

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

THE ROCK

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Special Dates

- June 26 Installation of Church Officers
- June 29 VBS Training
- July 1 Junior youth movie night at Clymer's
- July 3 4th of July Potluck
- July 4th Office Closed
- July 8 Senior youth movie night at Corey's
- July 11-15 Vacation Bible School
- July 11 Book Club
- July 21 Church Security Team info meeting
- July 29 + 30 Youth trip and overnight camping for Heavenfest in Loveland
- July 30 Sunday School Teacher Appreciation
- August 2 Elders Meeting
- August 6 youth event
- August 15 thru 28 Child Care closed for cleaning
- August 18 Church council
- August 21 Youth & parent meeting
- August 28 Rally Day

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People of the Month

Child: William "Joseph" Huffor

Age: 2 1/2 years old

What are some of your favorite things?

Joseph loves a lot of things! First and foremost he loves his sister Ella. They play all day long together and will certainly be missing each other when Ella goes off to Kindergarten this year. Joseph absolutely loves the summertime when he can play in his sandbox, ride his "big boy" bike, and play in the water and mud. Taking a walk through the neighborhood after dinner with his family always makes him happy. He also loves to spend time with his grandparents and get spoiled!

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

Joseph's favorite song is "Jesus Loves Me." We sing this song before every nap and at nighttime before bed. It is part of his routine and won't go to sleep if we don't sing it!

Youth: Not Available

Adult: Not Available

Who Are We?

The average age for Lutherans is 60. How does our congregation compare with this statistic?

We have a total of 300 out of which 141 of these are males and 153 are female. So pretty even on that end.

The age breakdown is:

0-age 18	48	40 to 50	26	There are also 13 for whom we have no birth year.
18 to 30	35	50 to 65	58	
30 to 40	24	65 to 99	87	

So we at Rock of Ages are pretty evenly dispersed through out the age continuum.

Where do you fall and do you actively participate in worship and Bible Studies? Do you volunteer when a plea goes out for help with activities or events? Do you support and pray for those who do volunteer?

Praying Like Abraham

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ Jesus,

With all the disasters we've witnessed around the nation in recent weeks – fires, floods, drought, and more – there has been ample opportunity for prayer. But then I read this recent proclamation: “Now, therefore, I Barack Obama, president of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June, 2011 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month.”

I'm sorry, but I choked. Yes, I would agree with the intent of our Founding Fathers that there should be no prejudice, persecution, and there should be fairness for all. But to require by presidential proclamation that all Americans show “pride” in what I believe to be perversion? Celebration? I cannot and I will not. So bring on the Political Correctness police.

But then I thought, “Will I pray for them?” Maybe I'm just getting old and cranky. But I was reading in Genesis chapter eighteen and noted that Abraham was 99 years old when the Lord paid him a visit. During the visit, the Lord revealed that He was about to smite Sodom and Gomorrah because of their great sinfulness. And four times Abraham interceded on behalf of the cities, praying that the Lord might spare them.

But precisely what was Abraham praying for, or whom? He was praying for the righteous living amongst the wicked. And for the sake of the righteous, the Lord was willing to withhold His judgment. Sadly, not even ten righteous could be found within the city.

We do not celebrate wickedness, lifestyles chosen in direct offense to the Word of God. But we can pray for the nation, for the cities, that people might have time to hear the Word of the Lord and turn toward Him in repentance and seek His mercy.

In His High-Priestly Prayer, Jesus on the night of His arrest, prayed these words, “I ask on their behalf (believers); I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine... I have given them Thy Word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, as I am not of the world” (John 17:9, 14).

Jesus and the Word are very clear about the Law. But then Jesus went to the Cross. And there He died for all – for us who believe, but also for the lesbian, the gay, the bisexual, and the transgender. Because all sin needed forgiveness. Yes, the Gospel is just as clear.

So what do we do with the presidential proclamation? Celebrate diversity with pride? No. But we can pray. We can pray that the Lord does withhold judgment for a time. And then we use that time to continue to proclaim the truth of Scripture. A truth which this world does not want to hear. A truth for which it will hate us. That is Jesus' promise. But we, too, have been forgiven. We have been called into His Kingdom. And so while time remains for us here, we continue to share that amazing Good News.

Your servant in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Ron



What is in a Name?

