

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

THE ROCK

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September 2013

Special Dates

- Aug 25 Rally Day & Church Picnic
- Sept 2 Office Closed
- Sept 3 Elders
- Sept 4 Faith Intro Class
- Sept 5 Bible Study
- Sept 7 Card Day
- Sept 8 Youth/Parent Planning Meeting
- Sept 9 Young at Heart meets at Rock of Ages
- Sept 10 Circuit Pastors
- Sept 14 Game Day
- Sept 16 Ladies Bible Study
- Sept 18 Faith Intro Class
- Sept 19 Bible Study
- Sept 19 Church Council
- Sept 21 LWML Fall Rally
- Sept 23 “Questions” Bible Study
- Sept. 24 Ladies Guild
- Sept 26 Preschool Potluck
- Oct 2-4 Professional Workers Conference

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No Death Jam

No more AIDS-related deaths, No more death in Jesus

Saturday, August 31, 2013

4-6 p.m.

On the Grass, 120 N. 31st Street

Join Colorado Springs Singer-Songwriters for good music and great grub!

Suggested donation of \$10

Benefits the Southern Colorado AIDS Project Food Bank

The first 100 people will receive a free jar of delicious “No Death Jam”!

Southern Zone Fall Rally Faithful Women



Proverbs 31:30b

Date: Saturday, September 21 2013

Place: Rock of Ages Lutheran Church

120 N. 31st Street

Colorado Springs, CO

Time: Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$5

Lunch will be served. A freewill offering will be collected at lunch

Don't forget: Your Bible, mite offerings and your friends.

Gifts From the Heart Donations: are
diapers and baby wipes for Westside Cares.

RSVP and questions to Sue Herrmann

The Pastor's Prayer



Lord, I very distinctly remember fighting over a pair of blue scissors when I was in kindergarten. Why the fight between me and my buddy Antonio? The other pair of scissors was pink of course. And no self respecting five-year-old boy will be caught with pink scissors. Well, Lord, as You also remember pretty soon Mrs. Dal Ferro comes over, rips the blue pair out of our hands, and gives us both pink. Oh the humiliation we both endured that day... But anyway, recalling this made me think of how often we fight over trivial things? How often are we so concerned about marking our territory that we not only forget to love one another, but that we hurt one another? Lord You had every right to mark Your territory and refuse us entrance into Your kingdom, yet Your Son Jesus shared with us His very life. A life we are totally unworthy of having. Lord thank You for humbling us with Your forgiveness and teaching us to pray: "... forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us..." Amen.



A Hill of Beans

A meditation on 1 Cor. 3:5-9

What is a hill of beans worth? I guess it depends. For me, growing beans has been a challenge (not for the preschoolers- the kids have been harvesting beans by the handful! So unfair!) Reading that beans are an "easy," "fail-proof" crop they were one of the first things I ever planted when I went beyond a tomato pot on my patio. I carefully measured and planted a whole row and waited. And waited, and waited. I waited all summer for- one lonely green bean pod. It tasted delicious but didn't amount to much.



The next year I had a new garden space- a better space. I tried again. No beans. Zero. A few plants sprouted but again it wasn't worth a hill of beans. Third year- a little better- I got a handful that could have amounted to a hill of beans. But still- at this point I had invested in 3 packets of beans, spent three YEARS, and got just a hill of beans. I was ready to declare myself a complete failure at beans. I imagined myself going to a gardening club and introducing myself as the lady who can't grow beans.

But I was blessed this spring with ANOTHER packet of bean seeds. I took this as a sign from the Lord- certainly I couldn't waste these beans. I must plant them. So I did. As they sprouted the flea beetles came out and began to make them lacy. There were no beans left. I gave up on ever growing beans. Then, it rained. The rains came down and the beans came up. And up. And up. I was reminded of 1 Corinthians 3:7: "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

Will the harvest amount to much? At this point only the Lord knows. I'm just glad that His persistence is much greater than mine. That he continues to give growth even when the fruit of His labor doesn't seem to be worth a hill of beans. Because He knew the cost and still chose to plant the Living Word, wildly and fully and with abandon. May that seed grow in our hearts to a harvest of faith.

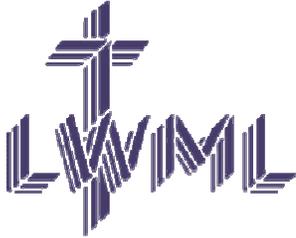
Deaconess Sarah

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!

