

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

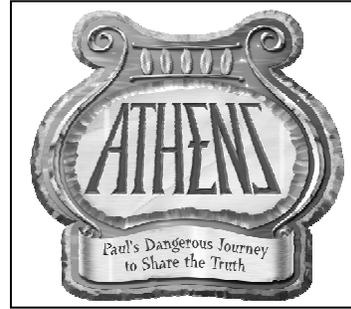
THE ROCK

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Special Dates

- March 24 Palm Sunday
- March 25 “Questions” Bible Study
- March 28 Maundy Thursday Worship
- March 29 Good Friday Service
- March 31 Easter Sunrise
- March 31 Breakfast
- March 31 Festival Worship
- March 31 Easter Carnival
- April 1 Office Closed
- April 4 Thursday Morning Bible Study
- April 5-6 Youth Group Lock-in
- April 6 Game Day
- April 7 Dining to Donate at Applebee’s
- April 10 Elders Meeting
- April 13 Garden Work Day
- April 15 Ladies bible Study
- April 18 Thursday Morning Bible Study
- April 20 LWML Spring Workshop
- April 22 “Questions” Bible Study
- April 23 Ladies Guile
- April 27 Youth Group Servant event Medical Mission Clinic



Escape to Athens with Paul!

Immersed in the exhilarating sights, sounds, and smells of an ancient Greek world!

Too often, the Bible feels like an old history book. After all, those things happened a long time ago! Kids (and adults) might sometimes forget that Paul was a real person who faced danger, ridicule, beatings, and even jail as he traveled to spread the good news of Jesus. Paul left a life of privilege and power to face angry mobs; imprisonment; and even “chain-breaking” earthquakes.

Even though Paul faced many hardships he was always prepared to share Jesus and the life-changing truth of God’s love with all he met.

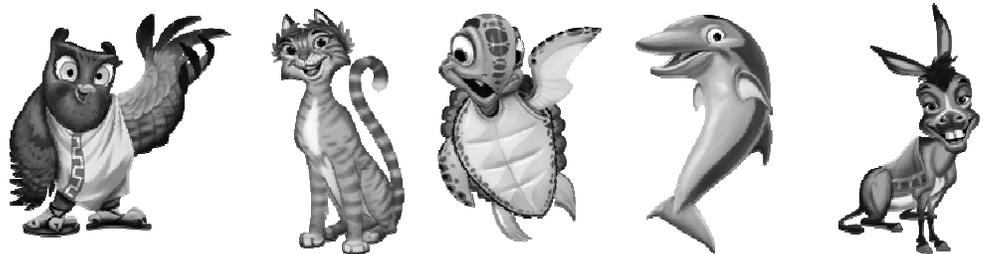
Please consider helping us to share Jesus with the children who attend our Vacation Bible School this year.

We are looking for people to take charge of the Marketplace; the Animal Courtyard; Snacks; Decorations and Arena Games.

At Athens VBS, children and adults don’t just hear about God’s love; they see it, touch it, sing it, taste it, and put it into action. As they explore Bible-times setting, they go deeper into their faith. Most importantly, children and adults learn that God loves them, no matter what. And he sent Jesus to help us understand his great love. Our Athens VBS will help children and adults build relationships—with other children, other adults, and Jesus.

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The Pastor's Prayer

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest and may Thy gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

My Lord we pay this prayer every time we come before You in a meal. And yet we seldom think about how important meals are to You. In your post resurrection appearances alone, how many include eating? On the road to Emmaus, the disciples realized it was You in the breaking of the bread. When You came and stood before them and the disciples marveled and disbelieved in joy, You asked: "Have you anything to eat?" And they gave You a piece of fish. Again when the disciples had fished all night, and You told them to cast their nets once more, You not only gave them fish a plenty, but You also had breakfast waiting for them on the shore. When we share a meal as family and friends, we pray that you would come into our midst, but how often do we realized how important and sacred that time together is now that you are there with us? It's a special time. It's a time to enjoy one another, the delightful food that you have set before us, and most importantly, Your loving company. May we not lose sight of that.

Bless us O Lord and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ the Lord.

Amen.

"Treasured"

The Southern Zone LWML is hosting a Christian Life Workshop on April 20th at Resurrection Lutheran Church.



What could be more precious than diamonds? - You!

"The Lord has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession" Deuteronomy 14:2



We are the precious, treasured possession of our heavenly Father who sought us and claimed us as His own in Christ! From coal to diamonds, we are continually being transformed in Christ, reflecting His glory and light to a dark world.

