

# THE ROCK

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## Special Dates

- Sept. 25 Bell Choir starts
- Sept 27 Ladies Guild
- Oct 1 Young Adult Bible Study
- Oct 4 Elders
- Oct 5-7 Workers Conference in Breckenridge
- Oct 8 Jr. Youth Dinner & a Movie at Becks'
- Oct 9 LWML Sunday
- Oct 10 Book Club
- Oct 11 Circuit Pastors meet at Redeemer
- Oct 13 Ukraine Meeting
- Oct 15 Young Adult Bible Study
- Oct 16 National Sunday School Teachers Day
- Oct 20 Church Council
- Oct 21 3rd Friday
- Oct 21 Songwriter
- Oct 23 Sr. Youth outing after church
- Oct 23 Young Adult Pumpkins and Fun at Engledowls'
- Oct 31 Reformation Day
- Oct 31 Trunk or Treat

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## People of the Month

### Youth: Kaitlyn Bolte

**Year in School:** Junior

**What school do you attend?**

Fountain Ft. Carson H.S.

**What are some of your hobbies?**

My hobbies include Soccer and gymnastics

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

I want to pursue a career in Healthcare.

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

My favorite bible verse is Isaiah 40:31.

## 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 with set up, serving, and clean up.

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 signup sheet in the narthex. For those of you who would like to have a Biblical theme we have several available from the book Icky, Sticky, Scary, Hairy Bible Stories we will have a list of the titles by the sign up sheets in the narthex You can get as elaborate or as simplistic as you want. If you have any questions or need help with a suggestion, please talk to Kay.

As always, we will include a special invitation to our Church services and Sunday School classes in the children's treat bags.

We will also need your help in providing the food stuffs, paper goods, and assorted other items to help make this event a success. Soon we will put up our "Pumpkin Patch" board with the items needed. 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.

We also need help with setting up before and cleaning up after. I will have a signup 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.

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## Rock of Ages LWML Ladies Guild News

We have many exciting events planned for this year and we invite each and every one of you to join us to “serve the Lord with gladness” Ps. 100:2. Please ask any of our officers for information on our programs and events:

Susan Avila-President  
Leslie Humber-Secretary

Susie Briggs-vice-President  
Fran Gierard-Treasurer.

September events reviewed:

- Sep 10<sup>th</sup> LWML Hospitality Committee hosted Sonja Lampert’s wedding reception.  
Sep 18<sup>th</sup> LWML promotion – favors “Don’t be a Dud” and an invitation to the ladies of the congregation to join us this year to “Live the Grande Life...Serve the Lord with Gladness”  
Sep 27<sup>th</sup> LWML Ladies Guild meeting, regularly scheduled 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month, 7:00 PM

Upcoming dates to remember:

- Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Invitation to Redeemer’s Dorcas Society “The Mary Stewart Party”, 12 noon  
Oct 9<sup>th</sup> LWML Sunday – theme: “Being with Jesus...Living on the Edge”  
Oct 25<sup>th</sup> LWML Ladies Guild meeting, regularly scheduled 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month, 7:00 PM  
Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Bake/Craft Sale and Spaghetti “Lunch” as a fundraiser for Good Shepherd Home  
Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> LWML Ladies Guild meeting, regularly scheduled 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month, 7:00 PM  
Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Children’s Advent Program, LWML to host reception following the program  
Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline for mission Grant proposals due to RMD VP of Gospel Outreach, Judy Piepkorn  
Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Party, Sunday afternoon, 4 :00 PM

At the 2010-12 Biennium Convention, the Rocky Mountain District delegates voted to collect \$75,000.00 in mites to support local, regional, national, and international missions. Unfortunately, we are behind in our goal. The district has until March 30, 2012 to collect \$49,750.00 and your ROA Ladies Guild is asking you to continue to support our missions outreach with your mite contributions and prayers. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex to see which missions still need your monetary support and prayers. Thank you and may God bless.

Susan Avila, ROA Ladies Guild President 2010-12

## Trunk or Treat continued

Like in past years we will advertise this event in the Gazette,  
at other churches and schools in the area and  
will invite our LCMS sister churches.

