

## 2018 Pastor Rachel's Reading Challenge

*Write the title and date finished under each category*

### Reading List:

- A commentary or study on a book of the bible
- A memoir of someone's faith journey
- A book of prayers (not a book **about** prayer)
- A book about spiritual disciplines/Christian living
- A book about a social justice issue
- A book on some aspect of church history
- A book on theology or a specific theological doctrine
- A kid's book (children or young adult) with a spiritual theme
- A novel written by a Christian author
- A book on a specific type of spirituality
- A book of religious poetry
- A book on religion and culture

### What Is This? and Other Helpful Information:

Annual reading challenges encourage people to read a variety of books throughout the calendar year. These challenges often force you to read books you might never have thought to pick up, because they cause you to look outside your normal reading genres. Hopping on the reading challenge bandwagon, I am offering my own challenge to you. I have prepared a list of 12 types of books (see other side), one per month, that relate to religion or spirituality. Additionally, I am happy to offer some suggestions in case you're not sure what to read.

You may read these in any order, and you don't have to read a book each month, so don't be discouraged if you fall behind. But don't wait until October to cram in all 12. The task will be easier if you spread your reading throughout the year. Of course, summer is a great time to catch up. If you agree to take on the challenge, sign up, so we can hold each other accountable. We will meet a few times during the year to discuss what we've been reading, and if you read all 12, you'll get some kind of small prize at the end.

If any kids or youth are interested, let me know, and I will create a list more appropriate for your/their age levels.

### Guidelines:

You must read the book in 2018. You may read something you have read before, but you have to reread it. However, I encourage you to pick something new.

Read the entire book. No skimming and no cliff's notes or summaries.

Stretch yourself outside of your zones of comfort.

Our church library has several great options or you may check out a book from my private library. The Wausau library may be helpful as well.

Google is your friend in finding lists of appropriate titles.