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Rock of Ages

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Seasons of Life

Interestingly, life seems to have a way of moving quickly as we prepare for the next season. Recently, my wife and I sent our youngest off to college and we are now in a new season of life. We are experiencing a home which used to be full of children, toys, friends, and yes, an organized chaos around the washer and dryer. Those things are all gone and we sit by the island in the kitchen and reminisce about the seasons gone by. We even begin to imagine what an empty house might be like in the weeks, months, and years to come. Yet, through it all, we enjoy thinking about how God has worked through the lives of our children and brought us to this new season.

Many in our congregation have experienced this blessing and like to share how they enjoy this new season. It's a season filled with time to give God thanks and praise for all his marvelous works throughout our lives. I've been regaled with countless stories of the new experiences in life with an empty home. The blessings God continues to bestow during this new season of life. In fact, one member said, "they have time to teach their grandchildren, instead of worrying about raising them." As I've pondered that statement, it's true, as parents we worry about a career and raising the family. As grandparents, we've crossed through that season of life. We can spend more time enjoying the glory of the Lord and showering our grandchildren with LOVE and teaching them His ways.

In an interesting parallel, we see that at Rock of Ages each year. We look back at the end of the summer and marvel at God's many blessings within our congregation. Looking back on my third summer season, they might be short and fly by as fast as our children grow, but they are filled with wonderful memories and blessings from the Lord. As our children have left the home, so have our summer members and guests. These people are no longer strangers, but our brothers and sisters in Christ. We look back with fondness of our time spent together and look forward to the next season we'll share in Christ Jesus. So, it's not with sorrow we say goodbye to this season, but with joy and hope in the eternal season to come when all God's children return home.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Phil Beukema

THE CRANACH FAMILY

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree. This saying never rang truer than in the case of Lucas Cranach the Elder and his son, Lucas Cranach the Younger, two of the Reformation's most famous heroes.

LUCAS CRANACH THE ELDER (1472 – 1553)

Without the work of Lucas Cranach the Elder, we may never have known what Martin Luther looked like!

Known as the "Reformation Painter", this German artist not only lived and worked in Lutherstadt Wittenberg at the same time as Luther, but also painted his portrait in addition to likenesses of Luther's wife and parents. Although an enthusiastic supporter of the Protestant Reformation, Cranach still took commissions from important Catholics like Cardinal Albrecht of Brandenburg, Luther's main theological opponent. Despite this, Cranach made it a point to convey Lutheran ideas through his works, which in turn had a radical impact on the way religious paintings were composed.

Cranach made it a point to emphasize man's individuality; in large altarpieces, for example, he showed how faith alone was the way to salvation, positioning ordinary people in everyday settings, often close to Christ, and banishing saints and noblemen to the background.

LUCAS CRANACH THE YOUNGER (1515 – 1586)

This German artist was born in Lutherstadt Wittenberg as the second and youngest son of Lucas Cranach the Elder. Like his older brother Hans, he followed in his father's footsteps and worked in the family-owned workshops.

Lucas Cranach the Younger's powerful and colorful painting style still enthalls art enthusiasts today. The Protestant faith was the central theme of his work; a shining example of this is his painting of the "Dessauer Abendmahl", which portrays key personalities of the Reformation such as Martin Luther and Philipp Melanchthon.

Although a talented painter in his own right, Lucas Cranach the Younger lived in the shadow of his father's glory.

General Announcements

From The Elders

It has been a fast paced summer at Rock of Ages this year and I don't see it slowing down. I LOVE IT! So many opportunities to serve our God, fellow church members and community. Keep watching your events calendar in the Newsletter for upcoming events.

The elders would like to thank all the committees and people who had a hand in all the special events over the past month. We would also like to thank all our members for supporting our Vacation Bible School, Loon Delight and the Welcome Picnic. All were very successful and well attended. God bless you one and all.

The nominating committee will be meeting soon to choose officers and positions for the elections, so if you are asked, prayerfully consider accepting and serving our congregation. The Saturday evening services will be extended through October 7th.

