

Reading with the Spirit: *Shameless: A Sexual Reformation* by Nadia Bolz-Weber
Saturday, March 23 at 10:00 am in the Bloom Room

Join us for a new book group at GSP, meeting the fourth Saturday of each month. This group will focus on reading that aims to stretch our spiritual and theological muscles. Bring your coffee! All are welcome.

Her: *“Why do you think the church has tried for so long to control human sexuality?”*

Him: *“Maybe the church has always seen sex as its competition.”*

Raw, intimate, and timely, Nadia Bolz-Weber’s latest book, a mix of memoir and call to action, offers a full-blown overhaul of our harmful and antiquated ideas about sex, gender, and our bodies. Christians are obsessed with sex, but not in a good way. For nearly two thousand years, this obsession has often turned destructive—inflicting pain, suffering, and guilt on countless people of all persuasions and backgrounds. In *Shameless*, Bolz-Weber calls for a reformation. To make her case, she offers experiences from her own life and stories from her parishioners alongside biblical theology to explore what the church has taught and the harm those teachings have caused. Along the way, she reexamines patriarchy, sex, and power with candor but also with hope, because in her heart she believes the “Gospel is powerful enough, transgressive enough, and beautiful enough to heal not only the ones who have been hurt but also those who have done the hurting.”

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