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

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SAINT MARK'S
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519 Oak Grove Street
Minneapolis

TCACLA Spring Meeting Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral April 30, 2022 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

In the spring of 2020, when the board announced that our next meeting would be at St Mark's, no one had any idea that it would be the spring of 2022 before we would meet in person again!

Our keynote speaker is Rev. Anna V. Osteno Moore. She has written two books to reflect the beautiful diversity of God's kingdom. She will share the creation story of *Today Is a Baptism Day and We Gather at This Table* at the meeting. She will also speak about how to use picture books in ministry. Ample time will be included for questions, answers, and conversation.



See pages 5-7 for more information about the meeting.

Please Note: The information about the meeting in this newsletter reflects the COVID regulations at the cathedral as of the print date. While it's possible that masks will no longer be required inside on April 30, it's also possible that a spike in the virus could lead to moving the entire meeting to Zoom only. For that reason, we are asking everyone who registers to provide an e-mail address. A Zoom only meeting would start at 9:30 so there is time to gather and socialize before the speaker's presentation at 10:15.

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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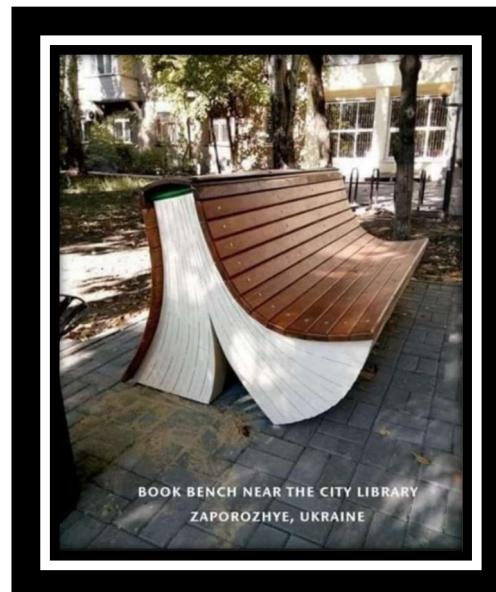
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03/31/2022 \$2,576.97 **Ending Balance**

*Some 2022 renewals still in progress

HOST CHURCHES NEEDED

The board encourages you to consider hosting a future meeting. Whether your library has 200 books or 2,000, we'd love to see it. TCACLA pays all expenses and the board plans the program. Contact anyone listed on this page for more information. It's been a long time since we've met at a suburban church.

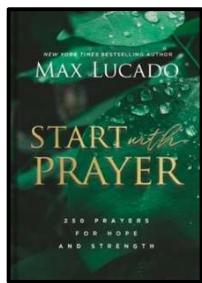


WHAT CHURCHES ARE READING

Everyone is encouraged to contribute to this section. Please send book titles and authors to otseditor@gmail.com.

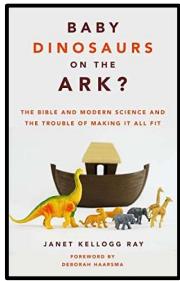
“When trouble strikes, head to the library. You will either be able to solve the problem, or simply have something to read while the world crashes down around you.” — Lemony Snicket

START WITH PRAYER: 250 Prayers for Hope and Strength by Max Lucado, Thomas Nelson, 2022.



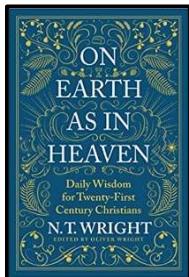
When struggles and anxieties come up in our lives, we invite God into our world, watching our fears surface and then depart. But how do we help prayer become a tried-and-true practice in our daily lives? Pairing timeless scripture with 250 thoughtful prayers, Lucado has created a special collection that will help readers develop the strength and hope they need to turn to prayer first in any situation they're facing. A resource for both people learning to pray for the first time and those hoping to reinvigorate their prayer life.

BABY DINOSAURS ON THE ARK? The Bible and Modern Science and the Trouble of Making It All Fit by Janet Ray, Eerdmans, 2021.



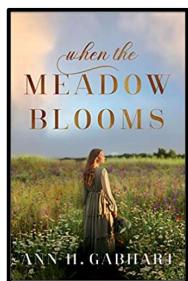
Ray, a science educator who grew up a creationist, works through the findings of a range of fields including geology, paleontology, and biology to show how a literal interpretation of the book of Genesis simply doesn't mesh with what we know to be reality. But, as someone who remains a committed Christian, she also shows how an acceptance of the theory of evolution is not necessarily an acceptance of atheism, and how God can still be responsible for having created the world, even if it wasn't in a single, momentary, miraculous event.

ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN; Daily Wisdom for 21st Century Christians by N. T. Wright, HarperOne, 2022.

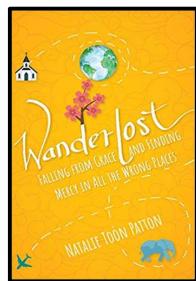


Christians can now rely on Wright's wisdom to guide them through each day with this book of meditations, featuring short pastoral excerpts carefully curated from the scholar's widely celebrated books. With reflections on themes such as faith, mission, character, and God's work in the world, these daily meditations are intended to invigorate and uplift Christians in their search to live their faith authentically and biblically in today's world.

WHEN THE MEADOW BLOOMS by Ann H. Gabhart, Revell, 2022.



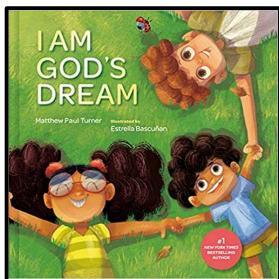
WANDERLOST; Falling from Grace and Finding Mercy in All the Wrong Places by Natalie Toon Patton, Paraclete Press, 2021.



HURTING YET WHOLE; Reconciling Body and Spirit in Chronic Pain and Illness by Liuan Huska, IVP, 2020.



I AM GOD'S DREAM by Matthew Paul Turner, Convergent Books, 2022.



In her latest novel, Gabhart explores the tender places within the human heart via a character-driven story of trusting God to turn our burdens into something beautiful. Rose and her daughters are hoping to recover from the events of the recent past - the loss of her husband during the 1918 influenza epidemic, her struggle with tuberculosis, and her girls' experience in an orphanage during her illness - at her brother-in-law's farm. But Dick is struggling with his own pain after being badly scarred by a fire and abandoned by the woman he loves.

Once the golden girl of her small Arkansas town, Toon found herself shamed and rejected after being kicked out of church for getting a divorce. It's a hard fall off a sanctimonious high horse and religious fundamentalism has left her feeling broken and stuck. But she can't shake the "wanderlust woes" that have plagued her since childhood, so she runs away to the Middle East. A coming-of-age travel memoir that probes thorny spiritual questions as the author walks squarely into the unknown to confront the secret matters of the soul that we wrestle with at night.

What if the things we most fear about our bodies - our vulnerability to illness and pain - are exactly the places where God meets us most fully? As Huska went through years of chronic pain, she wondered why God seemed absent and questioned some of the common assumptions about healing. Her story takes readers on a journey of exploring how healing is not an escape from the limits of the body, but becoming whole as souls in bodies and bodies with souls.

A beautiful celebration of the unique traits in every child and how God delights in each one, from the author of *When God Made You*. In this deeply affirming picture book, children of all faith traditions will discover the truth that God loves us deeply and delights in who we are; the unique strengths and traits that make up our lives; and the beautiful richness in diversity. Ages 3-7.

MORE ABOUT THE APRIL 30 MEETING

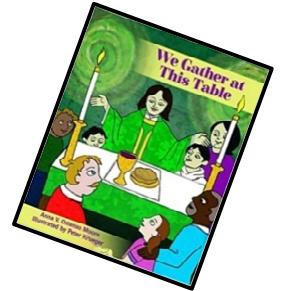
The two books that Rev. Ostenso Moore has written will be available for purchase at the meeting. You can also order them on her website, www.annavostensomoore.com. Use the discount code CLA2022 to waive the shipping cost if you'll be picking up your order at the meeting. Purchases over \$35 include a free greeting card; shipping costs are waived for purchases over \$40.

Although grounded in the Episcopal liturgical tradition, both are an accessible and inviting introduction to worship for children and families of many Christian traditions. They include a family section that offers questions and suggests ways for all ages to engage in worship and family rituals. The beautiful full-color illustrations reflect the diversity of God's people. Ages 3-8.



TODAY IS A BAPTISM DAY

An introduction to baptism for children and families. While learning what occurs during a baptism service, readers are guided through the sacramental and communal aspects of the celebration.



