

“Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock.”  
Isaiah 26:4

# THE ROCK

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## Special Dates

- Sept 26 Horseback Riding
- September 28 Ladies Guild
- Oct 1 Young Adult Art Walk
- Oct 4 Ladies Bible Study
- Oct 5 Elders
- Oct 6-8 Professional Workers Conference
- Oct 9 Senior Youth painting Youth Room
- Oct 10 LWML Sunday
- Oct 10 Junior Youth Hiking at Waldo Canyon
- Oct 11 Book Club
- Oct 15 Third Friday
- Oct 17 National Sunday School Teachers Day
- Oct 18 Ladies Bible Study
- Oct 21 Church Council
- Oct 23 Youth scavenger hunt
- Oct 24 Gideon Presentation
- Oct 24 Young Adult Pumpkin Carving & potluck
- Oct 26 Ladies Guild
- Oct 28 Thursday AM Bible Study
- Oct 31 Reformation Sunday
- Oct 31 Trunk or Treat

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## Trunk or Treat

It's that time of year again and the Board of Education and the Board of Evangelism are well into the planning of this year's "Trunk or Treat." We need people to bring their cars to join the fun. We like to try new things and some work out and some don't. No matter what we need your participation with cars and congregation members to help out.

We will be giving out prizes again this year for best decorated car; funniest car; oldest car; and a prize for the best themed car!!! So start planning your decorating ideas now! Please put your name on the sign up sheet in the narthex.

You can get as elaborate want. If you have any with a suggestion, please

As always, we invitation to our Church School classes in the

We will also ing the food stuffs, pa- other items to help make Soon we will put up our with the items needed.

or as simplistic as you questions or need help talk to Kay. will include a special in- services and Sunday children's treat bags. need your help in provid- per goods, and assorted this event a success. "Pumpkin Patch" board It's easy—you take a pumpkin, purchase the item on the pumpkin, then return the item with the pumpkin attached to it to church.



This year we are also asking for help with setting up before and cleaning up after. I will have a sign up sheet in the narthex for this the setup crew needs to be here by 4:30 p.m. and the cleanup crew should be here by 6:45 p.m. Please talk to Kay if you want to know what all this entails.

Like in past years we will advertise this event in the Gazette, other churches and schools in the area and will invite our LCMS sister churches. This is a Sunday night and we may get more participation than in past years. So please plan on this.

We ask all vehicles to be here by 5:00 p.m. so we can get set up and run our lights around the circle.

Please let Kay know if you can help in any way.

The actual event will start at 5:30 p.m. and go until 7:00 p.m. Then after we clear everything up and take the lights down, you should all be home by 8:00 p.m.

## Sign up today!!!

## Fall Is In the Air

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ Jesus,

OK. First an update – I got the record book caught up! Just in time. Because things have been busy around here. Fall programs are underway. Five great students are hard at work in catechism (don't tell them I said that), new Bible studies are going; Sunday School has begun its Fall programs. People are coming and going as I write this to get their pictures in the new Photo Directory. Both Junior and Senior Youth have enjoyed fellowship activities and more are planned, bells are ringing, and some of you are riding off into the sunset on horseback. I'm worn out just watching.

This is an amazing time to live at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. I drove to Buena Vista for our first Fall Pastors' Circuit Conference on Tuesday and the color of the aspens was already magnificent in yellows and gold. The season is changing. As God began the creation of this world He said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years."

How many seasons have passed since that Creation moment? They seem to flow past way too fast these days. I'm told that's just because I'm getting older. But living in the city we don't always note the seasons as fully as those living in rural areas and they can get blurred. We note the big signs - flowers in the springtime, heat in the summer, color of the trees in the fall, and scooping some snow in the winter but miss many of the small ones. The Psalmist encourages us to watch the signs of God's creation to follow the changing seasons: "The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down."

But in the city, we tend to rely on the evening weather news to learn the phase of the moon, what is happening in the skies. We confirm that it is the first day of Fall by checking a calendar – or the internet. On the net one can confirm that Fall officially begins with the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Equinox at 1:09 P.M. Mountain Daylight Time, the day when the sun rises directly in the East and sets directly in the West.

And perhaps you did note that particular event if you had to drive to work just as it was rising. But one recent event in our city actually does help us see the sky better, note the signs God put there. Shrinking city budgets forced shutting off many street lights, and many lamented the darkness. But now you can lift your head and see the wonders of God's hand in the stars and moon again right here in the city. And so God does find ways to reach us even when we're walled off in the city.

And I guess that's my encouragement for this month. Sometimes this world can be confusing and even frightening. But He remains in control. The prophet Daniel reminds us: "He changes times and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning" (2:21).

Brothers and sisters, remain in that Word. There you will find the wisdom to discern, to understand all the changing things around you. And there you will find the comfort of His promise. From Acts 14:17, "Yet He has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; He provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." My He fill your hearts with joy in this new season and forever.

