

JUNE 2017



Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages News is a monthly publication of Rock of Ages Lutheran Church

Let The Festivities Begin!

The summer season brings excitement for many in our community. We enjoy fellowship with friends and family in an area we like to call "God's Country." The numerous lakes, walking trails, wildlife, and the beautiful scenery continue to remind us of our Creator. I can't put into words, how exciting it is to spend the summer months with all our returning members and guests. So now, let's roll out the BBQ's and get ready for another spectacular summer...But wait, the festivities this summer are going to be elevated as we have numerous opportunities to learn more about the Reformation as we celebrate our 500th anniversary.

As many of you remember, we started the year by taking a trip to the Minneapolis Art Institute to view the Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation exhibit. During our visit we took in around 400 exhibits in pictures, writings, and other period pieces belonging to Martin Luther and the reformation. This summer, I'm pleased to announce we are working together with the North Wisconsin District and our circuit churches to offer more learning opportunities regarding the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We start out in Boulder Junction at Trinity Lutheran Church on July 29th welcoming Rev. Dr. Bennett. Dr. Bennett is the Executive Director of the Luther Academy and a guest professor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, In. His topic is "The Lutheran Reformation's Answer to Sin, Death, and the Devil." This half-day retreat is sure to be an opportunity to strengthen our faith in God and appreciating the work of Martin Luther.

As for our children, the week of August 7th-10th, Rock of Ages will be hosting Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is "Mighty Fortress". The program is geared to teach our children five key events in the life of Martin Luther, while not losing focus on the reason we celebrate the Reformation. It's still all about Jesus!

Finally, the events for the family include a private viewing of the new Martin Luther Movie. On September 28th, the movie theater in Woodruff, WI will be showing the Martin Luther Movie as a one-time event. If you are interested in attending the movie, please be sure to contact our church office for tickets, as they will not be available at the door. And on October 14th, Rock of Ages will be hosting the Garms family in concert. The Garms family exemplifies what it means to stand firm on God's Word and follow His Great Commission. So join with me this year as we remember the reason for our celebrations, "It's still all about Jesus!"

*Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Phil Beukema*

THE KANZELBERGER CREW

A little history about us....

Kristin - I was born and raised in Sheboygan, WI. I have one sister that lives in Florida with her husband, daughter and son. My parents followed us up to Minocqua in November 2016 and live on a lake. I'm currently the Woodruff Town Deputy Clerk, and sometimes help out Brandi at Monkey Business in downtown Minocqua.

Chris - born and raised in Sheboygan Falls, WI, has one brother and lives in Sheboygan Falls with his wife and two sons. His mother just bought a new condo in Sheboygan Falls with her boyfriend. Chris' father passed away May 2012. Chris is the Waterpark Supervisor at The Waters of Minocqua.

Chris and I originally met in 2004 when we worked together at Aldag/Honold Mechanical which is located in Sheboygan, WI. In 2006, Chris and I chose different career paths, went our separate ways, and never saw each other again. How is that even possible? That is correct, we did not call, text, email, etc. until...Fast-forward the calendar to 2012, February 17th to be exact. We've been together ever since!! Fun fact: We got married on our reconnection anniversary, February 17, 2013.



I sometimes get asked "What were you thinking marrying into 6 kids?" or even "Were/Are you crazy??" I am not really sure anymore what was running through my head that night when Chris hugged me on the corner of 10th & Michigan, although I do remember the spark and know that I wouldn't change anything that has happened; you would say the same thing if you were in my shoes!

Did I forget to mention there are 6 kids?! Yes, there are 6 and they are extremely intelligent, fun, and almost always keep me on my toes. They have been through so much in their lives and I thank God every day that I am able to be here for assistance. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else in the world!

Hunter (the oldest) is age 15, recently accepted into the ITA-TTI UW-Madison program. He's passionate about wrestling and engineering, he also loves hunting with Chris.

