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Mission Statement: To energize church library ministry through education, resource sharing, spiritual encouragement and fellowship.

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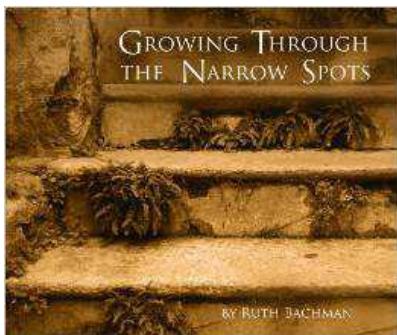
TCACLA Spring Meeting
April 18, 2015
9:00 a.m. - Noon

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4100 Lyndale Ave S
Minneapolis, MN

Our featured speaker is Ruth Bachman. She will be speaking about her book, *Growing Through the Narrow Spots*, the 2014 first place winner in the Inspiration/Gift Book category by the Midwest Independent Publishers Association.



In 2003, Ruth was told she had sarcoma. Per her website, her experiences with chemotherapy and the amputation of her left hand and forearm, gave her "a renewed purpose for life - a mission to share an empowering message equipping individuals with the perspective and resources necessary to navigate the inevitable changes that occur in life, by design or by happenstance, while recognizing the powerful potential for transformation by embracing 'what is'." Her book provides inspirational thoughts and encouragement for readers as they face their own challenges and "narrow spots" in life. It is enhanced by beautiful photos taken by her husband, Dale.

A schedule for the morning and a registration form are included in the following pages.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Your church must have renewed its 2015 membership by March 31, 2015 in order for you to receive the member rate for this meeting.



General Information

The Twin Cities Area Church Library Association (TCACLA) is a non-profit support organization serving church librarians. Membership is open to individuals and churches of all denominations that desire to network with others on church library development and enrichment.

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Hazelle Nyberg

On March 5, Hazelle Nyberg passed away suddenly of natural causes. In 2012, when our Vice President resigned, Hazelle stepped forward to fill that vacancy. She then served another term that just ended on December 31, 2014, despite a recurrence of breast cancer.

From Dulcie Campana: Hazelle was always diligent and paid much attention to detail. She took the lead and made sure all the bases were covered. As a result, we had great programs that always ran smoothly. Throughout her cancer treatment she was steadfast in maintaining her position planning programs. Even though tired, she wanted to see everything through. She had a strong faith, I learned much from her and I will miss her enthusiasm for the library association.

From Sally Onstad: Hazelle was a valued member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Library Team specializing in library promotion activities. She retired several years ago from her position as Administrative Assistant to the Supt. of Osseo School District #279 and enjoyed her retirement years golfing, attending Osher Life Long Learning classes, spending time with grandchildren, relaxing at her summer home and doing volunteer work in the church and community. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.



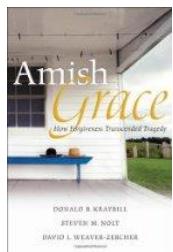
WHAT CHURCHES ARE READING

The books described below are being read by The House of Hope Presbyterian Church's women's breakfast book club. I hope that you will share what your church is reading so it can be included in future issues. All I need is the list of books, along with the name of the group. If you don't have a book club, I'd also like to know about titles of books that are being used for study groups. Please e-mail this information to otseditor@gmail.com.

“You know you've read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend.” – Paul Sweeney

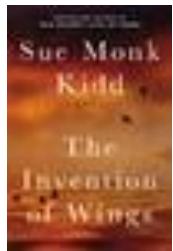
AMISH GRACE: How Forgiveness Transcended

Tragedy by Donald B. Kraybill, Steven M. Nolt, and David Weaver-Zercher, Jossey-Bass, 2007.