GOD'S BLESSINGS—Aaron Kurth

T Shirts

“WEAR YOUR PRIDE”

We are in the process of printing more t-shirts and sweatshirts with the Rock of Ages NEW Logo. If you would like to place an order, please see Brandi Beukema or contact the church office. Give people a reason to ask you about your church and your love for the Lord.

Snowbirds



Please let Pam or Pastor know when you are leaving for the Winter so we can make sure we are using the correct address for the newsletters. It will save us money on postage and assure that it will be delivered to your Winter home.

Prayer Corner

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Ben Pruett, Dale Anders, Jerry Richter, Glen Esswein, Mary Negri, Esther Meyer, Peggy Imler, Jim Ziemer, Jack Young, Leah Bauman, Carol King, Peggy Wilcox, Rosalie Hunsbuscher, Rebecca Rhode, Niki Lehr, Charles Peters, Pat Hartmann, Carol Olson, Gerald Giesfeldt, Muriel King, Keith & Joan Justice & family, Rick Stefany, Steve Gilfoy, Karen Tomasen, Marge Hanson, Vivian Schmitz, Robert Porter, Shirley Gauger, Nancy Diedrich, Vivian Ermeling, Jim Walsh, Tim Miesbauer, Jeff L'Hote, Brandee Kintop, Vickie LaFrenier, Ronan Diedrich, & Carol Seefeld. **We pray for our missionaries:** Rev. Gaugert, Rev. Burfeind, Rev. McDermott & Sem. Koenig. **Also, we pray for those in the military:** Kyle Miesbauer, Ethan Plautz, Jonathan Goessl, Jacob Goessl, Norm Holcombe, Jason Miller, Trevor Miller, & Matthew Bukal. **Special Prayers:** Please pray for the men and women in law enforcement, in Wisconsin, and across the country.

Serving Us for September Elders

- Sept. 2 Sat Gary Walbruck
- Sept. 3 Gary Walbruck
- Sept. 9 Sat Scott Jacobsen
- Sept. 10 Scott Jacobsen
- Sept. 16 Sat Steve Roecker
- Sept. 17 Steve Roecker
- Sept. 23 Sat Aaron Kurth
- Sept. 24 Aaron Kurth
- Sept. 30 Sat Scott Jacobsen

Ushers

- Sept. 2 Sat Carl & Nancy Diedrich
- Sept. 3 Charlie & Sue Christopher
- Sept. 9 Sat Mary Glocke
- Sept. 10 John & Marian Steinke
- Sept. 16 Sat Carl & Nancy Diedrich
- Sept. 17 Karl & Sallie Rosenow
- Sept. 23 Sat Fred Grueneberg
- Sept. 24 Bill & Suzy Coulthurst
- Sept. 30 Sat TBA



September Anniversaries

- 3 Robert & Judy Schmidt 57 yrs
- 13 Rick & Donna Schmit 31 yrs
- Robert & Merriann Beja 59 yrs
- 30 Tom & Chris Schmeling 45 yrs



September Birthdays

- 1 Tom Birchell
- 3 Jim Ziemer
- 5 John Wegner
- 6 Barb Nordrum
- 8 Nancy Bird
- Jean Rosenquist
- 12 Kristin Kanzelberger
- 14 Suzy Coulthurst
- 16 Mary Stefany
- 19 Susan Devantier
- 20 Erna Gutwein
- 21 Gerry Fudala
- 23 Evelyn Wegner
- 25 Imani Watts
- 29 Kris Tank



Mission Opportunity



Silent Auction & Church Picnic

The church picnic and silent auction are scheduled for Sunday, September 17th, immediately following the 9:00 am worship service. Donations for the auction are key. Pastor's wife, Brandi, will be heading the auction this year and wants to remind everyone that 100% of the funds raised will go to support Rock of Ages outreach missions. This past year we supported the Lakeland Food Pantry and Caritas in Oneida and Vilas counties, Rev. Peter Burfeind in Toledo, OH, and the North Wisconsin District missionary in Lima, Peru.

In addition to the auction, there will be our annual church picnic. Pulled pork sandwiches and sloppy joes will be served.

