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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the month of August, we will be featuring our Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church Preschool as our Mission of the Month. Many folks who are now members of our Church family were not here when the idea for the creation of our Preschool was first advanced. That dates back to the mid to late 90's, when we were in the process of developing a plan to expand our Church facilities and campus. We were looking for a way to reach out to our community with the love of Christ in a tangible way that would address a specific need of the young families in Henderson County – a need that was not being fully met at the time.

To carry out the extensive research into the need for an Early Childhood Development Center in our area, the Early Childhood Ministry Board was formed. In March of 2002 we created the following *Vision Statement for Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church Early Childhood Ministry* (You will notice that this Vision Statement is very similar to the one we confess as a Church family.):

- The view from Mt. Pisgah is clear. Together we accept our commitment to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, by serving the spiritual and physical needs of our community's children and their families. Through God's grace we will further demonstrate the presence of His love by sponsoring and fostering an Early Childhood Ministry.
- Mt. Pisgah's Early Childhood Ministry shall be planned and carried out in a manner that places Jesus Christ at its heart.
- The children entrusted to our care shall be valued and nurtured in keeping with Christ's admonition, *Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me ....*
- Mt. Pisgah Early Childhood Ministry shall seek to enhance the interpersonal relationships of parents and families of the children we serve as integral to the success of our program, and their child's development.
- Each staff member and volunteer within Mt. Pisgah's Early Childhood Ministry shall be valued for his or her vision, skills, knowledge and commitment, as together we serve our Heavenly Father in this ministry while embracing and sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

Even though this Vision Statement was written in the Spring of 2002, two years before we would open the doors of Open Arms, begin teaching our first students, and hold our first Chapel Service, we still hold that Vision today. Thank you so very much for your support of our Early Childhood Ministry throughout these past 11 years!

In His Service,

*PASTOR LARRY RABIN*

## Mission of the Month for August: Mount Pisgah Lutheran Church Preschool



*"...you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord." Leviticus 19:18b ESV*

## Did you know?

Mt Pisgah Lutheran Church Has a Prayer Shawl Ministry!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry was developed a few years ago for the purpose of offering support and care for members of our congregation who were in need of a touch of kindness, special, attention, and comfort by presenting them with hand-made gifts.

Members of the group volunteered to lovingly hand make Shawls and Lap Robes to be given to anyone who might be in need of that type of care. After some time they had more of these gifts to give away than were needed in the congregation so they began to look outside of the congregation and gave a number of them to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Asheville and Pardee Hospital in Hendersonville. They also decided to expand the kind of handmade items to include baby hats. A number of those were given to newborns at the Pardee Hospital.

Two years ago the Prayer Shawl Ministry group accepted the challenge of making Christmas Stockings for every child in the Congregation and in the Preschool. The stockings were stuffed to the brim by the school and presented to the children after their Christmas program in Church.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group has also provided Handmade baby blankets to infants coming into the Preschool.

The group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Library and enjoys the companionship of people with similar interests. They share patterns and ideas for new projects. They would love to greet some new faces.

For more information contact a member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry: Nancy Helman, Madeline Biddle, Donna Marino, and Jean Siebold.

## Are You Interested In A Trip To Haiti?

Area LCMS Christians are planning to go to First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti for a mission trip in late October. While there, we will help with medical issues, teach children the Gospel message through a VBS, meet and share the Gospel with local people, and assist the church and school there in various projects.



**The hen house under construction**

If you would like to go and see for yourself, please contact Wendy White at 864-878-0444 or email me at [anna1000@bellsouth.net](mailto:anna1000@bellsouth.net).



## Where's The Beef Dinner.

Mark your calendar for (the 2nd Friday)- August 9 at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person. The menu is Beef, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad, Punch, Iced Tea, Coffee and Dessert. Reservation deadline is Sunday, August 4. The signup sheet is posted in the narthex, and payment may be given to Adell Keeney, Joan Ginter or Jan Tharp.

## **News from Laochikit, Haiti.**

The hen house is complete with 198 chickens. Some of the chickens are laying eggs, which will be a source of food and income. Various people and churches in North Carolina have pledged money to dig ten wells. These wells will provide safe drinking water and water to irrigate crops. The goal for the mission in Laochikit is and always will be to help the people become self-supportive and share the gospel of Christ. Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church supports the school by paying the teachers' salaries. Each day the children attend school, they are fed lunch (provided by Trinity Hope), which is usually the only meal the children receive.

While these great steps improve daily life, still much remains to be done. Most if not all of the people are carrying internal parasites. Even if the children are fed a meal at lunch, the parasites prevent them from overcoming malnutrition.

Their health and nutrition will not improve until the parasites are treated. Hook worms, flat worms, tape worms, and round worms are internal parasites that cause serious problems in the ability to digest and absorb nutrients from food.

Parasites enter the body through contaminated water and by bare feet on the soil. Most children and adults have no shoes. In addition to their health effects, intestinal infections caused by internal parasites also impair physical and mental growth of children, and slow educational achievement.

If you feel called to help, new or gently worn shoes are needed in all sizes. Tennis shoes, rubber shoes, flip flops will keep their feet off the ground. School supplies, especially chalk, are needed. However, the greatest need is money to buy prescription medicine to treat parasites and scabies. Kim Rector, a nurse practitioner from St. Peter's Lutheran Church, has been on several medical missions to Haiti. Kim says, "It is imperative the children are treated for parasites so they can reap the benefits from the feeding program and overcome malnutrition."

If you see a good sale on shoes, pencils, wash cloths, or children's underwear, please buy an extra pack for the children of Laochikit.

Whatever you do, please pray humbly and earnestly that God will use us to reach His children in Haiti and show them God's love.

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