

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

# THE ROCK

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## *Special Dates*

- Oct 30 Faith Intro Class
- Oct 31 Trunk or Treat
- Nov 2 Time change
- Nov 2 Game Day
- Nov 2 Youth Cleanup at Medical Mission Clinic
- Nov 3 Voters Assembly
- Nov 5 Elders
- Nov 6 Ukraine Meeting
- Nov 7 Young Couples Bible Study
- Nov 10 Youth Dodgeball Tournament
- Nov 12 Circuit Pastors meet at ROA
- Nov 13 Faith Intro Class
- Nov 19 Ladies Guild
- Nov 22 Youth Winter Jam Concert
- Nov 24 Good Shepherd Craft and Bake Sale
- Nov 24 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving Eve Service
- Nov 30 Decorate Church
- Dec 1 1st Sunday in Advent

## Annual Thanksgiving Dinner



Sunday, November  
24th

5:00 p.m.



**Join us as we give thanks with our church family and friends at our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.**

**Thrivent will host this event and provide the turkey, potatoes, gravy, dressing, rolls and beverages.**

**You are all asked to bring a side dish and a dessert to share.**

## Can You Help Out?

Volunteering is an important part of our church's ability to accomplish everything we do. This is part of being a "family." We like to help out others in the family that need it. We have been able to support many missions here and abroad due to your love of helping others and also provide services to our community through your help and willingness to serve.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider where your talents can best be used. The busy time of year is here and we can use all kinds of skills and abilities.

We will have several opportunities coming up in the next few months that will require some extra volunteers. Please consider helping out if you are available!

**Thank you in advance!**

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## The Pastor's Prayer

O Lord, in Isaiah 25 we read concerning You: "On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine-- the best of meats and the finest of wines. <sup>7</sup> On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; <sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken."

How wonderful, Father. I pray that as we begin the month of November we may remember this passage. From beginning to end, this month is about celebration. We start out this month in thanksgiving on All Saints' Day for the lives of our brothers and sisters who died believing in Jesus. We thank you for their lives and we thank You that although we miss them, we will see them again at Your heavenly feast, the feast which will have no end. A feast which will surpass any and all Thanksgiving banquets we have ever had here on earth.

May we bear this in mind at the end of the month, as we eat our turkey, stuffing, potatoes, and of course our pumpkin pie, that these fruits You have graced us with are indeed but a foretaste of the great and glorious heavenly feast to come. Thank You for all Your blessings to us, and thank You chiefly for the gift of Your Son, the incarnate Word who came into this world so that we might live with You forever. Amen.

## Adamah

In the beginning, God formed Adam (Hebrew for Man) from the dust- Hebrew word "Adamah." God placed Adam into the Garden God had planted to work the ground. It was very good. Adam and Eve chose sin. God cursed the ground. "By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." Adamah.

God promised to send a Savior. Jesus came and walked upon the Earth. The creator took on the created - God took upon Himself Adamah. Jesus died for us. He was sown perishable to be raised imperishable. We too are baptized into His death and resurrection. We die to sin to be raised to walk a new life. God takes our garbage and makes it into something beautiful and alive. Adamah. Redemption.

Deaconess Sarah

## Ladies Guild

The Rock of Ages Ladies Guild would like to thank everyone for the mites donations from LWML Sunday. Your mites help support Lutheran Missions in several different countries around the world.

We would like to invite you to join us as we support Operation Christmas Child during the month of November. OCC will be having a shoebox packing party on November 9th, and we would like to supply the packers with plenty of energy in the form of cookies - 32 dozen of them. If you would like to donate a dozen or so cookies, please deliver them to the Rock of Ages kitchen by November 8th.

We will also be collecting items to pack in the shoeboxes, as well as monetary donations to cover the costs of shipping. Items need are Small toys, school supplies, hygiene items and other fun things for kids. Please refer to the Operation Christmas Child bulletin insert for a more detailed list of acceptable items. We cannot use liquids, chocolate or food, medication or vitamins, breakable items (glass) and war-related items (toy guns, knives, military figures). There will be a box in the narthex to collect donations.

