

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

# THE ROCK

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## Special Dates

- August 2 Elders Meeting
- August 8 Book Club
- August 12 wedding shower for Sonja Lampert
- August 13 Youth Group to Pirates Cove Waterpark
- August 14 Young Adults Fall Planning Meeting
- August 15-28 Preschool closed for cleaning
- August 18 Church council
- August 20 Messy Play Day
- August 21 Youth & parent Fall planning meeting
- August 21 Baby Shower for Kelly Hughes
- August 27 LWML Fall Rally
- August 28 Rally Day & Church Picnic
- September 5 Labor Day- Office Closed
- September 10 Wedding
- September 17 Card Making

**Abbreviated Newsletter this month due to summer doldrums!!!**

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## People of the Month

**Child: Julian Nanfito**

**Age: will be 4 years old Aug. 9th**

**What are some of your favorite things?**

Julian's favorite things are Superheros, tee ball, basketball, building rockets with Legos and riding his bike to the park.

**Favorite Jesus song, Bible story, prayer, etc? Why?**

Julian's favorite songs are "1-2-3 Jesus Loves Me"; "Aaron's Silly Song from Preschool; and "Father, I Adore You"

Favorite Bible Story is Noah's Ark because of all the animals and the "Big" ship.

Favorite prayer: "Thank, Thank, Thank You Lord" song from the preschool that actually we learned when Justina and Carli were there!! And if he messes up we have to start over.

**Youth: Not Available**

**Adult: Not Available**

## Rock of Ages Sports Report

Hello sports fans!

Well, as the heat of Summer 2011 has gripped the nation, our summer coed softball team has been heating up too! We have had thrilling, nail-biting, come-from-behind action every week it seems! Contributions abound weekly from all of the "Purple Power" on our ROA team, as we display our new team shirts this year (which you may have guessed are.....purple.)

On June 20th, we split a doubleheader, winning 8-5 in the first game, and then dropping the nightcap in tough fashion, 13-12. On June 27th we experienced another tough loss, falling 16-14. However, we bounced back with an "official" victory on July 11th, as we won by forfeit, even though we still had a fun time playing our shorthanded opponents. Then on July 18th, the bats and defense came to life with a 15-4 thumping in favor of the "Purple Power". So, now with over half the season already over, we can hold our collective ballcaps up high with a winning record of 4-3!

Our season continues for another 5 weeks, as we play each Monday night at the Widfield Community Center complex.

Come on out on Monday nights, bring your lawn chairs, and root on your ROA softball team this summer. Check out the weekly bulletin for the game times each week, along with an updated schedule on the ROA website, and weekly game recaps on the ROA Facebook page. We'd love to see you at the ol' ballpark! Any questions, please see Dave and Kim Foster, or Jim Kuehnert.

Rock of Ages Sports Teams

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## **Newsletter Deadline August 17, 2011**

**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!

August: The Hobbit by J.R. Tolkien. Join our discussion leader and resident Tolkien expert Thomas Humber for an enlightening discussion of this story. The book presents the story before the story found in the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

***AUGUST DONATION ITEMS FOR  
WESTSIDE CARES ARE:  
PEANUTBUTTER & JELLY***

## **Library—Monthly Featured Item**

**“Redeeming Love”— Author: Francine Rivers** (Recommended Read – Book not in Our Library)

Francine Rivers is a popular Christian author who has written many books. This book is available from the Pikes Peak Library system.

This book is loosely based on the Old Testament book of Hosea. The main male character in the book is named Michael Hosea. Just as Hosea is commanded by God in the book of Hosea to marry a woman who would be unfaithful to him, Michael Hosea is also commanded by God to marry a woman who would be unfaithful to him and cause him many heartaches. (The Bible book of Hosea parallels Hosea’s relationship with his unfaithful wife, Gomer, with God’s relationship with the nation of Israel.)

In this book, the person who becomes Michael Hosea’s wife is Sarah/Angel who had been sold into prostitution at the age of 8. Angel expects nothing from men but betrayal and she survives by keeping her hatred alive. Then she meets Michael Hosea. He is a man who seeks his Heavenly Father’s heart in everything, so he obeys God’s call to marry Angel and to love her unconditionally.

Slowly, day by day, Michael defies Angel’s every bitter expectation, until despite her resistance, her frozen heart begins to thaw. But with her unexpected softening comes overwhelming feelings of unworthiness and fear. Her final healing must come from the One who loves her even more than Michael does ... the One who will never let her go. The book tells the story that no matter how far we have strayed, God is always willing to forgive and love us.

This timeless classic is a powerful retelling of the book of Hosea. “Redeeming Love” is a life-changing story of God’s unconditional, redemptive, all-consuming love.

### **HUMOR FOR THE MONTH:**

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut, and we'll talk about it." After about a month, the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!"

The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair...." To which his father replied, "Yes, and they walked every where they went!"