

THE ROCK

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Special Dates

- Aug 20 Bible Study
- Aug 20 thru 31 Preschool
Closed for Cleaning
- Aug 21 Sunday School Teachers Meeting
- Aug 26 Rally Day & Church Picnic
- Sept 3 Labor Day—office closed
- Sept 4 Elders meeting
- Sept 5 Quilting starts up again
- Sept 12 Choir starts up
- Sept 13 Thursday Morning Bible Study Starts
- Sept 15 Card Making
- Sept 17 Ladies Bible Study
- Sept 20 Church Council
- Sept 22 LWML Fall Rally in Alamosa
- Sept 25 Ladies Guild
- Sept 27 Preschool Potluck
- Oct 14 LWML Sunday
- Oct 21 National Sunday School Teachers Day
- Oct 31 Reformation Day
- Oct 31 Trunk or Treat

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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, Susie Briggs-Vice-President, Leslie Humber-Secretary, and Fran Gierard-Treasurer.

September schedule:

- Sep 16th LWML promotion – favors “Quenched by the Water” and an invitation to the ladies of the congregation to join us this year to celebrate the theme of the 35th Biennial National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA, June 27-30, 2013.
- Sep 22nd LWML Rocky Mtn. District Southern Zone Fall Rally at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alamosa, CO; theme – “Serving up the Gospel” (progressive dinner style); Speaker – Ida Mall – Past National President, now residing in Woodland Park, CO
- Sep 25th LWML Ladies Guild meeting, regularly scheduled 4th Tuesday of month, 7:00 PM
- Annual Planning meeting – put events on the calendar; collect ideas for service projects from the members of the Guild

Upcoming dates to remember:

- Oct 14th LWML Sunday – theme: “Salted for Service” Mark 9:50
- Oct 23rd LWML Ladies Guild meeting, regularly scheduled 4th Tuesday of month, 7:00 PM

The 2010-2012 Mites for Missions goal of \$75,000.00 was met, and exceeded by \$3,000.00, thanks to your generous contributions and to those across the District. At the 2012 LWML RMD Convention in El Paso, TX on June 23rd, the Rocky Mountain District delegates voted to collect \$72,450.00 in mites to support local, regional, national, and international missions. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex to see which missions were selected for the upcoming 2012-2014 biennium.

Susan Avila, ROA Ladies Guild President 2012-2014

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Starts September 13th at 9:30 a.m.

We will be looking at the Sunday Pericopies.

Choices

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Where did summer go? So many things I didn't get done. So many choices. Life is filled with them. Have a brownie or healthy banana? Pepsi or Coke? Chevy or Ford? One piece of pie or two? Go out to dinner or eat at home? Risk starting a new job or stay where you're at? Mow the yard or read a book? Retire or Plan B?

Since our lives are filled with such a variety of choices, it is very easy to extend our familiarity with choices to areas where the choice is not really ours to make. For example, what about God? Did you sit down in your comfortable chair one afternoon and come to the conclusion that you would choose God to be a part of your life?

Well, that is how we do most things – study, contemplate, make a decision, a choice. But listen to Jesus' words, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last" (John 15:16). That is our Good News! He CHOOSE us! Paul tells us the same thing in Ephesians 1:3-4, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He CHOOSE us in Him [Jesus] before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight."

You are God's choice. Summer is nearly past. Fall is fast approaching. Lots of new choices ahead of us. How to choose? We are *chosen* to bear fruit Jesus said. So now that means many of our choices will be made based upon who we are – His CHOOSEN people. Pepsi or Coke? Chevy or Ford? No, those are your choices. But who you are and how you will serve the Lord will reflect who *choose* you and you and your life will give glory to Him.

Your servant in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Ron

More Choices

Beginnings...

Instead of sharing my own musings this month, I am looking for some feedback on what you would like to see for new Fall study offerings. Please feel free place your ideas in a note in my box, via e-mail at sarahdsacco@live.com or of course by talking together. Thanks!

Ladies Bible Study: We will be meeting the First and Third Mondays at 7 p.m. and will be looking for ideas for a study!

Parenting: I am considering starting a group for people who are actively parenting! This would be sort of a small group arrangement- not "expert" led but formed around Bible study, prayer, encouragement and FUN! If your family is interested please let me know along with possibilities for days and times that would work for you.