Join us for a bedazzling time hosted by the Southern Zone LWML and the ladies at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 4444 Moonbeam, Colorado Springs. On April 20, 2013. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. We will walk in the light of God's Word together, enjoy fabulous food and tasty treats, and lift our voices in praise, all as we share encouragement, fellowship and fun in Christ, the light of the world! (P.S.—Pastor James is going to lead us in the morning session!)

For more information contact Susan Avila (487-7273) or Sue Herrmann (635-3059).

Library—Monthly Featured Item

“The Miracle of the Cards” - DVD (210 minutes - 2010)

There's no such things as miracles. That's what a skeptical reporter thought until he met Craig Shergold. Craig is an 8 years old with a brain tumor and less than a year to live. Looking for hope, his mother pushes to break the Guinness World Record for receiving the most get-well cards. They receive 1.3 million cards and shatter the old record. However, Craig continues to get worse. But with love, indomitable will, and prayers from around the world, Craig and his family never stop hoping for a miracle.

This is a heart warming true story of love and faith.



Garden Work Day

April 13th

10:30 a.m.

**For more information watch your bulletins
or talk to Sarah Sacco!**



Anger

“Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.” Ephesians 4:26-27

Anger. Between Jesus’ jubilant entrance to Jerusalem and crucifixion on the cross the crowd becomes filled with it. Anger. Jesus drives out the money changers from the Temple. Anger. I often struggle with this emotion that permeates Holy Week- and I think many others do as well. How can a loving God be angry? Anger in this sinful broken world far too often leads to sin.

But what does it mean that God- the one who is holy and does not sin- feels anger? Surely the emotion itself is not sinful. How can we possibly follow Paul’s advice from Ephesians (in the title)? What is the purpose of anger? These questions filled my mind as I picked up the book “Anger” by Dr. Gary Chapman.

Anger. In the Church I think that we often try and suppress this emotion- to the point that we may deny we even feel it in order to be “good” Christians. But that doesn’t work! It just bottles up inside causing all sorts of other problems- even leading to sin. In the book “Anger” Dr. Chapman proposes what may be a more healthy approach to dealing with this emotion. “Be angry and do not sin.” How freeing- to acknowledge, channel, deal with this emotion in grace and mercy and without sinning in our reaction to it. Under the cross of Christ, redeemed with his precious blood and given a new life, may we learn and grow in dealing with this emotion.

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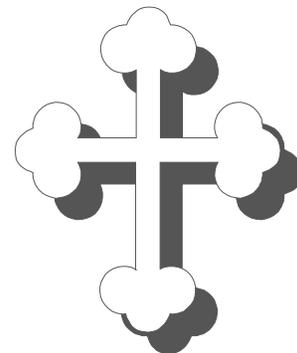
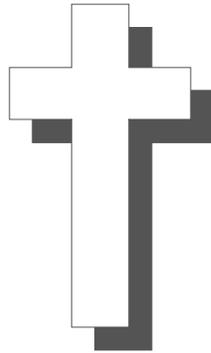
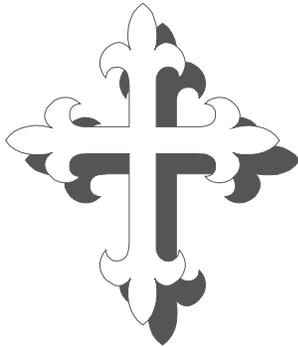
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ITEMS FOR DONATIONS FOR WESTSIDE CARES FOR APRIL ARE: Breakfast Items

Newsletter
Deadline
April 17, 2013

FUNDS UPDATE

Building Fund = \$210.00
Scholarship Fund = \$13,662.36
Capital Improvement Fund = \$17,507.71



HUMOR FOR THE MONTH:

During a recent ecumenical gathering, a secretary rushed in shouting, "The building is on fire!"

The METHODISTS gathered in the corner and prayed.

The CATHOLIC cried, "Where is the holy water?"

The QUAKERS quietly praised God for the blessings that fire brings.

The LUTHERANS posted a notice on the door declaring the fire was evil.

The BAPTISTS passed the plate to cover the damage.

The JEWS posted symbols on the doors hoping the fire would pass.

The CONGREGATIONALISTS shouted, "Every man for himself!"

The FUNDAMENTALISTS proclaimed, "It's the vengeance of God!"

The EPISCOPALIANS formed a procession and marched out.

The CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS concluded that there was no fire.

The PRESBYTERIANS appointed a chairperson who was to appoint a committee to look into the matter and submit a written report.

The SECRETARY grabbed the fire extinguisher and put the fire out.