

Pastors' Popular Picks



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Picks from Pastor Gary Erickson

Faith:

- Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense by N. T. Wright, 2006 *
- Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time by Marcus Borg, 1995 (still in print)
- Spiritual Direction: Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith by Henri Nouwen, 2006
- Loving Jesus by Mark Allan Powell, 2004

Faith and Values:

- Overcoming Life's Disappointments by Harold Kushner, 2006 *
- Losing Moses on the Freeway: The 10 Commandments in America by Chris Hedges, 2006
- Enough by Juan Williams, 2006
- Our Endangered Values, America's Moral Crisis by Jimmy Carter, 2005

History:

- Milwaukee, Then and Now by Sandra Ackerman, 2004
- Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln by Doris Kerns Goodwin, 2005
- American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation by Jon Meacham, 2005

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Picks from Pastor Chris Manke

Questions of Faith

- Letters from a Skeptic – Dr. Gregory A. Boyd *
- In the Name of Jesus - Henri Nouwen *
- Luther - The Biography of a Reformer - Frederick Nohl
- The Bible Tells Me So - Hill and Cheadle

Life's Purpose

- Man's Search for Meaning - Viktor Frankl *
- Tuesdays with Morrie & The Five People you Meet in Heaven - Mitch Albom *
- The Purpose Driven Life - Rick Warren *
- Real Faith for Real Life - Michael Foss *

Stories

- Anything from Author, Max Lucado *
- The Way of the Wolf - Martin Bell
- Ragman and other Cries of Faith - Walter Wangerin, Jr. *
- All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten
Robert Fulghum *

Youth Ministry

- Dangerous Wonder – Michael Yaconelli
- The Five Cries of Parents – Irene Strommen

Religious Fiction

- Joshua - Fr. Joseph Girzone *
- Chronicles of Narnia – C.S. Lewis *
- The Three Trees – Angela Hunt – (Children's Picture Book) *
- Left Behind Series – Tim LaHaye *

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Picks from Pastor Margaret Schoewe

- Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love - Daniel Homan and Lonni Collins Pratt
- Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers of Walter Brueggemann
- Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith - Anne Lamott *
- Life of the Beloved - Henri Nouwen *
- The Denial of Death - Ernest Becker
- Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder - Richard Louv
- A Year With Dietrich Bonhoeffer - Carla Barnhill, Ed.

Bev's Best Books



As Church Librarian, I've been asked to share my favorite books. My list is long, but here is a sampling of my favorite books. Stop in soon to check out all of the selections. The Library is open each Sunday from 9:35-11:00 a.m. The books marked with an asterisk (*) are available in the St. Matthew's Church Library.

Fiction

Magic Hour by Kristin Hannah *

A Perfect Day by Richard Paul Evans *

Remedy for Regret & Why the Sky is Blue by Susan Meissner *

At the Scent of Water by Linda Nicholas *

Pope Joan by Donna Cross *

Woman's Place by Lynn Austin *

Family Tree by Barbara Delinsky

An Irish Country Doctor by Patrick Taylor

Crewel World and 8 other books in series – Monica Ferris

The Watermark by Travis Thrasher *

We Were the Mulvany's by Joyce Carol Oates *

Christian Living

When God Whispers Your Name by Max Lucado * - Christian Life *

Daily Bible Study Commentaries by William Barclay – Bible Study *

Forgive & Forget by Lewis B. Smedes – Psychology / Self Help *

Silver Boxes by Florence Littauer * - Spiritual Life *

Fabric of Faith by Kimberly Winston – Prayer *

Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren * - Christian Life *

Case for Christ by Lee Stroebel * - Christian Life *

Me, Myself & Bob by Phil Vischer * - Biography *

The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom * - Biography *

Kitty My Rib by Jane Mall – Biography *

Children's Books

Read Aloud Bible Stories series by Ella Lindvall *

Wonderful Earth by Nick Butterworth *

Secret Garden by Frances Burnett *

Cups Held Out by Judith Roth *

Tale of Three Trees by Angela Hunt *

Sister Anne's Hands by Marybeth Lorbiecki *