

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

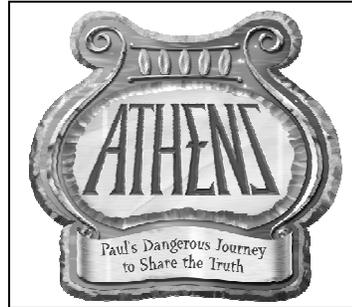
THE ROCK

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Special Dates

- May 27 Church Office Closed
- May 28 Ladies Guild Salad Supper
- June 1 Game Day
- June 2 Dining to Donate
- June 3-5 Youth Camping Trip
- June 8 Youth Car Wash
- June 11 VBS Meeting
- June 16 Fathers Day
- June 20 Church Council
- June 24 Questions Bible Study
- June 29 Youth leave for National Youth Gathering
- July 1-5 National Youth Gathering
- July 4 Church Office Closed
- July 6 EOY Guild Meeting
- July 6 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
- Aug 3 Game Day



2013
Vacation
Bible
School

July 15th will be here before you know it!

We have a lot to do to be ready for the massive influx of children we will have for our Vacation Bible School and we need your help!!!

Please prayerfully consider being a part of the excitement of sharing the love of Jesus with 100+ children. It takes a lot of hands to do the work but the rewards are fabulous!

We will need people to help with snacks, the marketplace (crafts), group leaders and assistants, decorating, cleanup, donating items and most important prayer. Prayer for the volunteers, the children and their families.

Our VBS Team leaders consists of:

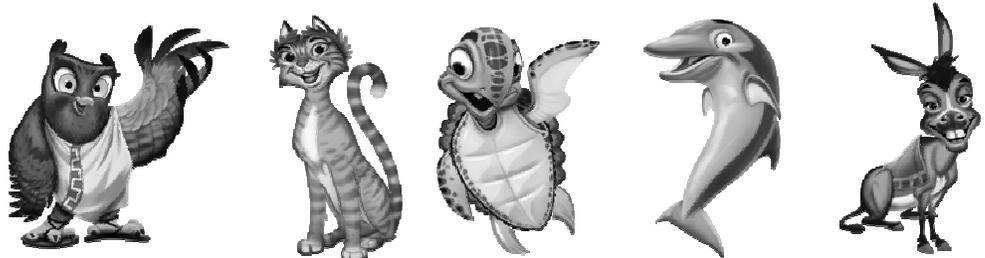
Nichole Seay—Openings, Closings, Music
Sarah Sacco—Daily lessons, Group Leaders, Staff Prayer Time
Karen Twenhafel—Marketplace (crafts)
Sue Herrmann—Snacks
Laura Soyk—Decorating and clean-up
Cindy George—Registration and publicity
Kirsten Beck—Arena Games

Please talk to any of these people or to Kay if you have any questions!

Also, registration is now open on our web site:
<http://www.RockOfAgesLCMS.org>

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The Pastor's Prayer

My Lord, You remember the man I found sleeping under the cross on our center island in the parking lot the other morning? He's caused me to think. There was nothing worth pondering in our brief conversation. Nothing in his appearance was overly noteworthy. But He was hard to awaken from his sleep that morning. Now I know that many things could have caused such a deep slumber, but it stuck me later on that perhaps it was his location. Whether he knew it or not, He slept at the foot of the cross and what a valuable lesson to all of us.

When another low blow has come our way, when we're cold, when we're alone, when life is at best just plain uncomfortable, where are we to go? To You. Whatever worries or cares weigh heavy upon our hearts, You are the only one who can truly handle them. You are the only one who can completely and totally understand. And You are the only one who can provide us with a safe place to sleep when we

desperately need it. May we all seek to sleep beneath Your life giving cross, so that each day when we awake, our redemption may be the first thing we see. Amen.

"At the Cross" by Randy and Terry Butler

I know a place, a wonderful place
Where accused and condemned
Find mercy and grace
Where the wrongs we have done
And the wrongs done to us
Were nailed there with him
There on the cross.



Update on Rock of Ages Quilting Group

Our group stays very active and we have made quite a few donations in the past year. Our donations: 6 quilts were taken to Ukraine by our ROA mission team last summer. 24 quilts were mailed to an Ukraine Orphanage Home in the fall (money for the mailing was from donations from our congregation). In December, we gave 28 quilts to a Salvation Army Children's Christmas Party, put on by the Pikes Peak Kiwanis Club. 23 quilts were given to "Teens with Promise" organization earlier in the year. 14 quilts were given to Lutheran Family Services Refugee Group. 20 quilts were given to The Bikers church. One quilt was given for a fund raiser for the Special Olympics and 2 for a fund raiser for the Academy Spouses' Wives Group. 8 quilts were given to a "special cause." In early May, 42 quilts were given to TESSA, which is a local organization that works with people involved with abuse. TESSA runs a 35 bed, secreted home in our city that temporarily houses people who have to escape from abusive situations. A woman from TESSA came to our quilting group and spoke to us about the organization. This is a total of 168 quilt donations!