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!!!

## The 12 Stones of Ukraine

The most difficult question to answer when I return from Ukraine is “How did the trip go?” It’s difficult because there are so many responses. Do I answer as a blessed American and say “Good. The out-houses were not that bad this year.” Or, should I respond as a person who can worship freely with “It seems like the official response to churches is not as cool as it was.” If I reply to the question as a child of God, then my answer may be a while in coming. There are times, when in Ukraine, that I could see God working right then and there. However, God makes so many things happen that it’s beyond human capacity to be aware of all of them when they are occurring. With some things, you don’t realize it until you’re home. That’s what happened to me this year when I unpacked twelve small stones.

I picked up the stones on the shore of the Black Sea. We were at a summer camp for orphans – over 600 of them – and it had been a couple of very fast and active days. We were returning to Odessa later that morning to head back home. I was walking along the rocky beach letting the trip wash over me, skipping stones into the waves. When I climbed the stairs back to our rooms, I still had some stones in my pocket. I pushed them into my bag and forgot about them.

That is until I was unpacking a few days later at my home. I came across the stones, a dozen in all. As I held them, feeling their surfaces, some smooth, some not, I thought about how God commanded Joshua to set up twelve stones at Gilgal to commemorate the Israelites’ safe crossing of the Jordan River. Joshua told the Israelites that God held the waters back so that “all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful.” (Joshua 4:24) I smiled as I held these twelve stones of Ukraine. In an instant, I recalled twelve times in Ukraine when I witnessed the power of the Lord.

Some of these times were what you might expect – things happening so perfectly that it could only be God working. Others were so subtle that I didn’t connect the dots until later. In the next several months, the team will share some of these reflections with you. For now, I’ll relay one small yet powerful example of God at work.

We were playing with the kids at an orphanage outside of Savron. Last year, we had seen some of these kids when visiting. There was a girl about 13 who I immediately remembered. This year, like last year, she stood away from the group, reacting with anger at anyone who came near. Yet, she watched us carefully. It seemed like she wanted to play but something – past abuse, the harsh life she lives – held her back. When she shoved a kid who had invited her to join us, I silently prayed, “God, let her know its okay to have fun.” Within minutes, she joined in and was laughing and smiling.

A couple of minutes of fun will not erase the pain that girl has suffered in her young life. But I know that the same God who held back the waters of the Jordan can also hold back the anguish in that girl long enough to carve a handhold into her heart. The Spirit does not need much to blow where It will.

Karen Twenhafel

## Library—Monthly Featured Item

### LIBRARY ITEMS OF THE MONTH

Items for this month are books for children and their parents that were donated by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Each of the books also have "Activity books" accompanying the books for parents and a CD that can be played along with the reading of the books. There is also a Parent's Guide book with the series. Little mice, Smidge and Smudge, are characters in the books. These books would be a wonderful way to help young children understand events of our church year.

- 1) "The Time of the Church" - Sections on "Day of Pentecost", "Holy Trinity Sunday", Season After Pentecost", "Reformation Day", and "Christ the King Sunday.
- 2) "The Time of Easter" - Sections on:
  - a) Season of Lent
  - b) Ash Wednesday
  - c) Palm Sunday
  - d) Maundy Thursday
  - e) Good Friday
  - f) Easter Day
  - g) Ascension Day
- 3) "The Time of Christmas" - Sections on:
  - a) Advent Season
  - b) Christmas Season
  - c) Epiphany Season



### HUMOR FOR THE MONTH:

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, "Stop - Acts 2:38!" (..turn from your sin...) The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar, "She said she had an AXE and two 38's!

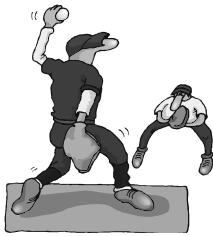
# Sports Update!

## Hello sports fans!

It's hard to believe that Fall 2011 is here! As the seasons change, our Rock of Ages sports teams transition from softball to volleyball. However, before we move into our coed volleyball season in October, I'd like to share with you how our coed softball team finished the season.

