

Rock of Ages

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The Harvest Is Plentiful

The last week of April 2017 was a wonderful time to reflect on my own journey into the holy ministry. On April 25th at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, forty three candidates received their calls into churches across the United States. On the following night, April 26th, Concordia Seminary St. Louis presented an additional seventy three men. Between both seminaries, one hundred and sixteen men received calls, but one hundred and seventy seven churches were requesting a pastor. The divide has continued to expand between available men for the ministry and the congregations calling a candidate from our two seminaries. What does this mean?

St. Luke tells us the words of Jesus Christ in chapter ten. *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send our laborers into his harvest.”* As Christ himself tells us, *“but the laborers are few.”* therefore my brothers and sisters, we need to continue keeping our eyes out for future men of the ministry. As a second career pastor, I know the joy and pleasure of having the Lord work through men and women in my life. My home congregation, St. John Lutheran Church in Luxemburg, WI is full of wonderful men and women whom the Lord used in preparing me for my journey into the seminary. And now as your pastor at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, I too want to continue encouraging the growth of men and women to serve within our church.

On Sunday, April 30th, we invited and were blessed to have a guest preacher. In fact, a seminary student whom we’ve supported the past two years. Vicar Jarod Koenig is currently serving his vicarage at Peace Lutheran Church in Antigo, WI. He is doing a remarkable job proclaiming Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and tending to God’s children throughout the community. So, on the last Sunday in April, Vicar Koenig preached God’s word from Luke 24, sermon title “The Best Teacher of All”. As we know, Jesus walked with two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus. Along the way He listened, corrected, and taught them about the Holy Scriptures. And today, we are blessed God is raising up disciples, like those on the road to Emmaus, who will continue to rightly divide the Law and the Gospel each Sunday through preaching and teaching His Living Word. Thanks be to the Lord of the harvest he’s sent Vicar Koenig and his family to serve in holy ministry.

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Meet Dagmar Schmidt



She is one of those people you find intriguing within minutes of meeting her. I would attribute that to her very noticeable German accent and sweet way of capturing your attention. I am of course talking about Dagmar Schmidt. I thought her story might be an interesting one, so sat down with her recently to learn a little more about her.

Dagmar was born and grew up in a small town in the eastern part of Germany, the youngest of three children. She met her husband Werner while working in her field as a nurse while still in Germany. In October of 1953 she and her husband came to America. She explained how the opportunity to come to America was provided only through sponsorship of

someone already here in America. Dagmar and Werner must have felt very thankful for the uncle who provided this opportunity for them. They didn't become American citizens until they had lived in America for at least five years. They had to register every year during this five year period before being granted citizenship here, working hard to show themselves worthy of becoming Americans.

When Dagmar and Werner came to America they settled in California, because that is where the uncle who sponsored them lived. They spent about one year there before moving to the Chicago area. Dagmar's first child, a daughter, Elizabeth, was born in California. Dagmar has three additional children, Christine, Ulricka (Ricky) and David, all of whom were born in Chicago. She gave up her working career as a nurse to be a full time mom to her four children. Dagmar and Werner came to the Northwood's after Werner retired. They started out here in a small cabin before building a new small home to replace the cabin. Dagmar still resides in this modest but special home.

Dagmar's oldest daughter is living in the New Orleans area. Christine is still in the Chicago area, Ricky in Texas and David in Tennessee. Travel to visit them all has become too difficult so she depends on them occasionally coming to see her when she visits her daughter in Chicago. There are twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren that she looks forward to seeing when she can. She glows when she speaks of her son David. He calls her often and teases her about having paid close attention to Sunday sermons. Knowing Dagmar is such a blessing. She impresses me as knowing she has been greatly blessed, and I think her biggest wish is for her family and all of us see and appreciate all that our good and gracious God has given us. God bless you Dagmar. Thank you for being special.

A friend & sister in Christ.

General Announcements

Semi-Annual Meeting

The semi-annual Voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, May 21st at 10:15 am. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

Looking For Volunteers

We need people who are willing to volunteer at Rock of Ages Booth at the Oneida County Fair Thursday, August 3rd through Sunday, August 6th. You would be working 2 hour shifts. This will be a Community Outreach program. You will be handing out maps to ROA, distributing church information & bottles of water. If you would like more information please see Marian Steinke. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

The "By The Way" Radio Program with Pastor Paul Devantier

The "By The Way" radio program is broadcast every morning close to 5:50 a.m. on Minocqua's FM Radio Station, WMQA (95.9 on the FM dial). If you would like to help with this outreach, you may make your gift to the Rock of Ages Radio Fund. Thank you!