Austin (age 12) is a great cribbage and chess player, passionate about school and fishing, and loves shooting his BB gun.

Jade (age 11) is outstanding at drawing and cooking, she's passionate about soccer and arts & crafts.

Mason and Ella are twins (age 10). Mason is very good at building models and passionate about anything that involves the outdoors. Ella absolutely loves swimming and butterflies and is passionate about gymnastics.

Lily (the youngest) is age 7. She loves spending time in the kitchen and learning new things by asking tons of questions, she's very passionate about geology and soccer.

Kristin has been typing a blog since December 2013 as a diary for the kids when they get older and can look back as a "remember when...." Mostly now the blog is for our family and friends that we left behind in Sheboygan, but when the kids grow up, it'll be a nice memory for them to have.

We moved to Minocqua officially in June 2016, Kristin's parents moved up in November. Once they settled in, they looked at some different churches and chose Rock of Ages, so Kristin suggested that because of the new life that was being made, church should definitely be a must see as she was born and raised Lutheran. The kids jumped in with little disagreement and now can't wait for Sundays to roll around and listen to the message that Pastor Phil has. God truly led us here to be with the congregation at Rock of Ages and it's just an honor to be a member!!!

It's interesting that on our almost 1 year anniversary (June 12th to be exact) as Northwoods residents, the kids are getting baptized. What a great way to celebrate, thank you Rock of Ages and Pastor Phil for making our lives something even better than we could've imagined!

General Announcements

From the Elders

Welcome to all members, associate members and visitors. We have now begun the Saturday evening services for the summer season. What a great opportunity to worship and interact with members and guests and to share the message of Jesus love.

Keep the Newsletter from church handy and watch the bulletin for all the many events scheduled for the summer season. Mark them on your calendar and enjoy Rock of Ages busy summer.
God's Blessings, Aaron Kurth

Vacation Bible School August 7th—10th 9:00 am—1:00 pm

A Mighty Theme

His kingdom endures forever! At Mighty Fortress, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may fail them. They may not ace their next test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation—their fortress and sure defense. So raise your banner! Hold it high. The battle is done. In Jesus, the victory is won!

Prayer Corner

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Rev. Lucas Miller, Pat Hartmann, Delores Mayer, Carol Olson, Gerald Giesfeldt, Riley Laetsch, Muriel King, Nancy Lietzau, Keith & Joan Justice & family, Helen Esswein, Rick Stefany, Steve Gilfoy (friend of Dale & Karen Race), Ron Schoch (family of Larry Peterson), 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 & 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 June Elders

3 (Sat)	Gary Walbruck
4	Gary Walbruck
10 (Sat)	Scott Jacobsen
11	Scott Jacobsen
17 (Sat)	Aaron Kurth
18	Aaron Kurth
24 (Sat)	Rob Beja Jr.
25	Rob Beja Jr.

Ushers

3 (Sat)	Sharron Ziemer
4	Marbeth Woodkey & Scott Jacobsen
10 (Sat)	Fred Grueneberg
11	Audie & Pat Becherer
17 (Sat)	Scott Jacobsen
18	Dan & Yvonne Immel
24 (Sat)	Mary Glocke
25	Bill & Suzy Coulthurst

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. Checks may be made out to the Food Pantry. Thank you for your help!



June Anniversaries

- 4 Tom & Cherie Abendroth 29 yrs
- Steve & Carolyn LaVake 29 yrs
- Richard & Mary Stefany 1 yr
- 5 Aaron & Faith Kurth 41 yrs
- Rick & Deb Stainbrook 35 yrs
- 11 Don & Carol Kopplin 57 yrs
- 12 Pastor & Brandi Beukema 24 yrs
- 23 John & Marian Steinke 55 yrs
- 24 Ron & Donna Schultz 56 yrs
- 26 Jerry & Donna Panosh 46 yrs
- Gary & Barb Ovens 35 yrs
- 28 Vilas & Joyce Schoenherr 59 yrs



