

Grace Lutheran Church and School  
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Church Library Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Grace church library is to promote spiritual growth in the congregation by supporting members and friends, groups and programs, with a broad range of topics and resources, including, but not limited to, theology, devotional material, Christian faith, Christian living, spiritual growth, fiction, and more, for children, youth and adults.

Books and resources in the collection reflect not only the Lutheran tradition, but those of other religions to encourage readers to be informed about the ideas, concepts, and beliefs of a variety of authors and publishers, and to encourage thought and discussion.

Selection Policy

Books and resources selected for the collection should support the church library's Statement of Purpose, as well as the congregation's Mission Statement. In addition, the following criteria may be used when considering acquisitions:

- \* Meets the needs and interests of the congregation as a whole, or supports the work of a particular group or staff member,
- \* Supports the congregation's beliefs or enlightens us about others,
- \* Reliable reviewers recommend it,
- \* The cost is reasonable,
- \* It has historical importance or enduring value.

This policy shall apply to all purchases, gift books, memorials, and donations. The committee may consult with the pastors before making a final decision.

Donations

The committee reserves the right to accept or not accept donations of books and resources, and to dispose of any materials as they see fit.