We received \$500 funding from Pikes Peak Kiwanis club last fall. One of our members attended one that group's luncheon meetings and gave a small talk about our organization and our quilt donations to causes in the city. We received an anonymous \$100 donation during the year and several of our members purchased quilts for their own use and/or for gift giving. We have received some material donations from members of other LCMS Lutheran churches in the city and from a few members of our own congregation. The Broadmoor Hotel has generously given us many of their no longer needed sheets. We continue to welcome donations of money, material, sheets, and thread. We can even use decent sized material remnants and partial spools of thread.

We would like to welcome anyone who would be interested in joining our group. No sewing skills are necessary. One Wednesday mornings, we only layer the quilt parts together and tie the quilts. All the actually sewing is done in homes by members of the group. We always have a fun-filled coffee time together. We even have a few church members who join us on Wednesday mornings only for the coffee time. Anyone is welcome to join us for the quilting and/or the coffee break.

Library—Monthly Featured Item

“WHAT'S GOING ON AMONG THE LUTHERANS? A COMPARISON OF BELIEFS” - Authors: Patsy Leppien & J. Kincaid Smith

This book contains a wealth of information regarding the beliefs and doctrines of our church compared to other mainline protestant churches. The book is divided into three sections: Section I compares the historic Lutheran faith and the radical nature of the theological changes taking place in most Christian denominations. Section II points out the great strengths of historic Lutheranism and explains the fundamental differences between Roman Catholics, Lutherans, and other Protestants. Section III describes American Lutheranism's drift into the new thinking through doctrinal compromise and indifference and explains the error of today's ecumenical movement.

Examples of some of the chapters: Inspiration or Inerrancy, The Controversy, Creation, Miracles, The Virgin Birth, The Trinity, The Roman Catholic Approach to Scripture, The Reformed Approach to Scripture, Disunity and Division in the Church, The Way to Heaven, What it Means to be a Lutheran, Ecumenism Means Doctrinal Indifference, etc.

Introduce Yourself

“Fear Not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are Mine.” Isaiah 43:1. This summer our Sunday School curriculum is called “Christian Character Connection.” Sound exciting? Perhaps not-but as I have looked deeper into the lessons it strikes me how important character is, and how profound something truly simple can be.

One of the lessons focuses on introducing yourself to others. Walking up, confidently stating your name, and asking the same of the other person doesn't seem too difficult! As I thought about games to play to practice this skill I got to thinking about how easy it is as an adult to not introduce myself. How many people do I pass each day whose names I don't know? How easy it is to not know the names of my neighbors. I certainly never meet those I drive past each day on the road. Even adults can walk through days, weeks, perhaps even months without an introduction.

Oh, how important our names are! Expectant parents often agonize for months over what name to bless their coming child with, the name by which he or she will be called throughout the course of life. Even the spelling of our names is important- don't confuse Sarah with Sara! Indeed, God gave Adam and Eve the job of naming back in Genesis.

God Himself has called each of us by name in our baptisms. He has clothed us with His very self, providing us with the name “Christian.” Through reaching out, saying hello, and sharing our name we can introduce not only ourselves but also our creator, redeemer, and our very name-giver to those around us- be it our neighbor, our mail carrier, our grocery store checker, or the children we see each week. I wonder- what difference would these introductions make?

Deaconess Sarah

p.s.- if you are interested in challenging yourself and our children to grow in character through learning new skills, playing games, making art, role-playing, serving others- volunteer to teach a Sunday this Summer!

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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 JUNE ARE: *Canned meats, Tuna, Peanutbutter*

Newsletter
Deadline
June 19, 2013

FUNDS UPDATE

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

Income thru 3-31-2013	\$75,209.32
Expenses thru 3-31-2013	<u>\$87,590.69</u>
Loss	-\$12,381.37

Rock of Ages Sports Report

Lutherans at the Sky Sox is Saturday, July 13th.

All-you-can-eat buffet is from 5-7 p.m.

Game starts at 6:05 p.m.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person—Children 2 and under
are free

Sky Sox are playing the Salt Lake Bees



Please sign up on the sheets on the table in the narthex and give your money to Jim Kuehnert or Kay Scharf before June 16th this way we can be assured of getting however many tickets we need. Thank you!

HUMOR FOR THE MONTH:

A man walking along a California beach was deep in prayer. All of a sudden he said out loud, "Lord, grant me one wish." Suddenly the sky clouded above his head, and in a booming voice the Lord said, "Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish." The man said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive over anytime I want to."

The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the logistics of that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of another wish, a wish you think would honor and glorify me."

The man thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand women. I want to know how they feel inside, what they are thinking when they give me the silent treatment, why they cry, what they mean when they say 'nothing,' and how I can make a woman truly happy."

After a few minutes God said, "Do you want two or four lanes on that bridge?"