Geraniums for Pentecost

We will be decorating the sanctuary with red geraniums for Pentecost on June 4th. Watch for a sign up sheet to order your geraniums soon.

Prayer Corner

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Nancy Lietzau, Keith & Joan Justice & family, Helen Esswein, Darwin Frank, Rick Stefany, Steve Gilfoy (friend of Dale & Karen Race), Ron & Jan Schoch (family of Larry Peterson), Bill Koff, Karen Tomasen, Tyler Carroll (friend of Brandt Beukema), Marge Hanson, Joyce Schoenherr, Vivian Schmitz, Carol King, Leah Bauman, Robert Porter, Shirley Gauger, Nancy Diedrich, Heidi Morris, Peggy Wilcox, Vivian Ermeling, Jim Walsh, Tim Miesbauer, Jeff L'Hote, Brandee Kintop, Vickie LaFrenier, Bessie Rokusek, Fred Grasley, Ronan Diedrich & Carol Seefeld. **We pray for our missionaries:** Rev. Jacob Gaugert, Rev. Peter Burfeind, Rev. Ryan McDermott, Nicholas Martinez and Jarod Koenig. **Also, we pray for those in the military:** Kyle Miesbauer, USAF, Ethan Plautz, USAF, Jonathan Goessl, Marines; Jacob Goessl, Navy, Norm Holcombe, Marines, Jason Miller, Army, Trevor Miller, Air Force & Matthew Bukal, Navy. **Special Prayers:** Please pray for the men and women in law enforcement, in Wisconsin, and across the country.

Serving Us for May

Elders

- May 7 Scott Jacobsen
- May 14 Gary Walbruck
- May 21 Aaron Kurth
- May 27 (Sat) Steve Roecker
- May 28 Steve Roecker

Ushers

- May 7 Karl & Sallie Rosenow
- May 14 Pat Cichy & Rob Beja Jr.
- May 21 Don & Flo Koch
- May 27 (Sat) Rob Beja Jr.
- May 28 Marian Steinke & Mary Glocke

Communion Set-Up

- May 14
- May 27 (Sat) Ginny Grueneberg & JoAnn Lange
- May 27 (Sun) Ginny Grueneberg & JoAnn Lange

If you would like to help us set up for communion, please see Marbeth Woodkey or Pam Geist.



May Anniversaries

- 1 Darold & Evelyn Wegner 52 yrs
- 6 John & Caryl Mattioli 56 yrs
- 18 Orlin & JoAnn Lange 54 yrs
- Lee & Peggy Wilcox 49 yrs
- 19 Tom & Carol Birchell 27 yrs



May Birthdays

- 1 Christy Justice
Peggy Wilcox
- 4 Russell Peterson
- 6 Barb Jacobsen
- 11 Tucker Moermond
- 12 Jacob Goessl
Dan Brown
- 17 Caryl Hunter
- 18 Nancy Drumm
Arlene Stadlberger
- 21 Keith Flintrop
- 23 Gerald Richter
Flo Koch
Nancy Lietzau
- 27 Lee Wilcox
- 29 Fred Grueneberg
- 30 Manson Morris
- 31 Jason LaVake



Mission Opportunity

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As each of you spend time in prayer over the days, weeks, months, and years to come. Continue to pray the Lord will send out laborers into His harvest. Pray for our sister congregations that men of all ages will prayerfully consider taking on the task of becoming a called servant of the Word. And pray the Lord will continue to guide your days as you are a disciple of God's Holy Word and have opportunities within your own community to shine the light of Christ and do some teaching along the way. I leave each of you with this thought from my alma mater as we continue to pray to the Lord of harvest. Our seminaries exist to form servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost, and care for all. Amen.

*In HIS Service,
Pastor Phil Beukema*

From the Chairman of the Elders

What a busy month we had in April with all the wonderful services we were able to share in. I'm looking forward to May for a slightly slower pace until we amp it up for Memorial Day, the beginning of the summer worship season.

The cushions at the rail are still a work in progress.

At our Easter Breakfast we served about 100 people, which was great. My thanks to all who helped. We could not have done it without your help.

Keep in mind many of the upcoming events: June—our annual Rummage Sale; July—Martin Luther movie at the cinema; August—Welcome Sunday for Rock of Ages; October—Garms Family Gospel Singers, and a Reformation Day service with Peace Lutheran Church.

May God's love be with all of us as we go about our daily lives.

Aaron Kurth—Chairman Board of Elders

Help Support the Food Pantry

We thank everyone for the donations to the Food Pantry each month. Please continue to bring in your items and put them in the narthex. Cash donations are always appreciated. Please make checks out to the Food Pantry. Thank you for your help!

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will meet on Wednesday May 10th at 10 AM. All women are welcome. I will be back from sunny AZ and we will have a lot to talk about.

