

First Press

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From the Pastor –

Dear Friends, brothers, and sisters in Christ,

I have a scenario for you. I want you to pretend, use that imagination for just a second and then reflect. Let's paint a picture here. You and your family are sitting at home. You're watching "Masked Singer" on the television when you hear the doorbell ring. You get up walk to the door and open it to find a man in his 30's naked except a piece of cloth around his waist. You can see that he is extremely injured, he has bruises, cuts, and blood all over his body. He simply asks to come in. What do you do?

You really have two options here. First one is you let him in, get some towels, some water, maybe some food and call the police. You want to help this person. The second one is to shut the door in his face. Maybe you're too busy, you have brand new carpet, or maybe you just think it's better not to get involved.

So again, what do you do? Let's just say for the purpose of this story you bring him inside and treat him with kindness and love. Emergency services comes to the house and take the man to the hospital. Before he leaves, he does say thank you for your kindness.

Weeks go by and you get another knock on the door it's the same man but now in a suit

and tie. He reveals that he is the son of one of the wealthiest and most powerful parents in the world. He hands you a card and says that you have been invited to a banquet and that all your cares, worries, needs will be taken care of. Hey if you're really reading this text me your name and favorite candy bar and I will get it for you! Only the first seven people to text me will get it!

So in our little scenario as maybe you have guessed we have Jesus who approaches our door. He has been beaten, tortured, and crucified. We extend the hand to let him in to our lives. A moment that changes our direction forever. Jesus reveals himself to us and tells us that there is a place and purpose for us in the kingdom.

This is the essence of the Gospel message. This is our hope, our faith, our promised future. John 3 16 says "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

So, what are you going to do?

Pastor Robert Brooks

Camp Rimrock News

The cottage is completed and ready for youth groups, families, and anyone else who wants to come and use it!

The next Presbytery Meeting is October 27th – 28th and everyone is invited to attend. There will be time to discuss the vision of Presbytery and the use of its committees. Also there will be some sort of celebration for the completion of the cottage.

I really invite you to come out. Rimrock is a beautiful place that has such a unique connection to worship, be alone, or spend time with family and friends.

SESSION REPORT

Session held its regular meetings
August 9th and September 13th
in the Campbell Library

Communion

47 served on Sunday,
August 6th
Next communion
October 1st.

Baptisms

Sawyer Wayne Hegg
and Kale Aaron Hegg
sons of
Ryan & Melissa (Johnson) Hegg

Funerals and Memorial Services

Genevieve Parmely

September 9

Joanne Evans

(graveside service)

September 1

Bell Choir

The bell choir will soon be ringing again! Bell choir will begin practicing for the Christmas concert being planned for December. We will meet on Wednesdays starting October 18th at 6:00 and have a fun time together, while at the same time working to sharpen our musical skills. Consider joining our group—new ringers are always welcome!

Submitted by:

Ray Caffee, Director

Save the Date

Annual "Harvest"

Dinner Sunday

November 5th.

Enjoy

fun and

fellowship

"Country store"

Any and all contributions are welcome!

Daily Inspiration

WARMTH

Hearts should come with a label that reads "Keep Warm." Warm the hearts of others with a smile. Give a heartfelt handshake, a hug, or a note of encouragement. Use a soft, kind voice with positive, encouraging words. Warming the hearts of others has a rewarding side effect: Your heart warms up as well!



Fall is here and so begins our busy church season. We had our Annual Fall Luncheon on September 16th, and it was a huge success! The food and fellowship was fantastic. Thank you to those of you who provided the delicious food and helped work for this event. With that being said, we will be doing our Fall Craft Day on October 17th at 5:00 in the fellowship hall. We will be making twine, cinnamon stick

pumpkin table decorations for our Harvest Dinner. Please join us for another fun filled time of fellowship. We served one funeral these past couple months and thank each and every one of you for working and providing salads and bars. Women's Bible Study started back up in September on the third Wednesday evening of the month at 8:00 pm downstairs. We hope to see many of you there as it is a great time of learning about the Bible and having fellowship with each other.

We still need a co-chairman.

Please consider volunteering for this position as it is an important one if we want to keep our PW going.

Blessing,
Dawn Haar

Choir News

Our Sanctuary Choir resumed singing once again on Sun., Sept. 10 as we returned to regular Sunday morning services. It's been so good to join once again with one another as we bring song among ourselves and for the benefit of our congregants. Gladly we gained several new members to our choir. We welcome Landon Tanner, Riley and Payton Moss, and we welcome back Kristen Moss-all who are enriching our choir's music.

We practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:30 -so do consider joining us for a fun and meaningful experience in song.

Thank you again to all those who furnished special music this last summer. It was greatly appreciated by all who heard it. Remember, keep a song in your heart!

**Janice Palmer
Director of Music**

Birthdays in October

1 – Jack Jones
3 - Joseph Wieseler
 Harper Duxbury
4 – Alan Wieseler
 Carter Fanning
7 – Nolan Fanning
8 – Cheryl Fanning
 Randy Johnson
9 – Gabe Muschitz
10- Kayla Stevens
11- Dick Palmer
 Shelly Wieseler
12 – Ronnalee Johnsen
13 – Doyle Foreman
18 -Harriet Kopplin
19 -Jayce Pugh
20 -Becky Nelson
21- Kelsa Foreman
24 -Kyler Foreman
25- Corey Blachford
 Rhoda Rombough
27 -Cecilee Miner
28 – Lester Moeller
30 -Larry Arbogast
 Loni Haar

November Birthdays

8 – Brett Stevens
9 – Jennifer Kenaston
10 -Cindy Rombough
 Annette Snodgrass
11 –Blake Hofer
12 -Angie Anderberg
17 -Rebekah Koeck
19 -Schelbie DeHaa
22 -Angie Rosemore
23 -Brecken Anderberg
26 -Pat Crackel
 Whitey Wieland
27 – David Sivertsen

October Anniversaries

3-Ray & Tammy
Caffee
6- Greg & Dawn Haar
8- Riley & Chelsea Pugh
10-Stephen & Lori Resel
Ushers in October
Doyle Foreman
Brody, Travis & jill
Heasley

Deacons in October

Sarah Resel
Chellsea Pugh

November Anniversaries

4- Lee & Sharlene
Skinner
 9-Jim & Marilyn Dyer
20-Chip & Sena
Rombough
Brian & Jan Winter

Ushers in November

Mike & Kagan Runge
Dave & Jean Johnson

October Greeters

1-Barb Lager
8-Cecilee Miner Family
15-Annette Snodgrass
22-Dennis & Dee McGirr

29-Shannon Speck
Family

November Greeters

5-Greg & Carolyn
Rediger
12--Sandy Selting
19-Tammy & Gordon
Gross
26-Kevin Hofer Family
Deacons in November'
Ronalee Johnsen
Pam Heasley