

Lutheran School of Theology of St. Louis Easter Term Courses

THE ORIGIN OF SATAN AND THE PROBLEM OF EVIL is taught by Dr. Ben Asen, Professor of Old Testament at St. Louis University. It is offered at St. George's Episcopal/St. Mark Lutheran Church, 105 E. "D" Street, Belleville, Illinois, 62220 on three Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17 beginning at 7:00 P. M. Tuition is \$41.

This course teaches the origin of Satan and evil in the biblical tradition from the Old Testament idea of Satan as the Adversary, and its development through the inter-testamental period and into the New Testament and early Christianity where it has a decidedly different meaning and intent. The class explores the concept of Satan and the "scapegoat mechanism" as developed in the thought of René Girard.

THE REFORMATIONS: THEN AND NOW by Rev. Dr. Warren Crews, Adjunct Faculty, Eden Theological Seminary and retired associate rector, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Webster Groves, MO. Rev. Crews holds a doctorate in American Church History. It will be offered at Grace Episcopal Church, 514 E. Argonne Drive, Kirkwood, Missouri, 63122 on six Wednesdays, April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, and June 1 from 7:00 to 9:30 P. M. It is offered jointly with Episcopal School for Ministry. Tuition is \$81.

This course explores five phases of the Reformation era: Lutheran, Reformed, Anabaptist, Anglican, the Roman Catholic response, the legacies of that era and the claim that we are currently in an emerging new reformation time.

THE BULLIED PULPIT: PASTORING IN AN ANXIOUS TIME by Rev. Dale Kuhn, Executive Director, Care and Counseling, a professional counseling agency. Rev. Kuhn is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and ordained minister in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. He serves as consultant to a number of churches and agencies and is recent past president of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. The course is offered at Care and Counseling Offices, 12141 Ladue Road (one block west of I-270 at Ladue Road), St. Louis, Missouri, 63141 on Thursday, May 19 9:00 A. M. - 2:30 P. M. Tuition which includes lunch is \$35.

Pastors are sometimes the recipients of unrealistic expectations, over-determined anger and constant criticism. They sometimes unwittingly invite such responses from their congregants. This conversation examines the role of anxiety behind such behavior and possible responses to that anxiety. Changes in the understanding of the "call" and the role of civility in congregational discourse is considered. The pastor's ability to define Self from a spiritual and psychological perspective is discussed.

Lutheran School of Theology in St. Louis offers biblical and theological courses for everyone, from interested lay persons wanting to learn more, to professional church workers and students.

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