WE GATHER AT THIS TABLE

An invitation to learn about why we worship and celebrate the Holy Eucharist. While learning what occurs during this service, readers are guided through the sacramental and communal aspects of the celebration and how in the breaking of bread we are called into the world.

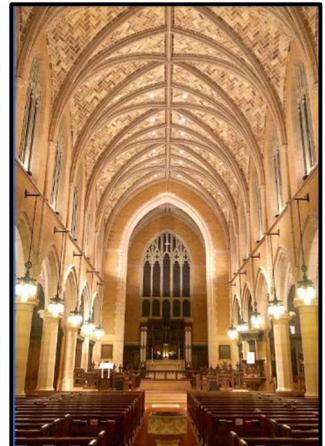


BOOK SWAP: Your library may have a duplicate copy of a book or a gently used book that you no longer need. If so, consider bringing it to the meeting to share with others. Despite the word "swap," there is no requirement that you bring a book to take a book. If you bring a book that hasn't been taken by the end of the meeting, please take it home with you.

Saint Mark's life began in 1858 as a north Minneapolis mission of Gethsemane Church. It was incorporated as a parish in 1863. Over time, the congregation grew and moved to other locations. When a parishioner offered to sell a portion of her Loring Park estate to the church at a very generous price, the dream of Bishop Samuel Cook Edsall to build a new cathedral for the Diocese of Minnesota was realized. Within 5 years of its opening in 1910, the church had over 1,000 members. Its designation as cathedral came in 1941.



The cathedral is known for its unique bell tower. It chimes throughout the daytime and is lighted with seasonal colors throughout the year.



A public labyrinth is available in the historic Whipple Chapel during regular cathedral hours. Provided as an opportunity to "make a pilgrimage in place," the labyrinth represents our circuitous journey with God and invites us to involve our whole body in prayer.

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

519 OAK GROVE STREET, MINNEAPOLIS

How do I get there?

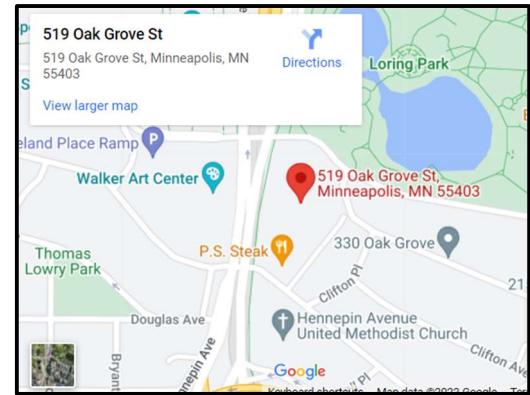
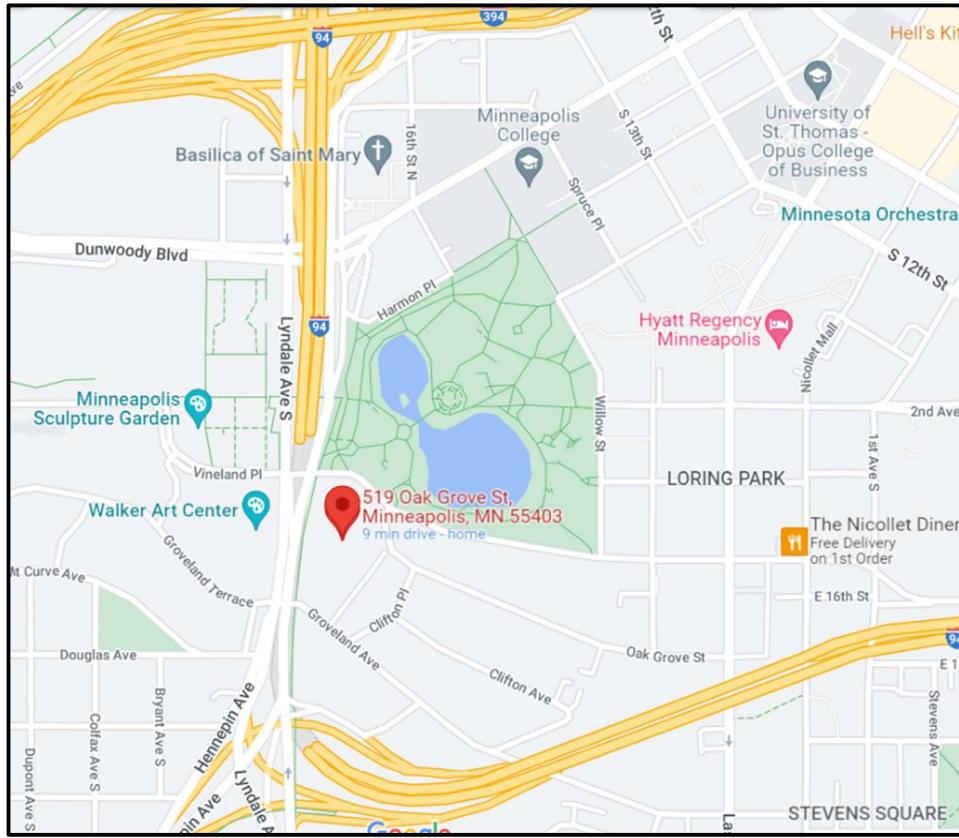
From the north via 35W – Merge onto I-94 west near downtown Minneapolis. Take I-94 west to the Lyndale-Hennepin exit 231B. Stay in the right lane. Just before Loring Park, you will see the cathedral on your right. Turn right on Oak Grove St. The entrance to the parking lot will be on your right.

