

ST. LUKE'S BOOK CLUB: 2016-2017

We're celebrating our 18th year of page-turning fellowship!

Discussions begin at 7:15 p.m. in Canterbury Room. All are welcome.

This Year's Theme: *What Makes Life Worth Living?*

September 8: ***American Pastoral*** - Philip Roth

Philip Roth's hometown of Newark, NJ is the setting for a story of political conflict that threatens to destroy a family in the turbulent 1960s. This novel was the winner of the 1998 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

October 6: ***My Name Is Lucy Barton*** - Elizabeth Strout

A Midwestern mother and her NYC-based adult daughter readjust the ties that bind them in a powerful novel about the imperfect nature of love.

November 3: ***When Breath Becomes Air*** - Paul Kalanithi

This memoir of a young doctor who contracts a terminal illness reminds us of the things that really matter—encouraging us to embrace the smallest moments of our lives, even in the midst of fear.

December 1: ***Charlotte's Web*** - E. B. White (Discussion & Holiday Party)

The classic children's novel about a special friendship between an imaginative barn spider and a rambunctious pig has been delighting audiences for decades. (Meeting location: TBA)

January 5: ***The Road*** - Cormac McCarthy

A father and his young son experience a nightmarish, post-apocalyptic America in a suspenseful story of love and sacrifice in a world gone awry.

February 2: ***Euphoria*** - Lily King

Three Western anthropologists become entangled in a passionate love triangle while exploring the primitive culture of 1930s New Guinea. This adventure-filled novel was inspired by the life of anthropologist Margaret Mead.

March 2: ***A Mother's Reckoning: Living in the Aftermath of Tragedy*** - Sue Klebold

How does a mother deal with overwhelming grief when her child commits suicide after murdering other children? Can she expect some measure of mercy from a community that places blame on her? Teenagers Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris killed 13 people, wounded 24, and then took their own lives at Columbine High School in 1999. Dylan's mother shares her journey toward healing in a memoir filled with emotional insights and moments of grace.

April 6: ***Man's Search for Meaning*** - Viktor Frankl

As a survivor of the Nazi death camps, psychiatrist Viktor Frankl observed that it is possible to find meaning in the experience of suffering and to move ourselves forward with a renewed purpose. His theory of spiritual survival provides ideas to make our own lives more deeply meaningful.

May 4: ***A Good Man is Hard to Find & Other Stories*** - Flannery O'Connor

This collection showcases Flannery O'Connor's flair for writing in the style known as Southern Gothic. Steeped in the tragic comedy of human behavior and the striving for spiritual salvation, her tales simultaneously perplex and enchant.