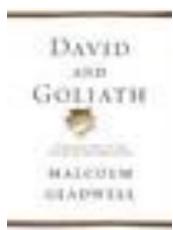
In 2006, a gunman, angry at God over the death of his daughter, opened fire in the one-room Amish school in Nickel Mines, PA. Not only did the grieving parents offer words of forgiveness to the shooter's family but they also attended his funeral and supported a fund for his family. The authors examine the religious beliefs that led the Amish to forgive so quickly, Amish practices relative to other religions and secular ideas of forgiveness, and why forgiveness became national news.

THE INVENTION OF WINGS by Sue Monk Kidd, Viking, 2014.



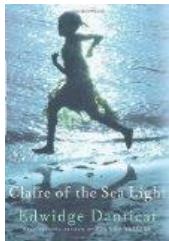
This novel is loosely based on the true story of Sarah Grimke, an infamous abolitionist and suffragist in the early 19th century, and her slave, Handful. From childhood to middle age, they become friends as they navigate religion, family drama, slave revolts, and the abolitionist movement.

DAVID AND GOLIATH: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants by Malcolm Gladwell, Little Brown & Company, 2013.



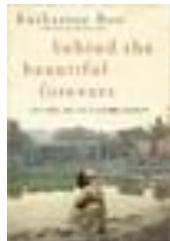
Gladwell looks at the backgrounds of many successful people and challenges how we think about obstacles and disadvantages. He theorizes that underdogs use their status to their advantage and prevail through cunning and surprise. On the other hand, people with certain advantages, such as getting into an Ivy League school, have a disadvantage in that being a “big fish in a small pond” at a less prestigious school can lead to greater confidence and a better chance of success in later life.

CLAIRE OF THE SEA LIGHT by Edwidge Danticat, Knopf, 2013.



Seven year old Claire disappears on the day her father intended to give her to a local shopkeeper so she can have a better life. As her father and others in her Haitian community look for her, their inter-connecting individual stories are told. A fable about what it means to be a parent, child, neighbor, lover, and friend.

BEHIND THE BEAUTIFUL FOREVERS: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity by Katherine Boo, Random House, 2012.



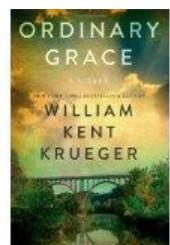
Journalist Boo spent 3 years in India, researching life in Annawadi, a slum near the Mumbai airport that tourists never see. This narrative of real-life stories educates readers about the sorrows, joys, anxieties and stamina in the precarious lives of the powerless in urban India whom a booming country has failed to absorb and integrate. Among her subjects is Abdul, a hopeful Muslim teen trading in the trash paid for by recycling firms.

MY BELOVED WORLD by Sonia Sotomayor, Knopf, 2012.



Justice Sotomayor's autobiography intentionally ends before her appointment to the Supreme Court and omits any discussion of her political views. Instead it focuses on her formative years - growing up with diabetes and an alcoholic father in a Puerto Rican immigrant neighborhood - and her experiences in law school and private practice. "People who live in difficult circumstances," Sotomayor writes in her preface, "need to know that happy endings are possible."

ORDINARY GRACE by William Kent Krueger, Atria Books, 2013.



Although this novel has a mystery in it, it's not part of the author's Cork O'Connor series. It is a coming-of-age story about the grim events in a small town in MN in 1961, told through the eyes of the adolescent son of a minister. Per one reviewer, "This is above all a beautiful elegy and meditation on death, faith, and the decision either to turn one's face away from God or accept God's grace in all of its manifestations."

LIBRARY PROMOTION IDEAS

Did you know that November is National Picture Book month? That July 11 is National Cheer Up the Lonely Day? That September 6 is National Read a Book Day? That October 18-24 is Teen Read Week?

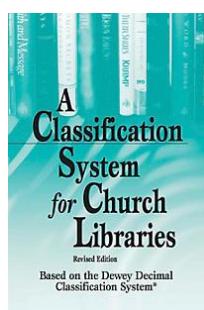
If you are looking for new themes to use when promoting your library, here are two sources for ideas.

