

MN 216W – CHURCH YEAR: CELEBRATING SUNDAY, SEASON, AND FESTIVALS

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Elective. 1 Credit; letter grade or credit/no credit.

Open to all: Synchronous.

DESCRIPTION:

A course designed to introduce the key elements of the Church Year and consider possibilities for celebrating them within church communities. Highlighting the centrality of Sunday, students will consider the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and the Sundays after Epiphany and after Pentecost, as well as the principal Festivals within them - how they developed, and how they intersect with the civic and commercial calendars.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To introduce the historical development of key elements of the Church Year: Sunday, seasons, and principal festivals. (*Practice of Immersion in the Context*)
2. To explore methods for the pastoral celebration of the Church Year, translating its historically developed theological content for varied contemporary pastoral settings. (*Practice of Missio Dei in Word and Sacrament*)
3. To discuss assigned readings with focus on implications for the ministry and mission of the church (*Practice of Personal Faith and Integrity*).

PROCEDURE: The course will meet once per week for one hour. The primary format is interactive discussion of readings led by instructor and students.

EVALUATION: 1) Completion of assigned readings. 2) Discussion leadership of assigned readings on a rotating schedule. 3) Research paper or project to demonstrate integration of semester's work.

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