Ladies Guild Events

The Rock of Ages Ladies Guild would like to invite all ladies to join us in the many exciting missions and fellowship opportunities planned for the 2013-2014 year. Here are a few important dates for September:



Sunday, September 15 marks the LWML mission kick off for the 2-13-2014 year. Our theme this year is "Harvest".

Saturday, September 21st we are honored to be hosting the Rocky Mountain District Southern Zone Fall Rally here at Rock of Ages. This is a fun and informative rally, taking place from 9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m. Morning coffee and lunch will be served. Come and see how we can join with our sisters in Christ to broaden our mission outreach.

Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. is our monthly guild meeting in the Rock of Ages Fellowship Hall. We will be reviewing plans for the 2013-2014 year, and deciding on our Christmas mission project. If you have ideas for mission projects, or would like more information on how you can be involved in our mission outreach, this is a great meeting to attend!

Library—Monthly Featured Item

DVDs for the Kids:

1) "**ACTION BIBLETOONS**" - Fun for kids ages 2 to 5 (DVD and CD) Examples of some of the stories: Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho, Only a Boy Named David; Who did swallow Jonah; God made me; The Wise man and the Foolish Man; Pete, James, and John in a Sailboat, etc.

2) "**GOD ROCKS! BIBLETOONS**" - LISTEN TO JESUS - 2 Cartoons and 6 Animated Bibletoons Songs. Cartoons: "If You have Faith" and "Seek and Find." The cartoons and songs will have the children laughing, singing, and learning the Word!

HUMOR FOR THE MONTH:

An overweight colleague of mine decided it was time to shed some excess pounds. He took his new diet seriously, even changing his driving route to avoid his favorite bakery. One morning, however, he arrived at work carrying a gigantic coffeecake. We all scolded him, but his smile remained cherubic. "This is a very special coffeecake," he explained. "I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window were a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have one of those delicious coffeecakes, let me have a parking place directly in front of the bakery.' And sure enough," he continued, "the eighth time around the block, there it was!"



2014 LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention
Ingathering
School supplies to be divided evenly between the
Colorado West and Rocky Mountain Divisions
of Orphan Grain Train

*Backpacks (new or gently used - sizes for all students)

*Notebooks (spiral and/or three ring)

- *Notebook paper (wide and/or college ruled)
- *Ball point pens (blue and/or black)
- *Pencils (#2 lead pencils and/or colored)
- *Coloring books (all ages)
- *Crayons
- *Watercolors and brushes
- *Chalk (for chalkboards)
- *Soccer balls

A variety of school supplies are available in stores now at great prices.

Pick up your items now ~ next June will be here before we know it!

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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 SEPTEMBER ARE:
After school snacks (granola
bars, fruit rollups, etc.)***

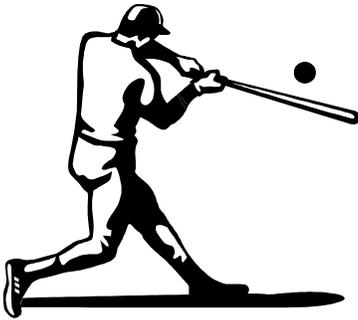
Newsletter
Deadline
September 18,

FUNDS UPDATE

Building Fund = \$0.00
Scholarship Fund = \$13,848.95
Capital Improvement Fund = \$13,433.25
Ukraine Mission = \$3,221.49

Rock of Ages Sports Report

Your ROA Purple Power coed softball team has wrapped up another season down in Widefield. As the good Lord has surely ended the drought we were in by providing our area with plenty of rain over the past weeks, it also played havoc with our softball schedule. We had several rainouts over the past month, but still managed to salvage a 9 game season.



When last we updated you on the season, your Purple Power were in the midst of a 5 game winning streak! The games resumed on 7/22 with a hard fought loss that evening, 16-10. After another rainout on 7/29, the bats went silent in a 11-1 loss on 8/5. Finally, after yet another rainout on 8/12, the final game was played the next evening. However, the rust didn't wear off, and facing one of the best teams in the league, the team fell 19-0.

So, despite a tough string of losses to end the campaign, your Purple Power still finished with a winning record of 5 wins and 4 defeats! In fact, this is the first winning record for a Rock of Ages sponsored team in many years. Way to go!!

We thank you all for your support this season, and especially to those who came out to enjoy some games with us. It was fun, and we are grateful to have had the chance to share in fellowship with one another, while representing our Savior and congregation in an appropriate and right way.....as God's children at play!

Stay tuned in the coming months, as our coed volleyball team prepares for action this winter.

Lord's Blessings,

*Jim Kuehnert,
Rock of Ages Sports Teams*