Your servant in Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Ron

## Evangelism – Let's See.....

Evangelism----- Let's look some more

Last month we pondered the word EVANGELISM. Let's search some more in the other areas of our congregation and try to find the magical thing that is Evangelism.

Maybe we could find it in the L.W.M.L. some think that this means (Lutheran women making lunch) Just kidding, hold on, Lutheran Women Missionary League, Boy what an encompassing term that is. These women work in large and small ways to help fund Missionary projects around the world. In fact they have funded a grant of several thousand dollars to our own Ukraine mission as well as many, many more mission projects every year,,,, are these the evangelists we are seeking????

Let's look at our own Mission to Ukraine. We have many in our congregation who have been involved in this. Let's name them and see how many there have been, Danielle, Dawn and Dustin Atkinson, John Bentrup, Aaron Clymer, Pete Coggeshall, Kearston Cory, Karen Grassi, Steve Hunt, Tiffany Lampert, Megan Martin, Suzie Ricker, Sarah Sacco, Carl and Nichole Seay, Marilyn Thiel, and Gladys and John Yenter. Now that's a large portion of our congregation to have gone half way around the world to share the love of our lord with some who were complete strangers and now a good many of them have become cherished friends with whom we Communicate with on a regular basis..... Are these the ones?

Let's look some more, maybe the ladies who make the Quilts. How many have they made, they probably don't keep score. But I know of 141 that have been taken or shipped to Ukraine along with a wall hanging that went to Kagarlik for their congregation wall. They just meet in the basement on Wednesday mornings and seem to have a wonderful time working away to make Quilts for some one that they will, most of the time, never get to meet. Wow what an outreach.....could these be the ones?

Then let's look some more..... how about our Sunday School teachers. They teach our little ones about the love of Jesus Christ and how it affects their daily lives, every Sunday during the year. They are teaching the youth of our congregation and many of the children will remember these special people for the rest of their lives. For instance, I can remember my Sunday School teacher from my preschool days, what a warm and wonderful lady she was.

And then let's look at our preschool... these little ones are getting a taste of Jesus Christ even though many of their parents don't attend church on regular basis. What a warm and pleasant environment for the little ones, not to mention a safe place for them to be in this rather unpredictable world of ours. These little ones are introduced to the love of our savior in this loving place, as well as receive food and rest through the warmth and love of a very special staff.

Let's not forget Vacation Bible School.... What an event. The one thing I always remember is it's always more fun for the adults than for the little ones and so many of our congregation are taking a part in the teaching. Maybe it's just me, but this year was so special because of the real live animals that were a part of the program. The donkey, goats and especially the camels. We had more than one of the adults tell us that this was the first live camel they ever touched and petted. As you know our theme this year was Egypt and the Pharaohs. A people who seemingly had a god for everything. When you told some of the children this, they would put a finger in your face and tell you that there is only one God. What a wonderful feeling to know that the little ones do listen and learn.

Let's ponder these things and next month maybe we can wrap it up and have time for a story or two about this thing called Evangelism.

In the love and service of Christ. John Yenter

## Library—Monthly Featured Item

ISRAEL, MY BELOVED - A Historical Novel of Jewish History. Author: Kay Arthur

"This an extraordinary drama of survival, hope, dreams and glory. Recommended for both men and women.

"Crossing the boundaries of time, this sweeping epic of Jewish history tells a story that has never been equaled ... and will never be surpassed. It is just past dawn in the life of Israel. Rich with promise, the young nation anticipates a golden future. Yet in their confidence, the Chosen Ones recklessly pursue a path that leads away from their nation's venerated past. And thus begins the nightmare..."

"As Israel's sons and daughters are scattered across the globe, pursued by ruthless Grecian and Roman conquerors, bloodthirsty Crusaders with sharp swords and empty hearts, and terrifying leaders of Hitler's Third Reich, the threads of the once-proud nation continue to fray. Yet amazingly, another garment of hope and peace is being tightly woven together - never to be undone."



### Rock of Ages Youth

**WOW!!!**

Our youth are really excited and doing many activities and really getting involved in Sunday School. They are studying a neat series produced by Answers in Genesis about how to defend their faith and start warfare on evolutionists (as many of you experienced last Sunday).

I would like to thank the parents for all their help with the activities and other congregation members who have participated and helped. If you would like to be a part of an exciting and excited group, please talk to Kay or Carl Seay. We can always use "adult" volunteers to help with events and activities.

Our October events include:

\* the Senior Youth painting

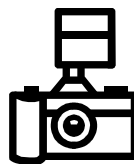


the youth room (it's been over 10 years since it was done last) on October 9th at 1:00 p.m.

\* the Junior Youth hiking in Waldo Canyon October 10th right after Education Hour, bring your lunch and hiking shoes and leave right from church.



