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	Discussion Leader		(Abbreviated)		
Thursday, 01/02/25 The Church Library	Title: "The Gift of Empathy – Helping Others Feel Valued, Cared For, and Understood"  Author: Joel P. Bretcher, et al  Discussion Leader: Christie Hansard	GIFT EMPATHY  HELPING OTHERS FEEL VALUED, CARED FOR, AND UNDERSTOOD  JOEL P. BRETSCHER KENNETH C. HAUGK	The Gift of Empathy takes an indepth yet down-to-earth look at empathy, showing readers how to use it in a wide range of situations and relationships. It defines what empathy is and isn't, offers practical insights on how to empathize, and demonstrates unique applications of empathy in various kinds of relationships.	<ul> <li>This book is available for purchase only through Stephens Ministry.</li> <li>It can be ordered at: https://www.stephenministries.org/giftofempathy/default.cfm/1802</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Eight copies are         available through grants         in Faith's church library.         Read and return to         share among the Book         Club.</li> </ul>
Thursday, 02/06/25	Title: "Facing Your Giants"  Author: Max Lucado  Discussion Leader: Cindy Robson	FACING YOUR GIANTS	You know your Goliath. But just like David, you can face your giant, even if you aren't the strongest, the smartest, the best equipped, of the holiest. You could read David's story and wonder what God saw in him. He fell as often as he stood, stumbled as often as he conquered. But for those who know the sound of Goliath, David gives this reminder:  Focus on giants — you stumble; focus on God — your giants tumble. If you're ready to face your giants, let his story inspire you. The same God who helped him will help you.	<ul> <li>If not on the shelf at the Miller Road Faith Christian Bookstore, Hobby Lobby, or Barnes &amp; Noble, ask them to order it for you.</li> <li>Or, Amazon and other online retailers. (Maybe available FREE via Amazon Audible.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Eight copies are available through grants in Faith's church library. Read and return to share with others in the Book Club.</li> <li>A limited number of copies may be available through The GB Library, the Genesee District Library, or MEL.</li> </ul>
Thursday, 03/06/25	Title "Shadow of the Almighty: The Life and Testament of Jim Eliot"  Author: Elisabeth Eliot  Discussion Leader: Gayle Pickett	SHADOW of the ALMIGHTY The Left, and Tentument of Jim Ellios ELISABETH ELLIOT  The is no food who gives that which he cannot keep, in gain when he cannot keep, in gain when he cannot keep, in gain when he cannot keep.	A modern Christian classic—one of the great missionary stories of modern times. This is the account of the martyrdom of Jim Elliot and four other missionaries at the hands of the Auca Indians in Ecuador, using Jim's diaries to expose the roots of what makes a person commit his very being to a God who he felt might call him to an unexpected death at any time. It proves that Jesus Christ can bring bright creativity out of any shadow which might fall across any life.	<ul> <li>If not on the shelf at the Miller Road Faith Christian Bookstore, Hobby Lobby, or Barnes &amp; Noble, ask them to order it for you.</li> <li>Or, Amazon and other online retailers. (Maybe available FREE via Amazon Audible.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Eight copies are available through grants in Faith's church library. Read and return to share with others in the Book Club.</li> <li>A limited number of copies may be available through The GB Library, the Genesee District Library, or MEL.</li> </ul>

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Thursday, 04/03/2025 The Church Library	Title: "The Choir Immortal"  Author: Katie Schuermann  Discussion Leader: Deb Lund	KATIE SCHUERMANN THE Choir Immortal	Two of their very own from Zion are getting married, and everyone is to be hosting Bradbury's wedding of the century. Their collective joy is short lived, as many events intrude upon the celebration. Led by Pastor Fletcher, they turn in faith to God's promises of life and salvation through trying days that demand patience, prayer, and perhaps another batch of cinnamon rolls. Emily Duke, Pastor Fletcher, and the rest of Zion's flock return in this compelling sequel to House of Living Stones.	<ul> <li>If not on the shelf at the Miller Road Faith Christian Bookstore, Hobby Lobby, or Barnes &amp; Noble, ask them to order it for you.</li> <li>Or, Amazon and other online retailers. (Maybe available FREE via Amazon Audible.)</li> </ul>	o Eight copies are available through grants in Faith's church library. Read and return to share with others in the Book Club. A limited number of copies may be available through The GB Library, the Genesee District Library, or MEL.
Thursday, 05/01/2025	Title: "The Extraordinary Deaths of Mrs. Kip"  Author: Sara Brunswold  Discussion Leader: Roxanne Steffe	THE EXTRAORDINARY DEATHS OF MRS. KIP All the willd ways to die coold over- compare to how the really front SARA BRUNSVOLD A 9 to of	Aidyn Kelley is talented, ambitious, and ready for a more serious assignment than the pieces she's been getting as a reporter. She pushes too hard, earning herself the task of writing an obituary for Clara Kip who's just entered hospice care. There's more to Clara Kip than meets the eye. She may be dying, but she's not quite ready. Never one to shy away from an assignment herself, she can see that God brought the young reporter into her life for a reason.	<ul> <li>If not on the shelf at the Miller Road Faith Christian Bookstore, Hobby Lobby, or Barnes &amp; Noble, ask them to order it for you.</li> <li>Or, Amazon and other online retailers. (Maybe available FREE via Amazon Audible.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Eight copies are available through grants in Faith's church library. Read and return to share with others in the Book Club.</li> <li>A limited number of copies may be available through The GB Library, the Genesee District Library, or MEL.</li> </ul>
Thursday, 06/01/2025	Title: "Mostly What God Does – Reflections on Seeking and Finding His Love Everywhere"  Author: Savannah Guthrie  Discussion Leader: Gretchen Pfundt	MOSTLY WHAT GOD DOES  MOSTLES  MOSTLES	Mostly What God Does is centered on the essentials of God's love in everyday life. Using personal stories of motherhood, love, her career, being a daughter, and grief, that have shaped her faith, Guthrie illustrates the profound role that belief in God has in helping us find real hope in this life. She uses the six essentials of faith: love, presence, praise, grace, hope, and purpose, to rediscover your spiritual connection with your creator.	o If not on the shelf at the Miller Road Faith Christian Bookstore, Hobby Lobby, or Barnes & Noble, ask them to order it for you.  Or, Amazon and other online retailers. (Maybe available FREE via Amazon Audible.)	o Eight copies are available through grants in Faith's church library. Read and return to share with others in the Book Club. A limited number of copies may be available through The GB Library, the Genesee District Library, or MEL.

