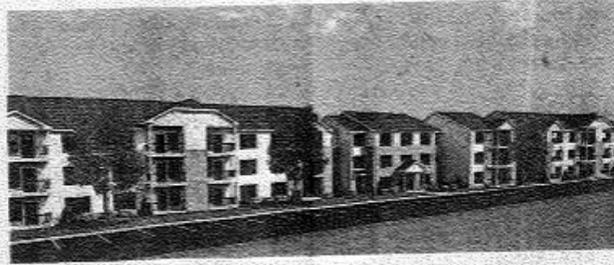
At 8:36 p.m., Paul closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Ryel

** See notes after calendar

FUTURE NEIGHBORS



A rendering of the 78-unit senior living apartment project, White Pine Villas, to be built at 3620 Chimney Rock Road next to Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church.

Senior living apartments OK'd for Chimney Rock Road

By Andrew Mundhenk
Staff Writer

A 78-unit affordable independent senior living apartment building was approved by Hendersonville

City Council Thursday for Chimney Rock Road.

The council unanimously approved the rezoning request for White Pine Villas, consisting of one three-story apartment building, set to be

built on 4.64 acres of land at 3620 Chimney Rock Road next to Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church.

Developer Stephen Drake

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of WDT Development said the apartments would be age-restricted to senior citizens 65 and older living on fixed incomes - those making between 30% and 80% of the median household income in Henderson

County.

Rents would range from \$350 to \$750 per month.

Drake said the demand for affordable senior housing is incredibly high in Hendersonville and Henderson County. The last project specifically for senior citizens, he said, was Oakhaven Apartments on Old Spartanburg Highway eight years ago.

Units will consist of 36

one-bedrooms and 42 two-bedrooms, accessed internally. There will also be shared common areas including a library, community center, onsite laundry, game and craft room and computer room with free internet access.

Drake also pointed out that the development would be next door to a church and within walking distance of Ingles without having to cross a

major roadway.

The facility would not provide on-site medical care, but would be staffed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents can enter the building via key fob and buzz in visitors from their apartment.

Drake was not asked during the meeting, which was closed to the public and streamed online, the timetable for construction.

Board of Missions

April 2020

Just because we are all alone doesn't mean we can't be about the work of missions. The Mission Committee conducted business by phone and email. Here is an update on what's happening in the mission field.

As the church office is open and functioning, Sylvia Gonzalez was able to send the quarterly support to the four missionaries we help around the world. Thank you, Sylvia.

Awesome Debbie Leger has become pen pals with one of our seminary students – Scot Missling. He is delightful and I hope you were able to read his letter in the April View. The Mission Committee voted to send Scot \$2,500 toward his tuition and living expenses.

Trinity Hope is continuing to feed children in Haiti in the Lutheran schools even though the schools are closed like in the US. But the statistics are frightening!

- The U.S. has one ICU bed for every 3,000 Americans; Haiti has one ICU bed for every 100,000 Haitians.
- The entire country of Haiti, which has approximately 11 million people, only has 911 doctors (source: Haiti's National Institute Statistics)
- There are only 64 Ventilators in the entire country and several of those are likely not working.
- The projected death toll from COVID-19 could reach 800,000 in Haiti. (The 2010 earthquake resulted in about 250,000 deaths)

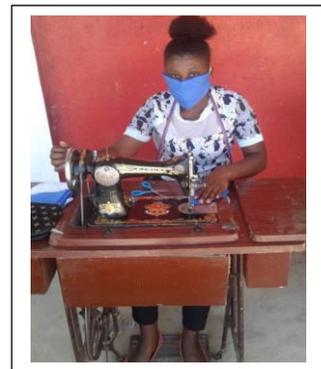
Add to that there is a drought and water shortage in the Central Plateau so it is hard to wash your hands without soap and water. However, there are sewing machines in Laotchikit and seven people who can sew. We took a quick poll of the faithful and voted to send \$1,000 to Laotchikit to buy cloth to sew masks for everyone there. In addition, someone gave another \$1,000 as a dedicated gift specifically for cloth to sew masks or uniforms. Now our friends in Laotchikit have some defense against this virus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy White



Polene Medeus a 9th grade student in Laotchikit is sewing masks to protect people from COVID-19.



