

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

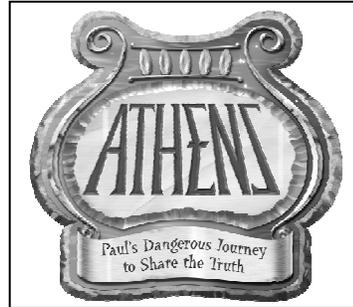
THE ROCK

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Special Dates

- July 1-5 National Youth Gathering
- July 2 Elders Meeting
- July 4 Church Office Closed
- July 6 VBS Volunteer Meeting
- July 6 Game Day
- July 10 Faith Intro Class
- July 13 EOY Guild Meeting
- July 13 Lutherans at the Sky Sox
- July 14 Installation of VBS Volunteers
- July 15-19 Vacation Bible School
- July 18 Church Council
- July 20-25 LCMS Convention
- July 22 Questions Bible Study
- July 24 Faith Intro Class
- Aug 3 Game Day
- Aug 25 Rally Day & Church Picnic



2013
Vacation
Bible
School

July 15th will be here before you know it!

We need 3 group leaders (you will be trained so don't be fearful—men are also encouraged to volunteer)

We need 2 people to do the Law Court in the market place (this can be a husband/wife team)

If you can't volunteer the whole week, that is fine! We still can use you the days you are available so please check in with Kay!

If you have taken any pull tabs please check the dates and bring the items in so we can inventory. If you haven't, there is still time. We still have lots of tabs on the table in the Narthex for you to choose from.

We also have a donation box for monetary donations. These will be used to bring in the live animals and supplies that aren't donated.

Our mission focus this year will be Tessa. This is an organization in our community that helps victims of domestic violence. They have several children in their program and we will be focusing on the children's needs. They are:
* Outdoor sports equipment (like a few soccer balls, basket balls, rubber balls for four square and/or handball, or Frisbees)
* School supplies would also be welcome. Anything like notebooks, pencils, pens, white out, folders, and binders would be very helpful.
* Books for ages 8-15. Getting books for this age kids in the SafeHouse would be excellent as they tend to get bored and end up just watching TV during the evenings and weekends.

If you would like to help with our mission project, please bring your donations into the church office anytime between now and July 22nd. We will also be accepting monetary donations and will go and buy the needed items.

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Registration is open on our web site:
<http://www.RockOfAgesLCMS.org>

The Pastor's Prayer

O Lord, "You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing" (Psalm 145:16). There are many who need the greatness of your hand in this time. There are many who desire after the fires have ravaged their lives. There are many whose hands are empty. We humbly ask, O Lord, that Your Holy Spirit would enable us to be Your hands. Help us to fill these empty hands. Guide us in giving aid to the empty handed and the broken hearted in our community. Help us to discern how best to fill their empty hands, especially when the thing needed most is to fill their empty hands with ours, and thus Your own. "You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing." Bless us as we work as your hands. Amen.

The Twinkling of an Eye

What exactly is a "twinkling of an eye?" This common phrase has captured my imagination since I first read it as a girl. I wondered- how could an eye twinkle? So I would peer intently into the eyes of people I talked with or saw walking past- were they twinkling? Or was that merely a sparkle- or a piece of dust...

As an adult, when I first read 1 Corinthians 15:52, it stuck in my mind. "Behold, I tell you a mystery, We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall all be changed." The mystery, the wonder, remains even in Scripture!

What hope this offers to us here and now. In a moment, we will be changed. The eyes will twinkle (finally- I'll know it for sure) and all those changes we long for will come to be. Death will be no more. As we work, as we slog through the long, hot days of summer, as we teach and enjoy VBS- may we not forget the wonder and mystery of that hope we hold for the twinkling of an eye.

Deaconess Sarah

Summer Game

Figure out which Disciple each statement is describing: When you have your list turn it into Kay. The first one with all of them right gets a prize!

1. To him the crowing of a cock sounded like a trumpet.
2. He was certain that the Lord had sent one of His angels to rescue him from the hand of Herod.
3. He was accused of "turning the world upside down".
4. He simply could not understand how Jesus could feed a great multitude with a few biscuits and fish.
5. He was destined to live a long life in the Lord's service.
6. Jesus called the attention of the others to this disciple's hand.
7. He could not see anything worth while coming from Nazareth.
8. These two disciples were probably cousins.
9. He was slow to apprehend the meaning of Christ's words.
10. He was the brother of the apostle James.
11. He was the only publican to become one of the Lord's apostles.
12. This disciple proved himself to be a personal worker.
13. He was selected to take the place of Judas Iscariot.
14. This disciple was a Canaanite.
15. He made one of the most beautiful confessions of faith after Christ's resurrection.

Hope you have a Bible handy!