I will have to summarize the last 5 Mission grants for the 2015-2017 biennium since the national convention will be in June and new goals will be set. I'm happy to say our goals were met for this biennium. I will post the last 5 goals on the bulletin board. The 15th is in the amount of \$100,000 for Helping Hands Initiative, this is focused on supporting critical home repairs in low-income neighborhoods. The 16th is for \$90,000 for LCMS Deaconess training. The 17th is for 25,000 for Lutheran Young Adult Corps, which will offer young adults who have not chosen their occupations an opportunity to work in communities in need of volunteer services. The 18th is in the amount of \$100,000, for providing Hope for Detroit, this is a program reconnecting with local congregations in the Detroit area and bringing them the Good News of Jesus Christ. The 19th is in the amount of \$25,000, which is for the Rosa Young Academies – Rosa Young Projects Initiative, this is to provide children with a safe environment for education and spiritual growth. The academies will be in rural, inner-city and urban communities. This is just a brief picture of these grants. Please check the bulletin board if you want more info or go to lwml.org.

Sunday morning treats are still being served after service and before Bible study. Please join us. As we go into the summer months and we have many visitors please remember to help us out with treats and clean up. All donations go to mission projects within our own community.

We have Christian Greeting cards available in our card rack in the narthex and they are only \$1.00.

“God loves you so much he made you read this, just to let you know.”

Happy Mother's Day to all Moms, Grandma's, God Mothers, and those who are Moms by their love, God Bless and keep you. God is Good All the time.

Sharron

UPSIDE DOWN GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE

- 1 1/2 cups coconut
 - 1 1/2 cups pecans
 - 1 box German chocolate cake mix...plus ingredients to make the cake mix
 - 8 oz. pkg cream cheese
 - 8 Tbsp. margarine or butter melted
 - 3 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1. Sprinkle coconut and pecans into bottom of greased and floured 9 x 13 baking pan.
 2. Prepare cake mix according to directions. Pour batter over coconut and pecans.
 3. Combine cream cheese, margarine and powdered sugar and mix until smooth. Drop by large spoonful onto batter. (Note: easier to mix by alternating melted butter/margarine and powdered sugar.)
 4. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes.



ELVIS PRESLEY CAKE

- White Cake Mix
- 8 oz can crushed pineapple
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 8 oz. pkg. Cream Cheese
 - 1/2 cup butter, softened
 - 3 cups Powdered sugar
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - 2/3 cup crushed pecans

Bake a white cake, cool and poke holes in it. Boil crushed pineapple with juice and 1 cup of sugar. Then pour over cool cake. In large bowl mix cream cheese, butter, powdered sugar. Add vanilla and crushed pecans. Mix well and put on cake.

MAY 2017

ROCK OF AGES EVANGELICAL

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY		1 Office 8—4:30 pm	2 Office 8—4:30 pm	3 Office 8—4:30 pm Bible Class 10 am	4 Office 8—4:30 pm	5	6
							
7	Worship 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:25 am	8 Office 8—4:30 pm	9 Office 8—4:30 pm Church Council 5:30 pm	10 Office 8—4:30 pm Ladies Guild 10 am Our Savior Lutheran Church, Eagle River Card Party	11 Office 8—4:30 pm Elders' Meeting 8 am	12	13
14	Mother's Day Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:25 am	15 Office 8—4:30 pm	16 Office 8—4:30 pm	17 Office 8—4:30 pm Bible Class 10 am Trinity Lutheran, Boulder Junction Tea 1—3 p.m.	18 Office 8—4:30 pm	19	20
21	Evangelism Meeting 8 am Worship 9:00 am Semi-annual Voters' Meeting 10:15 am	22 Office 8—4:30 pm	23 Office 8—4:30 pm Craft Group Meets 10 am	24 Office 8—4:30 pm Bible Class 10 am	25 Office 8—4:30 pm Ascension	26	27 Begin Saturday Worship Schedule Worship with Holy Communion 5 pm
28	Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:25 am	29 Office Closed 	30 Office 8—4:30 pm	31 Office 8—4:30 pm Bible Class 10 am			

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Saturday Worship Begins

Our Saturday evening worship services will begin on May 27th at 5:00 pm with Sunday worship at 9:00 am. Please come and join us for the worship service that best fits your schedule for the summer months.

Rummage Sale

You may bring in your items for the Rummage Sale and put them in the overflow area. The sale will be held on Friday, June 16th from 8:00 to 3:00 P.M. and Saturday, June 17th—8:00 to Noon. Please no computers, televisions or microwaves. If you would like to help us with setting up for the sale or the sale on Friday and Saturday, please contact Aaron Kurth or Pam Geist.

