**Methodology in Ethics**

Knowing what good to pursue and what evil to avoid, in some ways, for the Christian, is simple. God’s commands direct us. Yet our sinful nature, the various needs of the neighbor and daily life circumstances can cloud our understanding of God’s will and how to carry it out. This course will explore methods for thinking about the will of God and carrying it out in our lives. Classical philosophical theories, such as virtue ethics, teleology and deontology, will also be considered from a Christian perspective. The significance of Luther’s natural orders or realms of life will round out the discussion in a concrete way.

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**Readings:** As a warning, some of this reading is extremely dense. You should by no means feel that you have to read everything in detail. If you get bogged down, you should feel free to skim and move on.


These following books are completely optional, and may not be referred to very much during the course, but are examples of Lutheran ethics in more recent systematic form. Recent is relative here, because they are a bit dated, but not many general books on Christian ethics have been written by Lutherans in recent decades.