June Birthdays

- 1 Pastor Phil Beukema
- 4 Brenda Plautz
- 9 Barb Horn
- 12 Jonas Moermond
- Lily Kanzelberger
- 13 Vivian Ermeling
- 14 Don Buss
- 16 Andy Plautz
- 17 Randy Kopp
- Orlin Lange
- 18 Joyce Schoenherr
- 20 Kara Morris
- 22 Brian Lietzau
- 25 Gary Walbruck
- 30 Steve Roecker
- Judy Zagar
- Don Koch

Mission Opportunity

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Beginning at 9:00 AM

(ending around 2:00 PM – lunch will be served)

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)

5434 Church Street

Boulder Junction, Wisconsin

“The Lutheran Reformation’s Answer to Sin, Death, and the Devil”

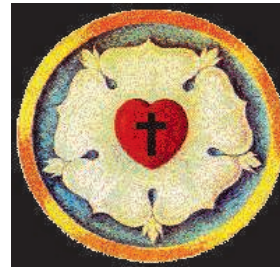
A day-retreat with

Rev. Dr. Robert Bennett

Executive Director of The Luther Academy & guest professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

We will also be hearing about the mission work of The Luther Academy in training pastors around the world.

Celebrating 500 Years of the Lutheran Reformation



Please RSVP if able. Please come anyway if you decide last minute.

Contact: Rev. John Frahm – 715-385-2267

Email: chemnitzian@gmail.com

www.trinityboulderjunction.net

Rev. Dr. Robert H. Bennett is the executive director of Luther Academy. Before accepting the position to Luther Academy, Dr. Bennett served as the administrative pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Reese, Michigan (2009-2014) and senior pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Benzonia, Michigan (2001-2009). He enjoys teaching in the areas of the Lutheran Confessions and pastoral theology. Dr. Bennett also serves as an international mission specialist and Guest Professor of Missions at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Lord has blessed him and Angela, his wife of 25 years, with four children: two sons (Robert & Joseph) and two daughters (Amy & Kate). His hobbies are collecting books and traveling. Dr. Bennett holds the degrees of B.A. from Concordia University, Ann Arbor (Human Resource Management); M.Div. (Exegetical Studies); S.T.M. (Exegetical Studies); and Ph.D. (Missiology) from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne Indiana. His Ph.D. research focused on the growth of the Lutheran Church of Madagascar (F.L.M.). Dr. Bennett’s research has led to the publishing of his first book on the subject of Malagasy Lutheranism, *I Am Not Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare*. Dr. Bennett is also the author of *Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America* and numerous journal articles and book reviews.

www.lutheracademy.com

What's Happening

Saturday Worship Has Started

Our Saturday evening worship services began on May 27th at 5:00 P.M. Sunday services are at 9:00 A.M. Please come to the service that is most convenient for you during the summer months.

Rummage Sale

Please continue to gather items for the annual Rummage Sale, which will be held on Friday, June 16th, 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M., and Saturday, June 17th, 8:00 A.M. - Noon. You may bring in your items and place them in the overflow room. Please, no computers, televisions or microwaves. If you would like to help us with setting up or volunteering to help on Friday and/or Saturday, please see the sign up sheet in the narthex or contact Aaron Kurth or Pam Geist for more information. Thank You!

Ladies Guild Salad Luncheon and Craft Sale

Our annual Salad Luncheon will be on Thursday, July 13th, 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. The cost is \$8.00/adult & \$4.00/child. Everyone is welcome. We are asking the congregation for donations of salads and desserts. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex for those who are able to help with the luncheon. Please bring your salads/desserts the morning of July 13th, after 10:00 A.M. We will also need card tables and table cloths. Thank you for your help in making our luncheon a success.