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

What's Happening



Attention: Teachers & Students

Sunday School will begin on September 10th for ages 3-12 yrs. and Confirmation class, starting at 6th grade, will begin on Wednesday, September 13th at 5:30 pm. **A parent/teacher meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6th at 4:30 pm.**

Martin Luther Movie

Thursday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a one night showing of "Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World" at the Lakeland Cinema in Woodruff on Thursday, September 28th. Tickets are \$10 and will need to be purchased in advance through Rock of Ages. Tickets may be purchased in the church office. Limited seating.

Calling All Singers

Rock of Ages is looking to start a choir and we need men, women and children looking to help us give glory to God with our voices. Please contact pastor if you are interested in singing. Thank You!

Recipe Corner

Macho Nacho's

- 1/2 bag tortilla chips
- 1 (15 oz.) can Hormel chili (no beans)
- 1/2 c. shredded cheese (cheddar or American)

Arrange chips on microwavable tray. Spoon chili over chips. Sprinkle with cheese. Heat in microwave or broil until cheese melts, 1 to 2 minutes.

Cheese Ball

- 2 (8-oz) pkgs. Cream cheese
- 2 c. pecans or walnuts, chopped
- 2 T. onion, chopped
- 1 (8 1/2 oz) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1/4 green pepper, chopped
- 1 T. Lawry's season salt

Soften cream cheese, add all ingredients but 1/2 of nuts. Form ball, roll in remaining nuts. Chill.

Cheese & Olive on Rye

- 1 c. cheddar, grated
- 1 c. ripe olives, chopped
- 1 c. dried beef, chopped
- 1 c. mayonnaise

Mix all together. Spread on party rye bread and put under broiler until bubbly. (About 5 minutes.) Delicious and easy hors d'oeuvre.

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild is going out to lunch. We will have our September 13th meeting at Polecat and Lace in downtown Minocqua. We will meet at 11:00 am. All women are welcome. If you are interested in joining us please call Loup Roecker at 715-358-2476. Loup needs a count by September 11th.

At our meeting we will be discussing LWML Sunday and how we will celebrate it. Also I will be turning over the direction of the Ladies Guild to Pat Cichy. Please support Pat in her new endeavor.

Donations for Sunday coffee hour are always appreciated. Treats baked or purchased are always welcome. We also accept donations of coffee or juice.

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. They only cost \$1.00.

Life is short...Jesus makes it sweet.

It has been my pleasure to serve the Ladies Guild. I will miss all of you more than I can say. My heart will always be at Rock of Ages. God Bless you all.

Enjoy the Lord's Fall painting. Remember God is good...all the time.

Sharron Ziemer

September 2017

ROCK OF AGES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MINOCQUA, WI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
3 Worship 9:00 am	4  Office 8—4:30 pm	5 Office 8—4:30 pm	6 Office 8—4:30 pm Bible Class 10 am Parent/Teacher Meeting 4:30 pm	7 Office 8—4:30 pm	8	9 Worship with Communion 5:00 pm
10 Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School begins 10:15 am	11 Office 8—4:30 pm	12 Office 8—4:30 pm	13 Office 8—4:30 pm Ladies Guild 11 am At Polecat & Lace Elders' Meeting 4:30 pm Confirmation Classes 5:30 pm—6:45 pm	14 Office 8—4:30 pm Budget Meeting 5:30 pm	15	16 Worship 5:00 pm
17 Evangelism Meeting 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Church Picnic and Silent Auction following worship	18 Office 8—4:30 pm	19 Office 8—4:30 pm Church Council 5:30 pm	20 Office 8—4:30 pm Bible Class 10 am Confirmation Classes 5:30 pm	21 Office 8—4:30 pm	22	23 Worship with Communion 5:00 pm
24 Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:15 am	25 Office 8—4:30 pm	26 Office 8—4:30 pm Quilters Meet 10 am 	27 Office 8—4:30 pm Bible Class 10 am Confirmation Classes 5:30 pm	28 Office 8—4:30 pm Martin Luther Movie at Conway Theater, Woodruff 6:30 pm	29	30 Worship 5:00 pm

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Sunday Morning

Worship 9:00 am

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This image is called “Law & Grace”. On the left side you see the fall of man (law) and the right side the victory won by Christ Jesus (Grace). Look at our “In the Family” article to learn more about Lucas Cranach the elder and his impact on Martin Luther and the Reformation.