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Thursday, 07/10/2025 The Church Library	Title: "Blood of Heaven"  Author: Bill Myers  Discussion Leader: Vicki Stebner	BIOOD F HEAVEN	Mysterious blood has been discovered on the remains of an ancient religious artifact. Some believe it is the blood of Christ. And experiments with specific genes from the blood have brought surprising findings. Now it's time to introduce those genes into a human. Enter Michael Coleman: multiple killer, death-row resident and, if he is willing, human guinea pig. He agrees to the experiment, with results so astonishing that the research must continue—but not in prison. Blood of Heaven looks deep into the heart of man, examining the nature of good and evil, flesh versus spirit, and the ever-growing controversy over genetically determined behavior.	<ul> <li>If not on the shelf at the Miller Road Faith Christian Bookstore, Hobby Lobby, or Barnes &amp; Noble, ask them to order it for you.</li> <li>Or, Amazon and other online retailers. (Maybe available FREE via Amazon Audible.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Eight copies are available through grants in Faith's church library. Read and return to share with others in the Book Club.</li> <li>A limited number of copies may be available through The GB Library, the Genesee District Library, or MEL.</li> </ul>
Thursday, 08/01/2025	TBD - Special Excursion or Event				
Thursday, 09/04/2025	Title "The Harvest Raise"  Author: Katie Schermann  Discussion Leader: Deb Lund	KATIE SCHUERMANN THE Harvest Raise	It's summer break in Bradbury, but at Zion Lutheran Church, the changes and chances of life don't take a vacation. Pastor Fletcher must learn to share the parsonage bathroom. Mrs. Scheinberg must face the fact that not every problem can be solved by pie. And when a beloved member makes a lifealtering announcement, the entire congregation must trust more than their crops to the Lord of the harvest.  Life is anything but idyllic in small-town Bradbury, but grace and mercy and potlucks abound. Join Emily, Robbie, Candice, and the rest of the dear people of Zion as they follow God's call into the scariest mission field of all: the very county where God has placed them.	<ul> <li>If not on the shelf at the Miller Road Faith Christian Bookstore, Hobby Lobby, or Barnes &amp; Noble, ask them to order it for you.</li> <li>Or, Amazon and other online retailers. (Maybe available FREE via Amazon Audible.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Eight copies are available through grants in Faith's church library. Read and return to share with others in the Book Club.</li> <li>A limited number of copies may be available through The GB Library, the Genesee District Library, or MEL.</li> </ul>

## Books we have read (September 2022 – December 2024) and are now available to borrow in Faith's Church Library:

## Title/Author

A Mother's Search For Meaning: The Dance Goes On Roberta Bandy
A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 W. Phillip Keller

At Home in Mitford Jan Karon

Back Home Again - Tales from Grace Chapel Inn

Bad Girls of the Bible - And What We Can Learn From Them

Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times

Melody Carlson

Liz Curtis Higgs

Peter L. Steinke

Discerning the Voice of God - How to Recognize when God is

SpeakingPriscilla ShirerGod's SmugglerBrother AndrewGrace in Thine EyesLiz Curtis HiggsHouse of Living StonesKatie Schermann

I'll Push You - Two Friends and One Wheelchair Across the 500-mile

El Camino de Santiago Skeesuck

Joining Jesus on His Everyday Mission - Becoming an Everyday

Missionary Greg Finke

Killing Jesus Bill O'Reilly & Martin Dugard

Letter to the American Church Eric Metaxas

Mere Christianity C.S.Lewis

No Matter What! My Journey to the Hem of His Garment Marcia Buterakos Marron

Really Bad Girls of the Bible Liz Curtis Higgs

Recipes and Wooden Spoons - Tales from Grace Chapel Inn Judy Baer

Redeeming Love Francine Rivers
Seven Women and the Secrets of Their Greatness Eric Metaxas
Thank, Praise, Serve and Obey William Weedon
The Atonement Child Francine Rivers
The Case for Christ Lee Strobel
The Last Sin Eater Francine Rivers

The Lord's Prayer: Learning from Jesus on What, Why, & How to

Pray Kevin DeYoung
With Christ on the Jewish Road Richard Wurmbrand

Patrick Gray & Justin

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