

## **Black History Month:**

Truly, we are blessed by the diverse gifts of God's many people. In February, we are especially grateful for the resilient and hopeful faith of people of African Descent.

Our Ascension Librarian, Dolores Ledbetter, invites you to browse the library and the new Section 19: Strategic Authentic Diversity: Race, Religion and Working for Justice, every Sunday in February from 8:30-9:00 a.m. Books are available to check out for both children and adults.

## **WEEK TWO**

**"You are where you are today because you stand on somebody's shoulders. And wherever you are heading, you cannot get there by yourself. If you stand on the shoulders of others, you have a reciprocal responsibility to live your life so that others may stand on your shoulders. It's the quid pro quo of life. We exist temporarily through what we take, but we live forever through what we give". Vernon Jordan**

### **Black History, Leadership and the Lutheran Church**

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on Black History Month

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SK5QFSmgSGc>

#### **PEOPLE:**

(Just A Few) African Descent Lutherans We Should All Know About:

- [The Rev. Jehu Jones; First Black Lutheran Pastor \(lutheranquarterly.com\)](http://lutheranquarterly.com)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptmPKoLM1UE>
- [The Rev. Earlean Miller; First Black Woman Ordained into the Lutheran Church](https://www.nclutheran.org/remembering-pastor-earlean-miller/)
- [Rev. Dr. Albert "Pete" Pero Jr. and Rev. Dr. Cheryl Stewart Pero \(Albert "Pete" Pero Jr., first African-American professor at a US Lutheran seminary, dies \(lstc.edu\) and LSTC community mourns, remembers Rev. Dr. Cheryl Stewart Pero\)](http://lstc.edu)
- [Rev. Nelson W. Trout the First African American Bishop in Lutheranism 1983 So. Cal Synod](https://www.livinglutheran.org/author/nelson-w-trout/)

#### **RESOURCES:**

African and African Descent History and the Church:

- [Luther's Small Catechism with African Descent Reflections | Augsburg Fortress \(available in Ascension's Library\)](#)
- [Fortress Introduction to Black Church History | Augsburg Fortress](#)
- [African Theology on the Way: Current Conversations | Augsburg Fortress](#)
- [Stony the Road We Trod: African American Biblical Interpretation | Augsburg Fortress](#)
- [The Bible and African Americans: A Brief History | Augsburg Fortress](#)

- [African Descent Lutheran Association](#)  
<https://www.adlaelca.org/>

[African Descent Lutheran Association: MLK Worship Service 2022 : adla-la.org](#) (featuring the first African American female bishop, Rev Pat Davenport, as its keynote speaker)

- [Talks at the Desk \(Trailer\) | ELCA Black History Month video series - YouTube](#)