***Thank you for your help with this project!***

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

As you know we are fast approaching the time of year when our lives get super busy. To help in your planning for this time, we would like to help you be aware of the events and services happening at church:

November 24th—5:00 p.m.—Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Turkey, potatoes, dressing, gravy, rolls and beverages are provided. Please bring a side dish and a dessert to share.

November 27th—7:00 p.m.—Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion

November 30th—9:00 a.m.—Decorate the church for Advent & Christmas

Need several men to be here about 8:30 a.m. to set up tree and pull in boxes from the shed with the decorations.

December 1st—First Sunday in Advent—9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

December 4th—7:00 p.m.—Children’s Christmas Service

“The Road to Christmas” - involves both Sunday School and Child Care children  
Please note that the Sunday School will rehearse every Sunday morning during Education Hour from November 3rd thru December 1st. Ladies Guild will serve Cookies and punch afterwards.

December 8th—Second Sunday in Advent—9:00 a.m. Worship

December 8th—Ladies Guild Christmas—4:00 p.m.

More information will be provided later.

December 11th—7:00 p.m.—Advent Evening Worship Service

December 15th—3rd Sunday in Advent—9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

December 18th—7:00 p.m.—Advent Evening Worship Service

December 20th—7:00 p.m. till 8:00 a.m. on 21st—Youth Lock-in and Christmas Party

Youth need to bring snacks, and a white elephant gift to exchange.

December 22nd—4th Sunday in Advent—9:00 a.m. Worship

December 24th—7:00 p.m.—Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service

December 25th—10:00 a.m.—Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion

December 26th—Church office closed!

December 31st—7:00 p.m.—New Year’s Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion

January 1st—Church office closed!

We hope that you will be able to join us for many of these services and events as we celebrate Jesus’s birth for our salvation.



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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 NOVEMBER ARE:  
Boxed meals and sides  
(Hamburger helper, noodle  
roni, dressing mix, etc.)*

**Newsletter  
Deadline  
November 13,  
2013**

#### FUNDS UPDATE

Scholarship Fund = \$11,760.87  
Capital Improvement Fund = \$16,189.89  
Ukraine Mission = \$3,221.49  
Youth Fund = \$44.25

### Seminary Scholarship

Pastors can accrue a lot of debt while in school learning how to serve Him and shepherd His church. Dustin Atkinson is following this path! Can you help Dustin get through the seminary debt free? To the Glory of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ? Please make your checks out to Rock of Ages with Dustin's name in the memo line and we'll see that he gets it. Thank you!

What would you

Like to see

In this space?

Are you willing to

Help put it

Together?

### Recipe

Since we have had a taste of cold weather with more to come, here is a great soup recipe to try out!

#### Zuppa Toscana

- 1 pound Italian sausages  
(use spicy to get a better flavor)
  - 4-6 russet potatoes peeled and cut into 1 inch chunks
  - 1 onion chopped
  - 1/4 cup of chopped cooked bacon  
(optional but does add flavor)
  - 2 Tablespoons minced garlic (about 3-4 cloves)
  - 32 oz. chicken broth
  - 1 cup kale or Swiss chard, chopped
  - 1 cup heavy whipping cream
  - 2 Tablespoon flour
1. Brown sausage links in a saute pan.
  2. Cut links in half lengthwise, then cut slices.
  3. Place sausage, chicken broth, garlic, potatoes, onion and bacon in a slow cooker. Add just enough water to cover the vegetables and meat.
  4. Cook on high 3-4 hours (low 5-6 hours) until potatoes are fork tender.  
Then 30 minutes before serving:
  5. Mix flour into cream, removing lumps.
  6. Add cream and greens to the crock pot, stir.
  7. Cook on high 30 minutes or until broth thickens slightly.
  8. Add salt, pepper, and cayenne to taste.

Note: I made this and it is very tasty. The next time, I would add more greens and instead of flour I would use a corn starch slurry. The flour did not work for me