

Adult Forum Report 2015

Adult Forum is a discussion group that meets most Sundays after the social hour. Our purpose is to understand more profoundly the historical and theological background that inspires us to act like believing Christians in our private lives and in the world outside.

During the last church year, we continued to discuss a variety of books and subjects that enrich our understanding of the Christian tradition to which we Lutherans belong.

In Fall 2014 Pastor Greg taught a fine course on the history of Christianity beginning with the New Testament (St Paul) and ending with contemporary church history (Marcus Borg) under the title New Member / Re-Member. The topic also included a splendid series on the musical tradition of the Lutheran church led by Bill Walker.

Beginning in 2015, our discussion of Paul Tillich's most difficult and original book, "The Courage to Be," proved to be somewhat arduous requiring a great deal of work on the part of the chairperson (!) and readers yet minds and spirits were opened to new ideas. After Easter, we continued with a more easily understood book about the life of faith by the late Lutheran theologian Marcus Borg titled "The God We Never Knew."

In her six month sojourn with us, Vicar Jeniffer introduced us to the dramatic side of faith by her series on Shakespeare, and by two delightful Sunday meetings during which we discussed Ladinsky's "Love Poems for God" and "From the Fig tree to Lavendar: Herbs in the Bible."

Over the Summer, we enjoyed reading the book of "Ecclesiastes" together with illumination by Pastor Greg and concluded up the year with topics presented by congregation members during the Season of Creation.

There are ideas and books on our long list which remain to be considered.

We are always open to suggestions and ideas from all members of the congregation. We continue to welcome all members of this unusually gifted community. We feel blessed by the company of members of our committee, namely Alan Herbet, Joan Ferguson, as well as our Vicar Jeniffer, and of course also our Pastor Schaefer. We look forward to another year of lively argument, debate, and new experiences of the spirit.

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Marion Pauck, chair

Alan Hebert

Joan Ferguson

Pastor Greg Schaefer