\* both Senior and Junior youth will be packing the Trunk or Treat bags at church and then doing a photo scavenger hunt in Old Colorado City. On October 23rd we will meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. pack the bags, have lunch and then head to Old Colorado City.



So if you like to paint, hike or want to have fun at the scavenger hunt just let Kay or Carl know.

We can always use the extra "adult" bodies.

In November we are doing a service event at the Medical Mission Clinic. More information on that to come.

You may have wondered why I keep putting "adult" in quotations—well, it's because we need fun loving and kid-like qualities as well as "adult" status.

Kay Scharf,  
Chair Board of Education



## Fall Harvest

It's time to decorate our altar for Fall.

Anyone who has any  
pumpkins,  
gourds,  
corn stalks,  
Indian corn, etc.  
that we can use

is asked to have it at the church by October 2nd.



If you have any questions,  
please call Dawn Atkinson.

## Songwriter Session

**Attention all you would be songwriters!!!**

On Friday, October 22nd starting at 6:30 p.m. we will have our first Songwriter Session. You are all invited to get some input and pointers from some incredible songwriters. Anyone from teens to "older" adults are encouraged to come.

We ask that if you bring a song you wrote, to also bring 10 copies of the lyrics with you.

If you have any questions please talk to Anthony Sacco.



## In His Image

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27, ESV)

I've been noticing a bit of anxiety in the air- a mixture of excitement and fear. It must be photo directory time! As all of us clean up, dress up, and show up we come face to face with our images. Some of us, it seems, are fond of our visages. Others, myself included, are not quite so sure we want our faces preserved for all generations to see. Whether it is due to the passage of time, the missing of a loved one, or "flaws" that we perceive, we do not enjoy seeing ourselves.

The photographer pointed this out to me as we went through our pictures. My very favorite was a picture of Anthony and Abbi kissing each other across my lap. My vote was to use it for the directory. There was one small problem- my left eye was the only part of me that appeared! In my mind this was ideal. I wouldn't have to see my face in the picture, yet I would still be in the directory.

Maybe you can relate. So many of us, for whatever real or perceived flaws, dislike our faces and our bodies. Some of us would even be willing to use the word "hate." And yet, God declares that we are made in His image. This image was broken and distorted by sin, whose effects we see in aging, in "flaws," and in sickness and disease. However, through the death and resurrection of Jesus and the habitation of the Holy Spirit that image is beginning to be restored. We even look forward to the day when we will be fully who we were created to be. I think of the image of the resurrected Jesus, whose healed scars show the beauty of His love for us. The truth is that the beauty of Jesus himself is reflected in you. You are beautiful; fearfully woven together in your mother's womb by your loving creator. Yes, You!

Until that day, we do have to look into our faces in the mirror and, alas, in the photo directory. Perhaps it would help to remind ourselves of Psalm 139:14- "For you formed my inward parts, you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works, my soul knows it very well." And, yes, you will see my beautiful face in the upcoming directory!

Sarah Sacco,  
Deaconess

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## Newsletter Deadline October 20, 2010

**LUTHERAN HOUR TIME**  
Sun. 7:30 a.m. KZNT 1640 AM

## Book Club Upcoming Selections

Join us the Second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. to discuss these selections. Lively discussion from multiple viewpoints is appreciated!



**October:** The Red Tent by Anita DeMont. This fictional account brings patriarchal times to life.



**November:** Katharina Von Bora by Rudolf Markwald and Marilyn Morris Markwald. This biography gives insight into the life of reformer Martin Luther's wife.



**December:** The Christmas Sweater by Glenn Beck. Prepare for Jesus' birth and search for the gospel message contained in this fictional work.



## Young Adults

We are so looking forward to some upcoming events to help us to get to know each other better. We will be continuing to have Bible study on Sunday morning in the preschool building. This year we will primarily be focusing on the Bible studies by Ken Hamm that deal with evolution, creation and how to live in the world we live in today. Please feel free to join us if you can.

We know that many of our young adults are serving in many ways with teaching on Sundays so we thought of some other activities you may want to participate in. On Friday October 1st between 5 pm-8 pm there will be an art walk along Colorado Avenue. We will meet at the church at 4:40 and walk from there. Plan on bringing money for a meal and we will eat at one of the restaurants along the way.

We will be having our traditional pumpkin carving and potluck at Sonja Lampert's house on Sunday October 25th starting at 3 pm. This is a great time for the adults and children as well. Bring a pumpkin and some food to share. Please contact Ken or Marybeth Zurcher if you plan to attend either of these events.

## FUNDS UPDATE

Building Fund = \$210.00  
Scholarship Fund = \$12,945.91  
Capital Improvement Fund = \$15,042.16  
Ukraine Fund = \$9972.80  
Bathroom = — \$3419.30

As of August 31st:  
Year to Date income \$217,949.09  
Year to date expenses \$221,946.41  
Minus \$3,997.32

