**SUMMER PICNIC POTLUCKS | Sundays in July After 10AM worship**

Every Sunday in July, you are invited to gather for a pop-up picnic after the 10AM worship. Please feel free to bring something to share. You are invited to be creative: salad, dessert, pastries, tamales, pot stickers, sliders...anything you decide will be a gift! We will gather in the courtyard or in the Conference Center depending on the weather.

**SUMMER BOOK CLUB**

June - August

You are invited to participate in a summer book club at St. Matthew’s! Read one or all three of these great books that will open your mind and continue to deepen your faith.

Book discussions will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM on zoom or in person. When the weather is nice, we will meet in the St. Matthew’s courtyard. Beverages and snacks will be provided!

**THE VERY GOOD GOSPEL:** How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right by [Lisa Sharon Harper](https://www.amazon.com/Lisa-Sharon-Harper/e/B001QV42DS/ref=dp_byline_cont_book_1)

***BOOK DISCUSSION: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 6:30 PM***

*In-person @ St. Matthew’s or ZOOM Meeting ID: 873 4907 5610*

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Shalom is what God declared. Shalom is what the Kingdom of God looks like.

Shalom is when all people have enough.

It’s when families are healed.

It’s when churches, schools, and public policies protect human dignity.

Shalom is when the image of God is recognized in every single human.

Shalom is our calling as followers of Jesus’s gospel. It is the vision God set forth in the Garden and the restoration God desires for every relationship.

What can we do to bring shalom to our nations, our communities, and our souls? Through a careful exploration of biblical text, particularly the first three chapters of Genesis, Lisa Sharon Harper shows us what “very good” can look like today, even after the Fall.

Because despite our anxious minds, despite division and threats of violence, God’s vision remains: Wholeness for a hurting world. Peace for a fearful soul. Shalom.

**THE LAND IS NOT EMPTY**[Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery](https://www.amazon.com/Land-Not-Empty-Following-Dismantling/dp/151380829X/ref=sr_1_1?crid=6726EAK43APD&keywords=the+land+is+not+empty&qid=1654009759&s=books&sprefix=the+land+is+%2Cstripbooks%2C177&sr=1-1) by Sarah Augustine

***BOOK DISCUSSION: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 6:30 PM***

*In-person @ St. Matthew’s or ZOOM Meeting ID: 873 4907 5610*

*Passcode: summer*

In this prophetic book, Augustine, a Pueblo woman, reframes the colonization of North America as she investigates ways that the Doctrine of Discovery continues to devastate indigenous cultures, and even the planet itself, as it justifies exploitation of both natural resources and people. This is a powerful call to reckon with the root causes of a legacy that continues to have devastating effects on indigenous peoples around the globe and a call to recognize how all of our lives and our choices are interwoven.

What was done in the name of Christ must be undone in the name of Christ, the author claims. The good news of Jesus means there is still hope for the righting of wrongs. Right relationship with God, others, and the earth requires no less.