- The Calendar of American Library Association Promotions and Events (www.ala.org) shows library specific themes throughout the year.
- The National Day Calendar (www.nationaldaycalendar.com/calendar-at-a-glance) provides information on celebrations by week and month as well as days. While most of the celebration days aren't specifically church related, you may have books on many of them (e.g. the March birth date of Dr. Seuss).

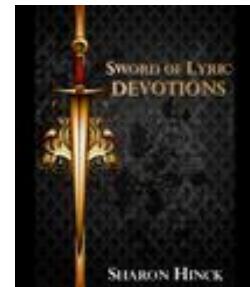
INEXPENSIVE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

A school Library Media Specialist who attended a recent TCACLA meeting recommends the Scholastic Warehouse Book Sales as a source of inexpensive books for church libraries. It's been her experience that they always have a large selection of religious books, including picture books with Biblical messages. They accept purchase orders and will charge things to your church if you have your tax exempt number. They have upcoming events in Brooklyn Park (May 7-22) and Burnsville (May 19-21). For more information and discount coupons, go to their website at www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/warehouse.

NEW BOOKS



If your library uses the Dewey Decimal Classification System or if your library is looking for a classification system, you may be interested in LifeWay's new edition of their book, ***A Classification System for Church Libraries***. It is available in pdf format only and can be ordered at www.LifeWay.com.



Sharon Hinck has compiled 29 devotions inspired by the themes in her ***Sword of Lyric*** novels. Dig in to the lives of Deborah, Gideon, and David. Read, journal, and pray. These devotions can be used on their own or as a companion while reading the ***Restorer*** books. Go to www.SharonHinck.com for a free ebook.

THE HOURGLASS FUND PROJECT

Ruth Bachman has established The Hourglass Fund Project at the University of Minnesota Foundation “to foster collaboration of the science that heals the body, with the critical role that mind and spirit play toward that end; and to support research projects that explore the intersection between cancer and integrative healing practices.” All speaking honorariums and book royalties from her work are donated to support cancer education, advocacy and research.



Bethlehem Lutheran Church 4100 Lyndale Avenue South

Directions from 35W in South Minneapolis

From the South

1. Take 35W north to the 46th St. exit.
2. Merge onto 2nd Ave. S.
3. Turn left on 42nd St.
4. Turn right on Lyndale Ave.
5. The church is on the left.



From the North

1. Take 35W south to the 35th/36th Sts. Exit.
2. Merge onto Stevens Ave. S.
3. Turn right on 40th St.
4. Turn left on Lyndale Ave.
5. The church is on the right.



The Bethlehem Library is a congregational resource which includes a wide range of religious and spiritually-related materials for children, teens, and adults. It has books ranging from devotions to parenting, from religious art to faith journeys, as well as books to supplement Bible study and small group resources. It also has audio and visual materials, including the popular **Veggie Tales** DVDs for children and **NOOMA** DVDs for adults. The catalog is available online at www.librarything.com.

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Saturday, April 18, 2015

The Program will have more detail.

9:00-9:15	Registration and Book Swap
9:15-9:30	Welcome
9:30-10:15	Breakfast Buffet (includes Table Topic discussions)
10:15-10:30	Break – Book Swap is open all morning
10:30-11:30	Ruth Bachman Presentation
11:30-12:00	Additional time to see the church and the library

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MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Note: Please pre-register by April 14, 2015

Your church name: _____

City: _____

Name(s) of person(s) attending: _____

Number of TCACLA member registrants: _____ x **\$10.00** = _____

Number of non-member registrants: _____ x **\$12.00** = _____

Make checks payable to TCACLA

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One of the missions of TCACLA is to provide a forum for church librarians to exchange information with each other. In addition to our meetings and our newsletter, we also do this via our website at www.tcacla.com.



We're always looking for input from you. If you have an upcoming book event at your church, have had a special promotion for your library, want to recommend a new book, or have any other news that other members would be interested in, please send the information to livingoutfaith@hotmail.com.

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