



Holy Spirit Lutheran

Mission:
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The Library – a time and place to invest in you

The Library Committee recently updated the mission statement for the Library: *To expand the intersection of intellect and spirituality while holding physical space in our busy world for prayer, introspection and study.* This revised mission better reflects the two key points of investing in your intellectual and spiritual self, as well as maintaining a dedicated physical space. In addition to the mission, here are answers to commonly asked questions.

Where is the Library? The physical Library is downstairs behind the glass windows. Stop down anytime to take a look. There is also an online Library catalog available 24x7. Use the catalog to search and explore the resources available in the Library. Go to <http://www.hslckirkland.org/> - under "Programs", select "Library at HSLC" and click on the "Online Library Catalog" box.

What will I find in the Library? There are lots of books: fiction, non-fiction, biography and resource books for adults, young adults and children. You can also find a good selection of DVD's for adults and children. There is also a quiet reading area with a fireplace for you to sit, relax and read.

How can I check out (and return) a book, DVD or other resource? Every resource in the Library has a checkout card attached to it. Fill out the card with your name, email and phone number and drop the card into the box on the table in the Library. There are 2 book return boxes: one in the narthex and one in the Library. Simply drop your book/DVD/video into the box.

When is the Library open? Anytime the church is open, the Library is available. The Library is intentionally not used for meetings or classes so it can be available anytime. The online library is available 24x7 (see above).

How can I help? Keeping the Library neat and organized is an ongoing task. Please leave the space as you found it, and ensure young children are accompanied by an adult. Carefully checking out and returning books is also a big help. Please email the Library Committee with questions or suggestions: library@hslckirkland.org.

Each month, in addition to managing all the mechanics of the library, the Committee selects a list of books related to the theme or season of the church. The list is published in the monthly newsletter and online, and you can also find many books on display in the Narthex. This month, as we venture into Lent and Easter, we focus on building peace from within. This may involve having intentional, healthy conversations, meditation, and/or prayer. Here are a list of books that may inspire your Lent and Easter journey.

Adult Titles

Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life: Life-Changing Tools for Healthy Relationships by Marshall B. Rosenberg. If "violent" means acting in ways that result in hurt or harm, then much of how we communicate—judging others, bullying, having racial bias, blaming, finger pointing, discriminating, speaking without listening, criticizing others or ourselves, name-calling, reacting when angry, using political rhetoric, being defensive or judging who's "good/bad" or what's "right/wrong" with people—could indeed be called "violent communication." Nonviolent Communication is the integration of 4 things: Consciousness, Language, Communication and Means of influence. "Nonviolent Communication shows us a way of being very honest, without any criticism, insults, or put-downs, and without any intellectual diagnosis implying wrongness."

Praying For Strangers: An Adventure of the Human Spirit

by River Jordan. As 2009 approached, New Year's resolutions were the last thing on River Jordan's mind. Her sons were both about to go off to war and all she could do was pray for their safety and hope to maintain her strength, until she unexpectedly came upon the perfect New Year's resolution—one that focused on others instead of herself. She would pray for a complete stranger every single day for a year. In Praying for Strangers, River Jordan tells of her amazing personal journey of uncovering the needs of the human heart as she prayed her way through the year for people she had never met before. The discovery that Jordan made along the journey was not simply that her prayers touched the lives of these strangers, but that the unexpected connections she made with other people would be a profound experience that would change her life forever.

Tears We Cannot Stop

by Michael Eric Dyson.

Short, emotional, literary, powerful—Tears We Cannot Stop is the book that all Americans who care about the current and long-burning crisis in race relations will want to read. As the country grapples with racist division at a level not seen since the 1960s, one man's voice soars above the rest with conviction and compassion. In his 2016 New York Times op-ed piece "Death in Black and White," Michael Eric Dyson moved a nation. Now he continues to speak out in Tears We Cannot Stop—a provocative and deeply personal call for change. Dyson argues that if we are to make real racial progress we must face difficult truths, including being honest about how black grievance has been ignored, dismissed, or discounted. "The time is at hand for reckoning with the past, recognizing the truth of the present, and moving together to redeem the nation for our future. If we don't act now, if you don't address race immediately, there very well may be no future."

We Make the Road By Walking by Bryan D. McLaren.

This book offers everything you need to explore what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. It also puts tools in your hands to create a life-changing learning community in any home, restaurant, or other welcoming space.

United by Cory Booker.

In United, Cory Booker draws on personal experience to issue a stirring call to reorient our nation and our politics around the principles of compassion and solidarity. He speaks of rising above despair to engage with hope, pursuing our shared mission, and embracing our common destiny. Here is his account of his own political education, the moments—some entertaining, some heartbreakin, all of them enlightening—that have shaped his civic vision. "Hope is the active conviction that despair will never have the last word," Booker writes in this galvanizing book. In a world where we too easily lose touch with our neighbors, he argues, we must remember that we all rise or fall together—and that we must move beyond mere tolerance for one another toward a deeper connection: love.

Additional Lent and Easter devotional books

The Hearts Time by Janet Morley

God is on the Cross by Bonhoeffer

Eastertide by Phyllis Tickle

Lent and Easter Wisdom by St. Benedict

Lent & Easter: Wisdom from Henri J.M Mouwen

Lent & Easter: Wisdom from Thomas Merton

Note: All book descriptions are from Amazon.com unless otherwise noted.