What does your name mean? Does it say something about you? Does it reflect the hopes that your parents had for you, a favorite relative, or your mother's love of the poetic sound? I think back to Shakespeare- "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet" said by Juliet to Romeo. Now, Juliet was pretty much saying that she loved Romeo for the man that he was, but not his family who was feuding with her own. While we culturally use this quote to mean something like "a name doesn't matter" it seems to me that in the context of the play the name in fact WAS important. This is shown by the fact that in the following lines Juliet asks Romeo to deny his family and the name Montague, and take on a new name- "Lover." Which of course leads to the tragic ending that we all know about- since Romeo's family wasn't too keen on his name change.

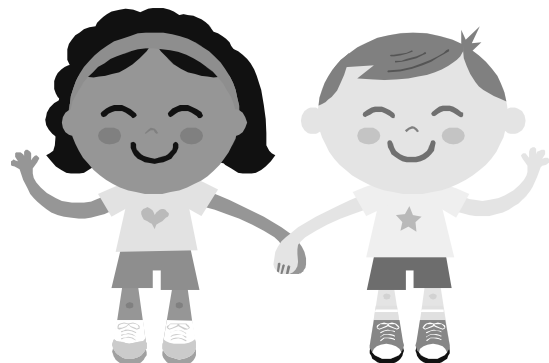
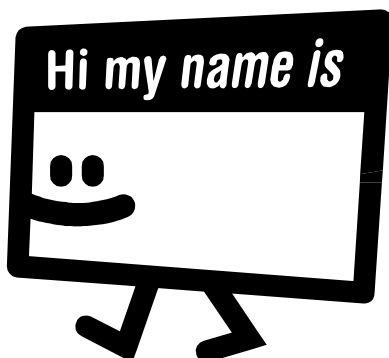
I think, though, that the common usage of this quote reflects what we as a culture think about names. They are mostly just used to differentiate between people- that is Bob and that if Bob doesn't like his name he can just go down to the Social Security office and change it. But it doesn't necessarily reflect anything about him or his life.

I contrast this with the way people in the Bible named their children. Take Jacob for example. His name means "he deceives" and was given to him for the reason that he was born grasping his brother Esau's heel. This name of "deceiver" ended up reflecting the entire first portion of his life, until he wrestled with God and the latter re-named him "Israel" meaning "he struggles with God."

Jesus also was given a name by God- in the Old Testament in Isaiah 7:14 we are told "the virgin will be with child and will call his name "Immanuel"- it means "God with us." When Mary and Joseph are given the actual street name for the second person of the trinity who has become a human- the Son of Mary, they are given "Jesus" (the Greek version of the Hebrew Joshua)- which means "God saves." Clearly this little baby was named for the purpose of his life- to save us from sin, death, and the devil. He is also called "Christ"- which is the Greek for "Messiah" meaning "the anointed one." As this little boy grows up, he adds to the repertoire of names as he reveals more of God and more of his purpose on earth. I love it when we have the names of God banners up in the sanctuary. It helps to focus on God, who He is, and what He has done for us on the cross.

This year during VBS we will be contemplating names. The names that our parents give us, the names that were given to Jesus, and most especially the name that we all are given in our baptism, when we became children of God. And that is what we are. May we grow to be all that this name means.

Deaconess Sarah



Library—Monthly Featured Item

The Blood of Lambs by Kamal Saleem

How does an innocent boy grow into a hate-filled terrorist? By age four he had been taught that the highest calling was to be martyred while killing infidels- particularly Americans and Jews. By age seven, he was smuggling weapons into Israel as a child soldier and by fifteen, he trained terrorists in desert camps for Muammar Gaddafi.

As a young man, he was sent to the US to convert the weak, poor and needy to Islam. A life changing crisis caused him to question his world view. His heart was changed when he came to know the unconditional love of God. He now travels throughout the United States speaking on the dangers of radical Islam.



HUMOR FOR THE MONTH

A pastor was talking to a group of second graders about Jesus' resurrection. He explained to them that the Bible doesn't tell us exactly what his first words were.

A girl raised her hand. "I know" she said. "His words were 'Taa Daa'."

Softball Team Roster and Game Schedule

Team Roster

Dave Foster (ROA member)
 Pam Butler (ROA member)
 Jim Kuehnert (ROA member)
 Chelsea Watts (ROA member)
 Milt Fisher (ROA member)
 Karen Twenhafel (ROA member)
 Becky Landry
 Arby Archuleta
 Allison Entemeier

Kim Foster (ROA member)
 Thom Humber (ROA member)
 Joel Watts (ROA member)
 Joel Reed (ROA member)
 Suzie Ricker (ROA member)
 Nathaniel George (ROA member)
 Justin Landry
 B J Archuleta
 Nichole Babas

Game Schedule

June 27, 8:00 p.m.
 July 18, 8:00 p.m.
 August 1, 6:00 p.m.
 August 22, 6:00 p.m.

