

# THE ROCK

## Mini Edition

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### Ukraine Mission

The Rock of Ages Ukraine Mission Team thanks all who participated in our Ukrainian dinner on Wednesday. Although our mission trip this August has been abandoned (95% certain) due to the ever changing political situation between Ukraine and Russia, our team continues to work for an improved Christian mission presence in Ukraine. Your help funding this mission is greatly appreciated and is our team's real blessing.

The team continues to work with the Lutheran Church in Ukraine through their leader, Pastor Alexey, about how best to help their Christian outreach efforts in that country. We are sending Easter cards to all of the Lutheran Pastors there who we have worked with over the years. Each card will also contain letters from our Sunday School students to their students. Later we will be sending 10 sets of Chrismons to these same churches. We continue to look for other items that we can ship to Ukraine because, for now, the less expensive ocean method of shipping freight there remains viable.

Ukraine is a poor country, so money is always helpful in supporting the efforts of the Ukrainian Lutheran Church. This past year we found a method of transferring money to Pastor Alexey, outside of the Canadian Church (which is how we got money to Ukraine in the past). This method was supposed to cost \$30 per transfer, but so far we have successfully made two money transfers, and this charge has never appeared. This system allows us to react independently, more quickly and at less cost than we have experienced in the past.

Please continue to support this Christian cause. The work there may be even more difficult this year and next.

God Bless You All for Your Continuing Support of this ROA Christian Outreach Mission

### Rock of Ages Sports Report

Hello, sports fans!

Your ROA Purple Spikers coed volleyball team finished up their season this past month. While we had a tough season trying to break into the win column, we did compete very hard. As always, we enjoyed fellowship time with one another, and represented our Lord, along with Rock of Ages, in a Christian manner. Despite the losses, we had fun together.

Thank you to our fans and family members who braved sometimes harsh winter conditions to watch our matches. It was very much appreciated!

As we are now in the Lenten season, the sports teams will be hosting a Greek dinner before the Lenten service on Wednesday, April 2nd. The free will donations from that dinner will help pay for the sports teams yearly registration fees for volleyball and softball. We'd greatly appreciate your support in keeping our teams' fellowship time possible each year, and are happy to bring back one of the congregation's favorite Lenten meals! OPA!!

With the winter season behind us, it won't be long before softball season arrives! Stay tuned to future newsletters or bulletin announcements for info regarding our coed softball team and schedule.

Thank you, and Lord's Blessings!

*Jim Kuehnert,  
Rock of Ages Sports Teams*

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### **Humor for the Month**

A collector of rare books ran into an acquaintance who told him he had just thrown away an old Bible that he found in a dusty, old box. He happened to mention that Guten-somebody-or-other had printed it.

"Not Gutenberg?" gasped the collector.

"Yes, that was it!"

"You idiot! You've thrown away one of the first books ever printed. A copy recently sold at auction for half a million dollars!"

"Oh, I don't think this book would have been worth anything close to that much," replied the man. "It was scribbled all over in the margins by some guy named Martin Luther."