

THE ROCK

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Special Dates

- Jan 30 Ukraine Team outing
- Jan 30 End of Life Planning Speaker
- Feb 1 Elders Meeting
- Feb 5 Altar Guild Meeting
- Feb 7 Ladies Bible Study
- Feb 8 Circuit Pastors meet at Redeemer
- Feb 10 Thurs. AM Bible Study
- Feb 12 Jr. & Sr. Youth Sled-ding
- Feb 13 Younger Adult Luncheon
- Feb 14 Book Club
- Feb 15 Ukraine Meeting
- Feb. 17 Church Council
- Feb 18 Third Friday
- Feb 18 Singer/Songwriter
- Feb 21 Ladies Bible Study
- Feb 22 Ladies Guild
- Feb 24 Bible Study
- March 1 Elders Meeting
- March 12 Jr. & Sr. Youth movie night at Clymers

People of the Month

Child: Anderson Soyk

Age: 9 1/2 months

I am 9 ½ months old and am learning everything at a rapid pace! You may see me cutting loose from church during the sermon. I am becoming very mobile, and it's quite hard to sit still. In fact, I am working on walking!

My favorite church activities include picking apart my brother's donut, listening to songs sung at opening in Sunday school, and playing in the nursery with my other friends!

Youth: Deanna Atkinson

Year in School: Senior! Class of 2011

What school do you attend?

Coronado High School

What are some of your hobbies?

I like to find awesome beads and make jewelry out of hemp. I love snowboarding and reading.

Do you have any ideas for what vocation you might choose?

I want to be a physical therapist.

What is a Bible verse, story, hymn, or song that has special meaning to you? Why?

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” 1 Corinthians 2:9

God made for us a world of beauty, which we destroyed with sin. Yet He still loves us and He will again create more for everyone who has faith in Him. This verse has meaning for me because I know that no matter if Jesus comes back or I die, there is something beyond this life.

Adults: Pete and Sandy Coggeshall

Vocation: (Pete) Retired in 1998 from Amoco in Chicago after 35 years, all but 2 years in Chicago. Did numerous jobs, one job title, Specialist: Planning and Corporate Economics.

(Sandy) Resistered Nurse, Retired (1998)

What hobbies or special interests do you have?

(Pete) Body Surfing (in the ocean), hiking, bridge, listening to music, listening to talk radio

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JOY!

(Sandy) Duplicate Bridge, reading, sewing, puzzles (crossword, Sudoku, and jigsaw), & genealogy research.

What do you like best about being a part of the Rock of Ages family?

(Pete) The family-feel this church has. All other churches where we belonged had multiple Sunday services. By having only one service, you see all members in the church and know them much better. Multiple services seems like different church families meeting in the same building at different times on Sunday.

(Sandy) It is the most wonderful church I have ever been a member because of the Christian commitment and faithfulness of its members. The congregation seems like one large Christian family. It never ceases to amaze me that on a Sunday morning, so many people are greeting each other on a first name basis.

What is a Bible verse, story, hymn, or song that has special meaning to you? Why?

(Pete) I consider myself a 1950's Episcopalian now worshiping in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church – because the church of my youth has left me, Christians and the beautiful English words in the 1944 Prayer Book crafted by Thomas Cranmer. I am more at home here than anywhere else – thank God. From my youth, these two Bible verses have stuck with me from the Episcopal Communion Service:

“Hear what Saint Paul saith: ‘This is a true saying and worth of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.’ (I Timothy 1:15) Hear also what Saint John saith: ‘If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous; and He is the Propitiation for our sins.’ (I John 2:1-2)”

The first verse now holds even greater meaning for me when I more recently found Saint Paul concluded it with this statement “– of whom I am the worst!” (Sinner). For many years I was not willing to become more active in the church because of my many sins – until I better understood that all men are sinners, including Saint Paul.

(Sandy) John 3:16 – “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only begotten son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” A very, very simple way to tell others about the Gospel of Christ.

Younger Adult Luncheon

Sunday, February 13
following Education Hour

Join us for this catered luncheon, fun, and time to enjoy each other's company!