From the south via 35W – Merge onto I-94 west at exit 16A on the left lane near downtown Minneapolis. Take I-94 west to the Lyndale-Hennepin exit 231B. Stay in the right lane. Just before Loring Park, you will see the cathedral on your right. Turn right on Oak Grove St. The entrance to the parking lot will be on your right.

From the east via I-94 – Take the Hennepin-Lyndale exit 231B. Stay in the right lane. Just before Loring Park, you will see the cathedral on your right. Turn right on Oak Grove St. The entrance to the parking lot will be on your right.

From the west via I-394 – Take the Dunwoody Blvd exit 8A. Turn right on Lyndale Ave and move into the far left lane. You will see the cathedral ahead of you. Just past Loring Park, turn left on Oak Grove St. The entrance to the parking lot will be on your right.

From the northwest via I-94 – At exit 231A&B near downtown Minneapolis, merge onto Lyndale Ave and move into the far left lane. You will see the cathedral ahead of you. Just past Loring Park, turn left on Oak Grove St. The entrance to the parking lot will be on your right.



Where do I go from the parking lot?

Walk towards the front of the cathedral. It's on your right when you are facing the building. We will be gathering at the bottom of the stairs up to the nave.

If you arrive at 9:30 or later and we've moved inside, walk towards the front of the cathedral. Before you reach

the nave, you will see a small courtyard and signs for the Cathedral Bookshop and the Church Office. The main entrance is at the far end of the courtyard. Ring the doorbell to be let in. Once inside, proceed through the vestibule to the reception desk. Turn left and walk into the next room. The conference room where we're meeting will be through the double doors on your right.

Twin Cities Area Church Library Association Meeting Saturday, April 30, 2022

We ask that everyone who attends be fully vaccinated, including the booster, or have had a recent negative COVID test. Currently masks must be worn inside St. Mark's.

9:00	Registration & Social Time with Coffee & Pastries
9:30	Gather in the Community Room - Welcome and Devotions
9:45	Tours of the Cathedral and the Library, Book Swap
10:15	*Rev. Anna V. Ostenso Moore – “Picture Books and Ministry” Q&A / Book Sales

*If you can't be with us in person that day, you can join us via Zoom for this.

TCACLA Spring Meeting April 30, 2022 MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Please register by **April 23 if you're mailing this form** or by **April 27 if you're completing the electronic form** that you received with this newsletter.

Your church name: _____

Name(s) and e-mail address(es) of person(s) attending in person: _____

Name(s) and e-mail address(es) of person(s) attending the speaker's presentation via Zoom:

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 Bloody hell. Looking at a message from the Ukraine Library Association concerning the cancellation of their forthcoming conference. it basically says "We will reschedule just as soon as we have finished vanquishing our invaders". Ukrainian Librarians, I salute you

8:49 AM · Feb 28, 2022 

 [Read the full conversation on Twitter](#)

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 do this via our Facebook page, Twin Cities Area Church Library Association, and our website at www.tcacla.com.



Dulcie Campana is our social media administrator. She is 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 would interest our members, please send the information to her at livingoutfaith@hotmail.com.

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