



GRACE AND MERCY NEWS

We Welcome You...because you are you.

October 2015

Identity is very important to us. We often joke, but we don't, when we get mixed up with another person, or more-so when our names are not remembered at all. I am still amazed when I returned to my father's home town in Maine, I am not called by my first name, even though my brothers are. At first this was of concern to me until I realized that to many of the folk, though my name is known, to them my identity is wrapped up in the name they use. I am "Morris' boy." In this simple way I am identified as the son of one of the community, who can be traced back through Morris, and through his father Clarence. I am known in relation to my father, my grandfather, my aunts and uncles, and family that I have never met and only know by photo and name. My identity is not mine alone, but known in my relation to others. It is through my identity/relationship with my family that I am related and identified with this community. These folk have helped me to see that my identity is larger than just me.



At the end of this month we will celebrate a day of identity. Though intended to be a day to be celebrated by the whole of the church, this particular day has become one that is near and dear to the hearts of Lutherans. It is Reformation Day, celebrated on Sunday, October 25. We celebrate this day not only for the work of Luther and his desire to see the Church return to her gospel roots, we also celebrate this day as one that defines us, identifies us as a group uniquely linked to the

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October Worship Assistants

- October 4
Reader: Regina Marks
Refreshments: David and Regina Marks
- October 11
Reader: Phil Schmidt
Refreshments: Dorothy, Janet, Dawn
- October 18
Reader: Steve Anderson
Refreshments: Steve and Joni Anderson
- October 25
Reader: Dawn Largé
Refreshments: Cooper Family



Door Step Singing—First Steps Into the Marketplace!

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Creating a Welcoming Space

Tapping Into Faith

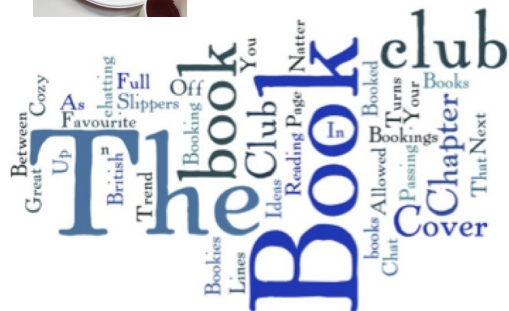


You are invited to join in this lively monthly discussion around topics, issues, and scripture. Meeting on the last Thursday of the month at the Hermiston Tavern on N. First Pl. @ 7pm, we gather around friendship, food, drink and a shared and explored faith.

This month's discussion on October 29 will be "Missional Churches". What do you think?



Coming to a Fellowship Hall near you—**Kevin's Pumpkin Pancakes!** The word is this: this event will take place the Sunday after Halloween (or All Saint's Eve if you are so inclined). That would be All Saint's Day, November 1. It will take place in the Fellowship Hall of the church. You are instructed to come hungry! I would add, bring a friend, too!



Join us for the monthly gathering of the Novel Ideas Book Club that meets at Grace and Mercy. This is a good time for a quick meal, lively discussion, and who knows what else might happen as we enter the different worlds that open up for us in the imagination of our

author of the month. Here are the chosen books for the next few months:

October	Orphan Train	Christina Baker Kline
November	Spilt Milk	Amanda Hodgkinson
January	The Invention of Wings	Sue Monk Kid

We meet the last Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring something to eat, your book and be ready for a lively discussion



Treats on Main....

In the spirit of fun and celebration you are invited to participate—either giving or receiving—with Treats on Main. This is an annual event that will take place this year on Friday, October 30. You can participate by supplying candy, distributing said goodies from the booth in front of the church, or if you are feeling particularly ghoulish—dressing for the occasion!

Coming Events

Oct 1,8,15,22,29

Quilters @ 9a

Oct 5,12,19,26

Next Text @ Pheasants
@ 6:32a

Oct 5,12,19,26

Choir @ 1p

Oct 6

Leadership Team @
6:30p

Oct 11

Worship at Prison @ 6p

Oct 13

Christian Education Mtg
@ Starbucks @ 6:30p

Oct 13,14

Warming Station Train-
ing—6-8p

Oct 14

Foot Clinic @ 9:30a

Oct 16

Warming Station Train-
ing—12-2p

Oct 17

Warming Station Train-
ing—4-6p

Oct 21

Gather Study @ 10a

Oct 27

Book Club @ 5:30p

Oct 29

Tapping Into Faith @ 7p

Oct 30

Treats on Main @ 2p



The View From The Village (photo by Chuck Hoffman)