We needed a win in our last game on 8/22 to finish with a .500 record.....and **WE DID IT!!!!** The ROA Purple Power final record.....6 wins and 6 losses. I've been told that no one can seem to remember when ROA had a non-losing record in softball. So what a great season! We even received an engraved wooden bat from the Widefield League for finishing 2nd in our division. Way to go team!

We concluded softball season with a fun-filled, light-hearted, and spirited exhibition game against the Rock of Ages Senior and Junior Youth groups reflected that morning in service about 9/11 ten years earlier, and remember our Lord's teaching to love and forgive our enemies, it truly showed our Christian and American spirit, and way of life in being able to enjoy a potluck picnic in the park, pastime. Although no scores were kept, it was a great time, and thank you to parents, youth, team members, and congregation members for providing food, drink, and fun!



on Sunday, 9/11, at Vermijo Park. While we all remembered our Lord's teaching to love and forgive our enemies, it truly showed our Christian and American spirit, and way of life in being able to enjoy a potluck picnic in the park, pastime. Although no scores were kept, it was a great time, and thank you to parents, youth, team members, and congregation members for providing food, drink, and fun!

So, next month starts coed volleyball season for the ROA Purple Power. Our matches will be on Monday nights at the Big House Sports complex on Union and Vickers. Look out for a schedule of matches in future bulletins, along with the Rock of Ages website. If you're interested in playing with us this year, please talk with Dave and Kim Foster, or Jim Kuehnert.



## -ROA Sports Teams

## A Note from Sunday School...

Hello everyone and Happy Fall! We are so excited for this year's Sunday School Program. We had several offer to help fill the empty spots for teachers and helpers. Thank You! Attendance is growing and so is the staff. There is a great line up of events from Toddlers to High Schoolers and the calendar keeps filling up with fun things to do. We hope you will keep an eye out and join us!

Trunk or Treat is the next big event. Please join everyone there and tell your friends about it too! October 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm

Christmas is fast approaching too... Our Christmas Program this year is a musical. Rehearsals have already begun. The music is great and the story line is from a much different view... it's from way up above! It will definitely make you take a second look at the "Stars" and will fill your hearts with Joy at the Birth of our Savior Jesus! Program is on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm! **PLEASE COME** and watch an amazing performance by our Sunday Schoolers and Preschoolers

Thanks for the support and prayers! Keep them coming! We are so blessed to have a great group of children and staff.

In His Name!  
Karen Bodine  
SS Superintendent



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

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## Newsletter Deadline October 19, 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!

October: Pope Joan by Donna Woolfolk Cross- a novel depicting the life of the "woman pope."



November: Constantine Codex by Rock of Ages and Book Club favorite author Paul Maier. This is his most recent book, released just this summer.

January: To be determined



## FUNDS UPDATE

Building Fund = \$210.00  
Scholarship Fund = \$14,151.85  
Capital Improvement Fund = \$16,203.25  
Ukraine Fund = \$1900.48



## Young Adults

We have set up some dates for activities through December and have started our Saturday Morning Bible study on Revelation—it is the Ken Klaus study called "Explaining the Scary Stuff in Revelation". We meet the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Our activities include:

Pumpkins and Fun—October 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at Sonja & Lewis Engledowl's home. You need to bring your pumpkin and carving equipment.



Air force Academy Game—November 12th at 12:00 p.m. The cost for general admission is \$15.00. We will order the tickets in October.

Christmas Party—December 17th at Dave & Kim Foster's home. Kim will have activities for us and we will all bring the food.



We are also looking at going to the Messiah but the dates are not out yet for that.

Soup Kitchen—plans are in the process for volunteering at the soup kitchen. We let you know more as we find out the details.

For more details or for more information please call Ken and Marybeth Zurcher—home 536-9246; Mary's cell 641-9637.

**ITEMS FOR DONATIONS  
FOR WESTSIDE CARES  
FOR OCTOBER ARE:  
BEANS; BEANS; AND MORE  
BEANS!!!**