

Pastor

— the *brotherhood* of 1 Peter 5:9

- Genesis 2:16-17
(The Lord entrusts His Word to Pastor Adam.)
- Numbers 12
(The consequences of speaking without the Call.)
- Numbers 16
(The consequences of challenging the Called servant.)
- Ezekiel 3
(God calls men to proclaim His Word to His Church.)
- Ezekiel 33
(The Lord calls His watchmen through His Church.)
- Titus 1:5f
(Pastors are qualified men, called through His Church.)
- Acts 20:28
(Holy Spirit calls specific, qualified men as parish pastors.)
- 1 Corinthians 4
(The pastor is the steward of the mysteries of God.)
- 1 Timothy 4
(The pastor is the preacher of the Word in the Church.)
- Acts 15:21
(The pastor is the called reader for *reading* = *preaching*.)
- Hebrews 13:7-17
(The pastor will be required to give an account.)

Now consider Article 14 of the Augsburg Confession of 1530:

XIV. Order in the Church

It is taught among us that nobody should publicly teach or preach or administer the Sacraments in the Church without a regular Call.

Small Catechism — Office of Keys and Confessions

Priest

— the *priesthood* of 1 Peter 2:9

- Enter into the Presence of God (Leviticus 19 & Hebrews 9-10 & *Small Catechism* — parts 4, 5 and 6) by means of ...
 - Holy Baptism (Romans 6:4 & Leviticus 16:4)
 - Holy Word (John 1:1-14 & 1 John 1:1-3)
 - Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 10:16)

Offer Spiritual Sacrifices (1 Peter 2:5), for example ...

- Repent — Psalm 51:17
- Believe — Philippians 2:17
- Eat the Sacrifice in faith —
1 Corinthians 10:23-29 (cf. Lev. 6:26; Ex. 12:6-11)
- Praise God — Hebrews 13:15
- Good Works — Philippians 4:18 & Ephesians 2:10
- Justice, mercy and humility — Micah 6:8
- Generosity — Hebrews 13:16
- Bodily Purity — Romans 12:1
- Vocation — Luke 3:12-14
particularly see: *Small Catechism* — Table of Duties
- Defending the Faith — 1 Peter 3:15

Now consider Article 6 of the Solid Declaration of 1577:

VI. Third Use of Law

But the Gospel teaches us that our spiritual sacrifices are acceptable to God through faith for Christ's sake (1 Pet. 2:5; Heb. 11:4; 13:15).

After studying the sections above, read Numbers 12 and ponder the consequences when a male or female priest usurps the pastor without a Call.