Deaconess Sarah

Library—Monthly Featured Items

“COURAGEOUS”: DVD - 130 minutes running time

Courageous is a 2011 [independent Christian drama film](#) produced by [Sherwood Pictures](#) and was released to theaters on September 30, 2011 and the creators of [Flywheel](#), [Facing the Giants](#), and [Fireproof](#). (All in our church library) Filled with action-packed police drama, COURAGEOUS is the fourth film from Sherwood Pictures, the movie making ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, GE. The film was directed by [Alex Kendrick](#), who co-wrote its screenplay with his brother [Stephen Kendrick](#). Kendrick also stars in the film, along with [Ken Bevel](#), [Kevin Downes](#), and former running-back Tony Stallings. About half of the cast and crew were volunteers from [Sherwood Baptist Church](#), while the remainder were brought on through invitation-only auditions. The film was produced with a budget of \$2 million, but on its opening weekend it grossed \$2 million in pre-sales alone and grossed \$9.1 million total for the weekend.

About the movie:

Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, David Thomson, and Shane Fuller are confident and focused. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood.

While they consistently give their best on the job, good enough seems to be all they can muster as dads. However, the men quickly discover that their standard is missing the mark. When tragedy hits home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Can a new found urgency help these dads draw closer to God...and to their children?

Moviegoers will find themselves laughing, crying, and cheering as they are challenged and inspired by everyday heroes who long to be the kinds of dads that make a lifelong impact on their children. Protecting the streets is second nature to these men. Raising their children in a God-honoring way" That's courageous.

HUMOR FOR THE MONTH:



A man dies and goes to heaven. St Peter meets him at the pearly gates.

St. Peter says, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay" the man says, "I attended church every Sunday"

"That's good, says St. Peter, " that's worth two points"

"Two points?" he says. "Well, I gave 10% of all my earnings to the church"

"Well, let's see," answers Peter, "that's worth another 2 points. Did you do anything else?"

"Two points? Golly. How about this: I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans."

"Fantastic, that's certainly worth a point, " he says.

"Hmmm...", the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."

"That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points!"

"THREE POINTS!!" the man cries, "At this rate the only way I get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

"Come on in!"

Choir Starts September 12th at 7:00 p.m. No talent needed just a desire to praise God!
Talk to Darlene Lampert if you have

Quilting starts September 5th at 8:30 a.m.
No sewing experience necessary—just be able to tie a knot. We have great fun and good snacks!

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

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**Newsletter Deadline
September 17, 2012**

***ITEMS FOR DONATIONS
FOR WESTSIDE CARES
FOR SEPTEMBER ARE:
Peanutbutter & Jelly***

LUTHERAN HOUR TIME
Sun. 7:30 a.m. KZNT 1640
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FUNDS UPDATE

Building Fund = \$210.00
Scholarship Fund = \$14,151.85
Capital Improvement Fund = \$16,949.47

Rock of Ages Sports Report

Greetings again, sports fans! August brought the 2012 season to a close for your RoA coed softball team. In last month's update, we had played only 4 games thus far due to a couple of earlier rainouts, and your Purple Power were still seeking their first win of the season.

Play resumed on July 23rd, and we played perhaps our most solid defensive game of the season that night. However, the offense was no where to be found in a 6-1 defeat, save the efforts of Nathaniel George, who knocked in his first run of the season with a solid hit to the right side of the infield. A great moment, despite the loss.

We had a doubleheader on Sunday afternoon, July 29th, which were makeup games for earlier rainouts. A before-game picnic may have been just what we needed, as the 1st win of the season was notched in convincing fashion, 10-6! However, we faced a tougher opponent in the nightcap, and fell 13-4. The season continued 8 days later (with yet another rainout in between) on August 6th with a whirlwind of a contest. In a tremendous offensive game for both teams, your Purple Power came up a lil' short in a 22-18 defeat. The 18 runs were an impressive total, especially considering we had only been averaging 4.8 runs per game before that game! We made a couple of valiant comebacks, and never gave up, as all ten team members in attendance contributed mightily to the effort. A fun game to be a part of and watch.

The season came to a close on August 13th with a loss, 11-5. Despite a solid and competitive season, the record did not reflect that, as your Purple Power finished with 1 win and 8 losses. However, as always, we had a fun-filled year, and shared in Christian fellowship together. We thank each and everyone of you that came out to support and cheer us on. It really added to the excitement!

Stay tuned next month, as the coed volleyball season fast approaches. Be on the lookout for announcements in the bulletin and website.

Lord's Blessings to you, and get out and enjoy His creation!

-Jim Kuehnert
Rock of Ages Sports Teams