Please RSVP to Sarah sarahdsacco@live.com by
Sunday, February 6

Young Adults will be meeting at the Clymer's house
for a movie night on
Friday, February 18th
at 6:00 p.m.

Contact Ken & Mary Zurcher for more details or to
RSVP

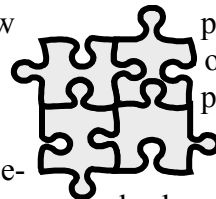
Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange

A few jigsaw puzzlers in the church have decided to start a free jigsaw puzzle collection/exchange.

The jigsaw puzzles will be available to anyone interested in using the jigsaw puzzles that are collected.

Final placement for the collection of jigsaw puzzles has not yet been decided upon but will be some place in the church basement.

We welcome the donation of any jigsaw puzzles to the collection.



Library—Monthly Featured Item

SARAH'S CHOICE - DVD (Genre: Religious and Spiritual Drama, Inspirational)

Sarah Collins is a young woman on the elevator of success, poised to attain her dream of an executive corner office. However, there's only one thing that might keep her from getting it, an unexpected pregnancy. Single Sarah is now faced with a moral and potentially career ending choice. She must choose between her unborn child and her legal right to abort the baby and save her career. Friends encourage her to opt for an abortion.

In the midst of her turmoil, a mysterious stranger foretells the coming of 3 visions that will challenge her heart. The visions illuminate the realities of her choice. With financial pressures mounting and her dream career at stake, what will Sarah choose?

Starring: Rebecca St. James (Sarah), Grammy Award winning, Australian Christian rock singer. Dick Van Patten and Charlene Tilton co-star in this thoughtful and stirring drama.



Life

“For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.” Philippians 1:21-24

These words of Paul were penned when he was in prison, facing persecution and not knowing what the future held. Yet today many of us can relate. Perhaps you too have wondered why you are still alive. For me, seven years ago I was preparing mentally to die. I was pretty reconciled to it, in fact. And yet today I am still alive and I have been granted by my Lord so much that I mourned as forever lost to me. And this leaves me in a quandary. There are times, times of suffering, pain, and anguish, when I long for Jesus to return NOW! When I pray that I might depart this life. I know that many of you also struggle in this way. Perhaps loved ones have already departed, perhaps your body is failing you slowly or quickly. Perhaps you look on as someone you love suffers. And you wonder for what purpose you (or they) are still alive.

Perhaps you will never know the answer to that question. Or perhaps you will. Sometimes it is indeed harder to live clinging to Jesus than to die. Yet that is what we are called to do. If indeed you are reading this, and the spirit of Christ which you received in your Baptism and in Communion dwells in you, your labor is fruitful. It is difficult, yes. Yet we can say with Paul “for ME (put your name here) to live is Christ and to die is gain.” May this be our prayer!

Deaconess Sarah

**"TRUST IN THE LORD FOREVER, FOR THE
LORD GOD IS AN EVERLASTING ROCK."
ISAIAH 26:4**

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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!

February Katharina Von Bora by the Markwalds. This biography of Martin Luther's wife offers a different look at the life and times of the reformation.

March Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. This classic Christian allegory was initially begun by the author while in prison! Perhaps it has been on your reading list for a while...

April Has Christianity Failed You? By Ravi Zacharias. Zacharias asked this question, and to his surprise filled a 5,000 seat venue with people answering "yes." In this book, he explores many of the concerns that people leaving the fold speak of.



FUNDS UPDATE

Building Fund = \$210.00
Scholarship Fund = \$12,945.91
Capital Improvement Fund = \$15,896.69
Ukraine Fund = \$10,429.00
Bathroom = — \$3419.30



Newsletter Deadline February 16, 2011

LUTHERAN HOUR TIME

Sun. 7:30 a.m. KZNT 1640 AM

Made in His Image: Daughters of the King Ladies' Retreat

**Friday, April 1 evening
and
Saturday April 2
at Rock of Ages**

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Psalm 139:13-14

Whether or not you whole-heartedly agree with King David, come and let God's Word renew your mind, refresh your spirit, and relax your body! Open to women ages 13 to 120, we will have time for Bible Study, fellowship, and pampering.

*Bring a friend!
Child Care offered.*

An invitation with more information will soon be in your boxes.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 11 THRU 15**