WOW--As we return to church--look around

Our Preschool is considered essential. We provide care for the children of other essential workers who provide services for the community. Our staff have been to dedicated to the children and families we serve. They maintain a happy, healthy, safe environment for each other, our children and families.

We are also very so excited for church members to come back to church and see all the projects the preschool staff have completed. They have worked diligently under the direction of our Director Katherine Montgomery.

The choir room has been refreshed with painted walls and the floors have been stripped and waxed. Mary took all of the choir robes to be cleaned and Leah Ryel washed all of the stoles.

All of the classrooms have been refurbished with new paint and waxed floors. Many more projects in the works such as painting the halls of the church and preschool as well as stripping and waxing the floors in the fellowship hall and kitchen and hallway.

In her spare time, our director has made over 150 face masks for employees of the preschool and other essential workers.

The staff at Mount Pisgah Lutheran preschool have been working diligently and gone above and beyond their call of duty as child care workers.

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy, we miss each and everyone of you and look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces.

Scot Missling, the seminary student that has been assisted by our church has a birthday on May 20th. If anyone would like to send a card:

Scot Missling, 13505 Windyhill Road, Minnetonka, MN 55305
SDMISSLING@GMAIL.COM

Birthday cards would be a great spiritual support for him.

Dear Saints at Mount Pisgah Lutheran Church,

Easter greetings to you all! Christ is Risen! This is another update from Scot Missling, the 1st year M.Div student at Concordia Seminary that you have offered to support as congregation. I continue to be moved and grateful for the continued financial assistance you provide toward my education. I would humbly ask for your continued prayers and assistance as I work towards ministry, especially during these uncertain times and in unusual circumstances.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, I made the decision to return home to Minnesota and continue my seminary education via the online distance learning offered by the seminary. This has been quite an adjustment but hopefully it will only be a short term necessity. Currently there are plans to resume fall semester classes in person if the virus can be brought under control. My seminarian brothers and I are very hopeful this will be possible as we miss studying and worshipping with each other on campus very much. If you would like to send me mail at my Minnesota residence, I will make sure to include that contact information at the bottom of the letter. My mailing address hasn't be forwarding from the Seminary yet so I apologize if you have sent me something there and I haven't responded yet.

I have found this time to be a helpful reminder to continue in my devotional life. Spending time in the Word and in prayer daily has helped me deal with the increased uncertainty of life. I hope you are all finding time to engage with God in prayer and to spend time reading His Word. God hears our prayers and He knows how best to care for His church. Now especially in this Easter season we are reminded how through Christ's death and resurrection, He has taken care of all our sins and promises to restore us to eternal life with Him in the new creation. Until we as church communities can gather again in large groups, and we pray fervently that time to be coming soon, I invite you to use this time as individuals to grow in your Christian faith with God and know that I pray for you all every day.

I thought I would again share a prayer with you, both to highlight our shared Easter joy and to help strengthen and preserve you all in faith! It is the Collect for the Second Sunday in Easter which we just celebrated:

"Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen."

As always, I would love to hear from you via mail, e-mail, phone call and I hope that you all continue to be well and enjoy good health. God is generous to have provided me with supporters like you and I give thanks daily for all of your support.

In Christ,

Scot D. Missling
13505 Windyhill Rd
Minnetonka, MN 55305

Thank you for your continued support! I love hearing from you!
Sdmisling@gmail.com

Monday, April 13, 2020

Dear Ms. White and members of Mt. Purgah,

Greetings in the name of the Lord. We pray that you had a blessed Holy Week and Easter celebration. Here in Mexico different congregations broadcast their services through Facebook and YouTube. Indeed, the word of God continues to be proclaimed despite the Corona virus. The words that the Lord proclaimed through the prophet Isaiah ring with all truth: "So shall **my word** be that goeth forth out of **my** mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11)

On behalf of ourselves and the Lutheran Synod of Mexico we thank you for your generous support of God's mission in Mexico. God is using your donations in a powerful way to form pastors and deaconesses who will serve the Lord throughout the country. Our national pastors and vicars continue to proclaim the joyful news of Jesus' resurrection through ZOOM, Facebook, and YouTube. We give thanks to God for these kingdom workers for their faithful service. Kathy, Ana, and I have decided to remain in Mexico during the Corona Virus Pandemic. We pray that the Lord will continue to use us as his ambassadors in a powerful way.

