



ST. PEDER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities: Winter/Spring 2020

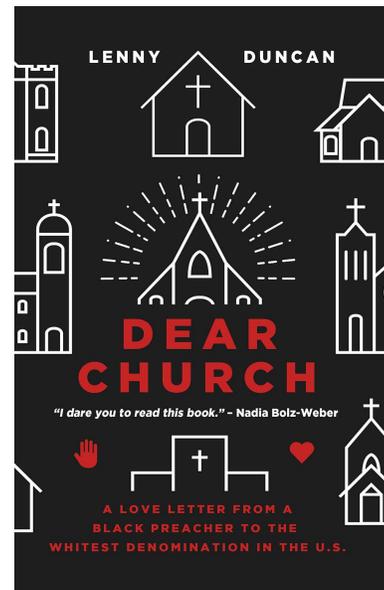
January 5-19: What does it mean to be a Sanctuary Congregation? Led by Pastor Julie

Join Pastor Julie in the lounge as we explore what it means for the ELCA to be a sanctuary denomination and how we might live that out in our mission at St. Peder's. Each week the sessions begin at 10:30. In August 2019 at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee, the voting members approved a memorial that the ELCA would be a sanctuary denomination. While we don't yet know the full scope of the work that this declaration will open for the ELCA there is work already being done that we will learn more about.

February 2, 9, 16, 23: Book study on "Dear Church" by Rev. Lenny Duncan led by Shannon Kearns

Lenny Duncan is the unlikeliest of pastors. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a black preacher in the whitest denomination in the United States: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Shifting demographics and shrinking congregations make all the headlines, but Duncan sees something else at work--drawing a direct line between the church's lack of diversity and the church's lack of vitality. The problems the ELCA faces are theological, not sociological. But so are the answers.

Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, *Dear Church* offers a bold new vision for the future of Duncan's denomination and the broader mainline Christian community of faith. *Dear Church* rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone--leaders and laity alike--to the front lines of the church's renewal through racial equality and justice. It is time for the church to rise up, dust itself off, and take on forces of this world that act against God: whiteness, misogyny, nationalism, homophobia, and economic injustice. Duncan gives a blueprint for the way forward and urges us to follow in the revolutionary path of Jesus.



March: Documentaries about Justice Issues

Each week we'll watch a short documentary about a justice issue and discuss it. See the list of topics/documentaries to the right! Come one week or come every week, since each documentary is short you'll never be behind!

March 1: Period. End of Sentence
March 8: End Game
March 15: The White Helmets
March 22: Fire In Paradise
March 29: Long Shot