You Can Do Something About the Syrian Refugee Crisis

Loss and grief, pain and shock, and helplessness. These are all emotions that sweep over us as we see the pictures and hear the stories of the swelling refugee crisis in the Middle East and Europe. The conflict in Syria has caused one of the largest refugee exoduses in recent history and has forced more than 4 million people, more than half of whom are children, to flee their homes in search of safety. In addition, widespread human rights violations perpetrated by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL or ISIS) have left more than 10 million people in need of humanitarian assistance and protection within Syria and in surrounding countries. Our faith compels us to care for those in need, including our brothers and sisters fleeing persecution in Syria. Urge President Obama to stand with people of faith in welcoming these vulnerable refugees into the United States.

Use the link below to ***Lutheran Immigration and Refuge Services*** for more information and a link to write the president:

<https://secure2.convio.net/lirs/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=197#.VgrUhZdFEZ>

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Reformation and one who was central to it. From this man and movement we take, at least in part, our identity. Like the eldest son and his lineage, there are unique characteristics that identify us as “Lutheran” Christians. We are inheritors of the cry of the Reformation, “Grace alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone;” we continue the struggle to call the Church back to her gospel roots, and in this way remain a movement within the Church catholic. Our identity is bound up with that of the Church, in all its flavors and shades. We come together under one Name, confess but one Name, experience one baptism, participate in one meal. It is this that identifies us as unique, as Christian.

Leadership Notes....

September 1, 2015

Committee Reports received and accepted

Leadership minutes approved with the correction to Worship report.

Pastor Inch met with Pastor Jaime: Worship at the prison October 11 at 6 PM. Rosaline has the paperwork now. Everyone who will be going needs to fill it out and return to Pastor Jaime on September 27th.

Chamber of Commerce: (JoAn) A membership for us would cost \$100 per year. We would receive many benefits by becoming chamber members including advertising, meeting other businesses people in town. Regina moved and Phil 2nd a motion to spend \$100 to join the Chamber of Commerce. So moved.

Christmas Program: December 20th during worship

Treat's on Main: October 30th. Need staff to hand out candy and we need candy donations.



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THE BACK DOOR

The question put to the panel was this: "Who is Jesus for you, now, in this moment?" It is a provocative question that elicited what I would consider pretty standard answers, but for one. Perched on his chair in the chancel of the cathedral, in an Irish brogue he uttered, "for me, Jesus is a peasant with an attitude. As an attitude, he is the attitude of God!"

He went on to speak about how this peasant stood against the power structures (political and religious) of the day (then and now), structures that seek to dominate and control. He spoke about how this peasant responded in word and deed by seeking out those who were crushed under foot. His attitude of love and justice (love being the soul of justice; justice the body of love) sought to challenge the power structures to act in accordance with the will of God.

As the attitude of God, this peasant was one who not only walked with those who suffered under this system, he so aligned himself with those who suffered that he gave his life to reveal God's love and the extent God will go to redeem the lost and suffering.

So, if this question were to be asked of you, "who is Jesus for you, now, in this moment?", how would you respond? Who is Jesus for you? How is this Jesus the expression/revelation of God at work in the world. and then made known to those who are around you?

A provocative question. A provocative peasant, with an attitude.

Help the Homeless



Hermiston Warming Station Volunteer Training

Tuesday, October 13th 6-8pm

Wednesday, October 14th 6-8pm

Saturday, October 16th 12-2pm

Sunday, October 17th 4-6pm



All training sessions for October will be held at
St. John's Episcopal Church located at 953 E. Gladys Ave.

For more information, call 541-720-1146,

e-mail warmingstation@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook



- Volunteers do not stay up all night, there are three shifts. Reception is 6:30pm-12:30am, Overnight is 12:30am-4:30am, Morning Crew is 4:30am-7am
- Volunteers do not work alone. There are always at least two adults on duty.
- For everyone's safety, volunteers must be at least 18.
- The Warming Station is located in The ARC building on Orchard Ave. (Next to the post office.)
- HWS is open November 1-March 31, any night the weather is forecasted to be at freezing or below, as well as when other severe weather is predicted.
- HWS is not affiliated with a specific faith.
- We are completely volunteer based, no one affiliated with HWS is compensated.

October 2015

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