

“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 2 Thursday Morning Bible Study
- May 4 Game Day
- May 5 Voters Assembly
- May 5 Dining to Donate
- May 6 Ladies Bible Study
- May 7 Elders Meeting
- May 12 Mothers Day
- May 12 Graduate Recognition
- May 14 Circuit Pastors Meet at Family of Christ
- May 14 VBS Meeting
- May 16 Thursday Morning Bible Study
- May 16 Church Council Meeting
- May 20 Ladies Bible Study
- May 23 Preschool Graduation
- 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 24 Questions Bible Study



## 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

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 it has been really windy lately, or at least in my neck of the woods. A metal chair even blew off my deck and halfway across the yard. Wind sure is powerful. Perhaps that is why You have likened Your Spirit to the wind.

In the very beginning, Your Spirit, “blew over the face of the waters.” After the flood, You remembered Noah and all those living on the ark, and Your Spirit blew over the earth and “assuaged the waters.” Your Spirit blew the waters of the Red Sea apart so that the Israelites could cross on dry land. You answered Job out of the whirlwind to remind Him that You alone are God. And on the day of Pentecost when Your disciples were all gathered together a mighty rushing wind blew through the whole house as Your Holy Spirit fell upon each one of them.

Remind us through the wind that continues to blow over the face of this earth, not only of Your mighty power and strength, but also that Your Holy Spirit breaths faith in Jesus into our hearts, and that truly is an unstoppable force. Amen.



**Ladies,**  
**You are invited to the Rock of Ages Ladies Guild**  
**Annual Salad Supper!**  
**"Hawaiian Style"**  
**Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm**  
**Flip Flops and Flowered Shirts Welcome!**  
**(Bring a friend)**

**Bring a vacation memory, photo or souvenir to share! RSVP to Susan Avila by May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## Library—Monthly Featured Item

### **“HEAVEN IS WAITING”**: DVD (80 minutes long)

Years after his wife has died, Ned Stevens still hates the idea of dating. After all, why would he start dating again when he has his daughter Liz to take care of? This is a romantic comedy where Ned learns that with love, there are always second chances.

## The Three Sisters

Thanks to the generosity of a member here at the Rock, we received a donation of “Three Sisters” seeds. This comes from a Native American tradition of growing corn, beans, and squash together. The corn grows up, creating a “trellis” for the beans, who add nitrogen to the soil and help fertilize the corn. The squash vines create a living “mulch” with their rambling so less weeding and watering has to be done. The three plants form what permaculture gardeners call a plant community.

Last summer we dedicated a patch of our garden to the three sisters. Things started off a little difficult—most of the corn seeds were eaten by squirrels, and the beans made a late debut. But before long the patch became known affectionately as “The Jungle.” The beans wound their way up the corn and the pumpkin vines went rampant. That particular patch began to need less water than the rest of the garden! But I could see that there were pitfalls as well— if all of the corn had in fact germinated and grown there wouldn’t have been enough sun for the beans or the pumpkins. If the beans had been just a couple of weeks faster they would have stopped the corn from being fully pollinated. If the pumpkin vines had vined any faster NOTHING else could have grown!

You can probably guess where my thoughts went from there— straight to the messy life that we share together— the human community. How we all desperately need each other in order to grow and reach our full potential— but often not in the ways that we would like. Unlike the Holy Trinity, we three sisters (brothers) do not function perfectly. At times each of us needs a tall stalk to hold us up— a viney bean to keep us from blowing over, a rampant pumpkin to shade us from the sun, or a little extra Nitrogen from those growing nearby. Perhaps at that very same moment, in our depending upon another, we are providing for his needs as well. Ultimately, all relies upon the gardener— the one who places each seed in its place at the right time and tends and grows it. It may seem as though some will never grow— as though they are too late. But then again.....only our Gardener knows.

Holy Trinity, we pray that you would root us in you. We pray that you would grow our faith and lives together into the community that you would have us be. May we be so firmly planted that we would bear an abundant harvest to Your glory. Amen.

*Deaconess Sarah*



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### **LUTHERAN HOUR TIME**

Sun. 7:30 a.m. KZNT 1640  
AM

## ***ITEMS FOR DONATIONS FOR WESTSIDE CARES FOR MAY ARE: Pastas & Sauces***

**Newsletter  
Deadline  
May 15,  
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**

Good morning sports fans! Here's wishing you all a very happy Spring (though it hasn't always looked or felt like it!) Regardless, we hope you've had the chance to get outside already and enjoy the Lord's beautiful creation.

Your ROA Purple Power will begin another softball season very soon. The 2013 campaign starts in June, with our games back in Widefield. We plan on dusting off the ball gloves and bats in May, and start Sunday afternoon practices on 5/19. If you'd like to know more about our softball team, along with the league we play in, please ask Dave/Kim Foster or Jim Kuehnert.

We look forward in sharing in fellowship for another season ahead, and representing our Savior, Jesus Christ, along with Rock of Ages out in the community. We're ready for warmer temperatures, and the summer pass-time to be upon us!

Lord's Blessings,

Jim Kuehnert,  
Rock of Ages Sports Teams

## **HUMOR FOR THE MONTH:**

### **23rd Psalm:**

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her 2nd grade class memorize Psalm 23, one of the most quoted passages in the Bible. She gave the children a month to learn the chapter.

One little boy was excited about the task, but he just couldn't memorize the Psalm. Although he practiced and practiced, he could hardly get past the first line. The day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation. The little boy was nervous. When his turn came, he stepped up to the microphone and proudly said, "The Lord is my Shepherd and that's all I need to know!"