Library—Monthly Featured Item

"HERMIE AND FRIENDS - BUZBY, THE MISBEHAVING BEE" - DVD (60 minutes)

Buzby has been kicked out of his hive and is on the move. Now Buzby, the misbehaving bee, is bringing his mischief to the garden. His unwillingness to follow the "Garden Golden Rules" has caused a major problem. But a simple act of kindness will change Buzby's heart and teach him that God's rules are made to keep everyone safe. The DVD features the voice talents of Tim Conway and Don Knotts

HUMOR FOR THE MONTH:

A man has been lost and walking in the desert for about 5 days. One hot day, he comes to the home of a minister. Tired and weak, he crawls up to the house and collapses on the doorstep. The minister takes him in and nurses him back to health. Feeling better, the man asks the minister for directions to the nearest town. The minister tells him the directions and also offers to lend him his horse. The minister says, "However, there is a special thing about this horse. You have to say 'Thank God' to make the horse go and 'Amen' to make it stop."

Anxious to get to town, the man says, "Sure, okay," and gets on the horse. He says, "Thank God" and sure enough, the horse starts walking. A bit later he says louder, "Thank God, Thank God," and the horse starts trotting. Feeling really brave, the man says "Thank God! Thank God! Thank God!! and the horse is soon up to a full run. About then, he realizes he heading for a huge cliff and yells, "Whoa! But the horse doesn't even slow! The cliff is coming up real quick and he's doing everything he can to make the horse stop. "Whoa, Stop, Hold On!" Finally he remembers, "AMEN."

The horse stops a mere two inches from the cliff's edge, almost throwing him over its head. The man, panting and heart racing, wipes the sweat from his face and leans back in the saddle. "Oh!" he said, gasping for air, "Thank God."

Southern Zone Leadership Workshop

Woman to Woman FAITH-based Mentoring

Saturday, July 20, 2013

Hebrews 10:24-25

Bethany Lutheran Church
1802 Sheridan Rd
Pueblo, CO 81001

Registration 9-9:30

Lunch will be served and a freewill offering taken to support the
Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission

RSVP to Sue Herrmann 719-635-3059 or email at dabear292@aol.com

Directions-

Northbound on I-25: Take exit 100A to merge onto US-50 E. Turn left onto Bonforte Blvd. Turn left onto Horse-shoe Dr. Take the 2nd right onto Sheridan Rd. Destination will be on the right.

Southbound on I-25: Take exit 101 for CO-47 E. Turn left onto CO-47 E. Take the Jerry Murphy Rd exit. Turn right onto Jerry Murphy RD. Turn left onto Calhoun Rd. Turn right onto Sheridan Rd. Destination will be on the left.

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LUTHERAN HOUR TIME

Sun. 6:00 a.m. KOA 850 AM
Sun. 7:30 a.m. KZNT 1640 AM
Sun. 8:07 a.m. KRLN 1400 AM

ITEMS FOR DONATIONS FOR WESTSIDE CARES FOR JULY ARE: Beans, Rice, & Pasta

Newsletter
Deadline
July 17, 2013

FUNDS UPDATE

Building Fund = \$0.00
Scholarship Fund = \$13,662.36
Capital Improvement Fund = \$16,015.15

Income verses Expenses -\$29,725.20

Rock of Ages Sports Report

Happy Summer to you, sports fans! As the warm weather is upon us, your Rock of Ages coed softball team has begun playing another exciting season down in Widefield.

Your Purple Power started play on 6/3, with a tough 16-6 loss. Still, it was good to get the team out in the field of play after some practices. However, ROA's finest came out swinging the next week, and posted a 12-6 win on 6/10. The bats and gloves didn't slow down on 6/17, as your Purple Power raced out again to a big lead, and coasted to a 28-9 win.

The team has had some superb pitching thus far, along with some timely hitting and solid defense. That's led to a 2 win and 1 loss record, as we go into our next game on 6/24.

Your coed softball team plays on Monday nights in Widefield, and at the fields located at 705 Aspen Drive. For a complete schedule or directions, please contact Dave/Kim Foster or Jim Kuehnert, or check out the weekly bulletin for dates and times. Come on out and support your Rock of Ages Purple Power, as they continue sharing in fellowship together!

Here is the roster for the 2013 team: David Foster, Kim Foster, Jim Kuehnert, Shannon Crump, Joel Watts, Pam Butler, Milt Fisher, Suzie Ricker, Lewis Engledowl, Sonja Engledowl, Thom Humber, Shannon Landry, Matt Wood, Nichole Babas, Nathaniel George, Alli Entmeier, Arby Archuleta, Rev. James Maxwell, Luke Duran, Georgia Duran and Auggie Hucke



*Lord's Blessings,
Jim Kuehnert
Rock of Ages Sports Teams*



Do You Knit or Crochet?

TESSA is looking for the following knitting supplies.

If you can help, please bring the items to the church office.

*Knitting needles – size 7-10 range

*crochet hooks – size G-K range

*yarns – a wide variety of colors, preferably in the aran/worsted weight range, and a variety of textures.

*Red Heart, baby yarns – any mixture would be appreciated

