Lutheran Identity – Lay Academy - Spring Semester 2020 – The Rev. Phillip Heinze
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Required Texts

Semi-required Reading:
Pastor Phil’s daily lectionary blog www.livingthelectionary.blogspot.com

Suggested Reading
The Book of Concord

Course Description
Lutheran Identity will help students understand the unique contributions of the Lutheran expression of Christianity in the following areas:
1.) History
2.) Theology
3.) Practice

Learning Outcomes
Become familiar with the major themes of Lutheran theology
Become familiar with the practice of Lutheranism as it relates to history and theology
Be able to clearly articulate the Lutheran expression of Christianity

First session  Head - Lutheran History – Who are we?
Assignment by April 18 Read On Being Lutheran Section One chapters 2 – 14 and choose ONE of the chapters and answer the reflection questions
Read Where God Meets Man

Second session  Heart - Lutheran Theology – What do we believe?
Assignment  Read On Being Lutheran Section Two and Three chapters 15 - 29 and choose ONE of the chapters from Section Two and ONE of the chapters from Section Three and answer the reflection questions.

Third session  Hand - Lutheran Practice – How do we behave?
Assignment  – choose ONE of the final projects on the back of this paper.
History
Prepare a presentation of Lutheran history suitable for adult, confirmation or elementary education.
Research and write a paper on the history of your congregation.

Theology
Prepare a presentation of Lutheran theology suitable for adult, confirmation or elementary education.
Research and write a paper on your personal faith as it relates to Lutheran theology.

Practice
Prepare a presentation of Lutheran practice suitable for adult, confirmation or elementary education
Detail and critique your congregation’s Lutheran practice.

Synthesis
Write a paper on the interrelation of history, theology and practice in Lutheran Identity.

Artistic Expression
Paint, draw, compose, sculpt an expression of Lutheran Identity. Include a short “paper” or a written description on how your art expresses your Lutheran Identity.