July 11, 6:00 p.m.
 July 25, 7:00 p.m.
 August 8, 6:00 p.m.

All games are played in Widefield at 705 Aspen Dr.

We hope to see you there!!!

Sports Update!

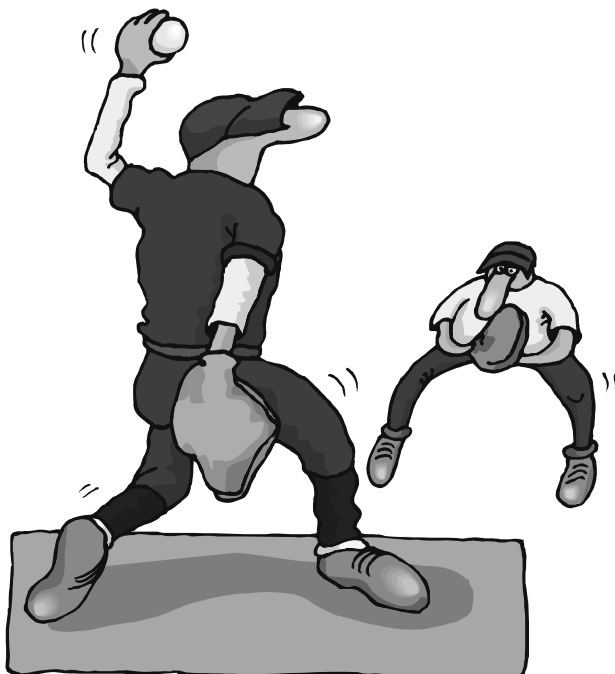
Hello sports fans! It's that time of year again to dust off the cobwebs from the ball glove and bat, and start softball season!

Rock of Ages kicked off the Monday, June 6th in Wide- "good guys and gals" took defeat. Our team played couldn't get going that night.

However, we bounced back 13th, with a come-from-good to get back out there to fun, and enjoy each other's

Our season continues for each Monday night

Come on out on Monday sip on some cold lemonade self!), and root on your mer. Check out the weekly each week, along with an ROA website soon. We'd park!



2011 coed softball season on field. Unfortunately, the one on the chin with a 12-1 valiantly, but the bats just

with a thrilling win on June behind 10-9 victory! It was start a new season, have some fellowship.

another 10 weeks, as we play (except July 4th) in Widefield. nights, bring your lawn chairs, (you'll need to bring that your-ROA softball team this sum-bulletin for the game times updated schedule on the love to see you at the ol' ball-

Any questions, please see Dave and Kim Foster, or Jim Kuehnert.

Rock of Ages Sports Teams

(See page 4 for team roster and game schedule)



FOURTH OF JULY POTLUCK

DATE: JULY 3RD TIME: 10:30 A.M.



COME CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY A DAY EARLY!!!

THOSE WHO LAST NAME BEGINS WITH A THRU K ARE TO BRING A MAIN DISH AND A SIDE DISH/SALAD
THOSE WHO LAST NAME BEGINS WITH L THRU Z ARE TO BRING A MAIN DISH AND A DESSERT

WE WILL HAVE SOME FUN GAMES & A GOOD TIME FELLOWSHIP

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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!

July: Paul
of Rome This
by a Rock of
author is sure
exciting early



Maier: Flames
historical novel
Ages favorite
to offer some
summer reading.

August: The
Tolkien. Join
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.

Hobbit by J.R.
our discussion

Vacation Bible School

Join us
as we visit
"Hometown Nazareth"
and talk with
"Mary" about
Jesus' life growing up
in a small town.

Date: July 11-15

Time: 9:30 –11:30 a.m.

Registration Forms are on
the podium in the narthex.

If you can help by supplying
some craft or food items,
we have a board in the narthex
With pull tabs.

All you have to do is select
the item you can help with,
take the pull tab, purchase the item,
attach the pull tab to the item,
and bring the item to the church
by the due date on the tag.

***ITEMS FOR DONATIONS
FOR WESTSIDE CARES
FOR JULY ARE:
CANNED FRUITS AND FRUIT
JUICES.***

FUNDS UPDATE

Building Fund = \$210.00
Scholarship Fund = \$13,945.91
Capital Improvement Fund = \$15,896.69
Ukraine Fund = \$848.61