Unfortunately, Kathy's father, who lives in Michigan, recently contracted the virus and is now under hospice care. Her mother lives in an assisted living facility and is in quarantine. She is not allowed to have any contact with her husband or anyone else, due to the likelihood of contamination. This situation fills us with sadness. At the same time, we rejoice that her father has been a member of Christ's church since the day he was received into God's kingdom as an infant through Holy Baptism. Thus, we look forward to seeing her father again in the eternal kingdom of the Lord. Christ's victory over death and the devil is our victory. Please remember us in your prayers as we face this difficult situation.

We thank you again for your support and we pray for continual support for the mission in Mexico. As we are in your prayers be assured that you are in our prayers. May the Lord give us the strength to overcome the present corona virus crisis. We go forward in confidence knowing that the kingdom of Christ will prevail.

Enclosed please find our prayer card and a photo of the members of our mission congregation in Chiapas Mexico. (Chiapas shares the border with Guatemala) Vicars Alvaro Velasquez and Neftali Garcia are standing to the right. Alvaro, who is behind Neftali is studying for the pastorate and will serve as pastor of the Chiapas congregation. Your support provides training and materials for these future national pastors. May the Lord bless you abundantly!

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel, Kathy, and Ana Conrad

COMMUNITY CONCERN OF THE MONTH

The Medical Loan Closet
of Henderson County, Inc.



ABOUT THE MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET OF HENDERSON COUNTY

The Medical Loan Closet of Henderson County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides durable medical equipment on a loan basis at low cost to residents of Henderson County facing recovery from illness, accident or otherwise in need of such equipment on a short-term basis.

The Medical Loan Closet's large assortment of durable medical equipment includes wheelchairs, knee walkers, winnie walkers, hospital beds, elevated toilet seats, shower and tub transfer benches and more. Loans can be paid for with cash, check and most credit cards (regrettably, we cannot accept American Express).

Serving Henderson County for more than 60 years, the Medical Loan Closet is governed by a volunteer board of directors and led by Executive Director Maureen K. Graham who works with a few other staff members and a team of volunteers.

Tax-deductible contributions from individuals and businesses help support the work of the Medical Loan Closet. The nonprofit also has benefited from grant funding from

such organizations as [Community Foundation of Henderson County](#), [Pisgah Health Foundation](#) and the [United Way of Henderson County](#), as well as from the [City of Hendersonville](#) and [Henderson County](#).

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THANK YOU, ladies for making the masks to protect from this virus. Anyone who wants or is in need of a mask please contact Judy Morin 386-316-7585.

Birthday Blessings



5/3 Suzie Karnatz	5/14 Barbara Hotaling	5/20 Wendy White
5/3 BenKirchoefer	5/14 Barbara Volk	5/26 Jan Tharp
5/4 Larry Tharp	5/15 Eleney Selius	5/29 Erica Genaw
5/5 John Zagone	5/18 Jerry Kaufman	5/30 Donna Clancy
5/12 Gerald Orsmbly	5/19 Lydia Cassidy	

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****Council was unable to meet 3/19 but had a meeting via the telephone on April 23rd.**

The funeral for Ivalee Rymer was postpone and will be announced later.

Regarding Wendy's Statement about Haiti:

Riots are still occurring but a greater problem is kidnapping by gangsters. The situation is very dangerous for Haitians and deadly for Americans.

Thank you, Mt. Pisgah members for your continued offerings of support.

Remember we have a box outside the church on the wall for those who wish to use it, or you may continue to mail any offerings to Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church, 2606 Chimney Rock Road, Hendersonville, NC 28792.

Your offerings have helped to keep the church meeting its monthly expenses.

This year's offering budget year to date through April is \$99,615.33. The offerings received year to date is \$99,866.71 which is \$251.38 greater than the budgeted amount.

Mt Pisgah needs \$25,000 per month to meet budgeted operating expenses and to date we have received \$25,000 per month to meet all budgeted expenses, thanks to some increased offerings. Thank you for your continued generous support of Mount Pisgah.