Ladies Guild

The ladies will meet on June 14th at 10:00 am. New ladies are always welcome. We are looking for new meeting ideas. If you have any please bring them to us. We will be planning our Salad Luncheon to be held in July.

Coffee and treats are served after the service before Bible Study. Help with donations and clean up is always appreciated.

Stamps for MITES are still being collected, special issue are especially valuable.

The Christian Card rack is a great place to buy your greeting cards and show your faith to your friends and family. And they only cost \$1.00.

God will let you get away with it and then SUDDENLY...

We wish all dads a very Blessed Father's Day. God be with you always. Remember God is good...all the time.

Sharron Ziemer

Recipe Corner

Fruit Compote

- 1 sm. Can mandarin oranges
with juice
- 1 med. Can chunk pineapple
with juice
- 1/2 c. sherry or other wine
- 1 pkg. mixed dried fruit
- 1 can cherry pie filling

Combine all ingredients in a casserole dish. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees. Delicious with turkey, chicken, pork or ham.

Oven Fried Chicken

- 1 frying chicken, cut up
- 1 c. fine bread crumbs
- 2 T. parsley
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/4 c. butter, melted
- 1/2 c. Parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp. salt
- Garlic powder to taste




Wash chicken and dry on absorbent paper. Coat with melted butter. Mix crumbs and seasonings together. Roll chicken in crumb mixture until well coated. Place on baking pan. Drip remaining butter over chicken. Bake uncovered at 375 degrees about 45 minutes.

Recipes

We hope that you are enjoying our recipe column. If you have any recipes that you would like to share, please bring them in to Pam in the church office.

June 2017

ROCK OF AGES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MINOCQUA, WI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 4 Pentecost Worship with Holy Comm. 9:00 am Bible Class 10:25 am	5 Office 8—4:30 pm	6 Office 8—4:30 pm Rock of Ages volunteers at the Food Pantry	7 Office 8—4:30 pm Bible Class 10 am	1 Office 8—4:30 pm 	2	3 Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion 5 pm
11 Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Class 10:25 am	12 Office 8—4:30 pm Rummage Sale Set-up 8 am	13 Office 8—4:30 pm Salad Luncheon 11 to 1pm Peace -Arbor Vitae	14 Office 8—4:30 pm Ladies Guild 10 am	15 Office 8—4:30 pm	16 Rock of Ages Annual Rummage Sale 8 am—3 pm	17 Worship 5 pm Rock of Ages Annual Rummage Sale 8 am—Noon
18 Father's Day Evang. Meet 8 am Worship 9:00 am Bible Class 10:25 am	19 Office 8—4:30 pm	20 Office 8—4:30 pm	21 Office 8—4:30 pm Bible Class 10 am	22 Office 8—4:30 pm	23	24 Worship with Holy Communion 5 pm
25 Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Class 10:25 am	26 Office 8—4:30 pm	27 Office 8—4:30 pm Quilt Group 10 am 	28 Office 8—4:30 pm Bible Class 10 am	29 Office 8—4:30 pm	30	

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Sunday Worship 9:00 am

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Upcoming Events

Rummage Sale

Rock of Ages Lutheran Church

Friday, June 16th & Saturday, June 17th

8:00 - 3:00 pm & 8:00 - 12 Noon

Ladies Guild Salad Luncheon

Rock of Ages Lutheran Church

Thursday, July 13th - 11:00 – 1:00 pm

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to Sin, Death, and the Devil”**

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Presenter: Rev. Dr. Robert Bennett

Saturday, July 29th—9:00 am

Vacation Bible School

Rock of Ages Lutheran Church

August 7th – August 10th - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

“Welcome Picnic”

Rock of Ages Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 20th

Church Picnic & Auction

Rock of Ages Lutheran Church

Sunday, September (TBD)

Martin Luther Movie

Conway Theater, Woodruff

Thursday, September 28th

The Garhms Family Concert

Rock of Ages Lutheran Church

Saturday, October 14th - 3:00 pm