



Library
Holy Spirit Lutheran

Mission: To expand the intersection of intellect and spirituality while holding physical space in our busy world for prayer, introspection and study.

A kaleidoscope – the beauty is in the change

Change. What feelings does this word evoke? The world is in a constant state of change. People change. Circumstances change. Sometimes in small ways and sometimes in ways that form a deep chasm, which hopefully we can bridge. Just like a kaleidoscope, our lives evolve and change, and they become more beautiful the more they are used. The point is for the kaleidoscope (and our lives!) to change. Our featured book this month provides a great resource specifically for all the changes women face.

Women's Uncommon Prayers: Our Lives Revealed, Nurtured, Celebrated by Elizabeth Rankin Geitz

Book review by Ruth Hanley, Preschool Director

Women's Uncommon Prayers is a compilation of prayers and poems relating to all those kaleidoscope pieces within a woman's stages of life. Its pages offer both celebration and consolation about birth, childhood, menarche, adolescence, motherhood, menopause, and aging. Likewise, there are poems and prayers about issues at milestones that may affect a woman's life – marriage, birth or adoption of a child, miscarriage, abuse, childhood trauma, hysterectomy, a loved one's illness, death of a parent or loved one, self-worth, or faith struggles.

This book is a resource for me when I need words of wisdom or compassion. Within this book are prayers and sighs beyond words that reflect this deep 'brutiful' life that we have been given to experience the powerful and enveloping love of Jesus Christ, which we need to have for ourselves and for each other.

Ruth is also reading:

Tech Generation: Raising Balanced Kids in a Hyper-Connected World by Mike Brooks, PhD. And Jon Lasser, PhD.

Great book that is less nail-biting and judgements about "the world nowadays" and more about how we as caregivers of children can find a reasonable, intentional balance for children and technology. We will have to live side by side with technology, so we need to figure out how to do it instead of hiding from it (which sometimes I want to do!)

Magic Capes, Amazing Powers: Transforming Superhero Play in the Classroom by Eric Hoffman

Trying to understand the quintessential and irrepressible good guy/bad guy/battles/fingers-as-guns type of play in the classroom and how to better address and redirect it.

Bryson's Dictionary of Troublesome Words: A Writer's Guide to Getting it Right by Bill Bryson

Super funny Bill Bryson book– read it even if you are not a writer – you'll learn so much about the history and usage of words!

The Marvelous Mustard Seed by Amy Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso

Beautiful depiction of faith and how it grows and develops, stemming simultaneously within ourselves and originating from God. Beautifully worded and deep, yet kid-friendly explanation of faith.

Library Notes:

- This is our seventh in a yearlong series of book reviews by Holy Spirit pastors and staff.
- All books are available in your church library. All book descriptions are from Ruth Hanley.
- Visit the Library downstairs to find these and other books and videos for all ages.
- The full library catalog is available at www.hslickirkland.org (under "Programs" select "Library at HSLC").