

## MEET JESSIE!

Hi! This is Jessie Simpson! I grew up in Illinois where I met my husband, Derek, and after we got married we slowly moved our way out West. We've lived in Montana and Olympia and currently live in Chehalis, Washington.

I work for the state, and enjoy the movies, 80s music, Star Wars and Star Trek references, trivia, badminton, and dogs :-)

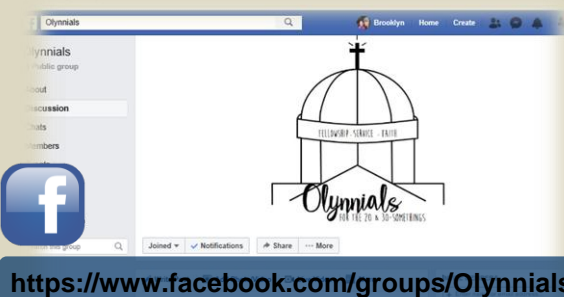
Derek and I do not have pets so I have to live vicariously through other people who do... beware.

Looking forward to learning more about the members of our group!

-Jessie



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



May



Come hang out with us for the night! No research or prep work required ☺ Just come, listen, and chat about your thoughts on **immigration**. We'll talk about what role Christianity plays into our feelings and listen to our personal stories related to immigration. There's a taco truck in front of the brewery, or you're welcome to bring in your own food. Your beer/soda is on us! And don't forget to bring a friend! Before our discussion, let's go around and share a funny vacation story!

June



# Summer Zip Line Retreat!



**Zip lining, boating, and camping on an island with friends! This is happening!!!** This afternoon, I'll be sending out an email and poll on Facebook to see which date works the best for everyone. We will spend the day taking a boat ride to Treehouse Island (1 hour south of Olympia) and zip lining through the forest! Then we'll camp out in tents together on the island. We'll enjoy making dinner together, walking on the trails, having meaningful discussions, playing games, making s'mores around the campfire pit, and slowing life down, even if it's just overnight ☺ More details to come! Want a sneak peek? Visit: [www.thetreehouseisland.com](http://www.thetreehouseisland.com)



## WHAT'S NEW?

### PivotNW Conference Coming Up!

Our Olynnial group is funded by a Lilly Endowment grant we received through PivotNW, a program through Seattle Pacific University. We are part of a research project examining innovative ministries to engage millennial-aged folks in their faith.

The Spring Summit (PivotNW's biannual conference) is coming up! There are two dates available: Wed, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Sat, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Both are in Seattle from 9 am – 1 pm. You can choose which day works best for you.

Please email/text me if you are interested in attending! I am looking for several Olynnial folks to come learn from the other grant recipients and professors about ways they are finding success in this important mission. Breakfast, lunch, and mileage reimbursement is included ☺ I am attending Wednesday's discussion and can drive anyone who's interested. But it would also be really helpful to have a few of us at the Saturday's discussion as well.

#### Brooklyn Kuhns - Coordinator

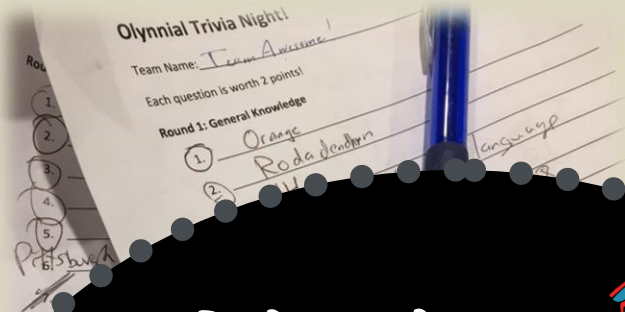
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## MARCH EVENT RECAP!

And the trivia night winners were: Ryan Murray & David Kuhns! We enjoyed making delicious tacos, eating cheesecake and lemon bars, battling it out in trivia, and listening to classic rock music. And a big thank you to Calla Hansen for hosting at her place!

- Brooklyn



## Did you know?



### Session Approved the Tiny Home Village!

Westminster Presbyterian Church will be moving forward with the construction of several tiny homes on the church's property to house members of our community currently without housing.

This is an exciting endeavor that will require a lot of volunteer hours and planning. The United Churches of Olympia and First United Methodist Church will be partnering in this project. We will be talking more about the efforts at our June gathering. Until then, I urge you to think about ways we as a group could assist with this project.