

# Reformation-Anniversary 2017

In 2017, churches all over the world celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We want to remember the anniversary and the events that started with Martin Luther's 95 theses in the year 1517 by inviting you to participate in a variety of events at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Lectures and discussions want to give a better and deeper understanding of the Reformation in its time and want to ask how the writings and ideas of the Reformation can inspire us today. Musical events and food will bring us into the time of Martin Luther and will give us an idea about culture and society of his time.

The lectures and discussions will be offered in the German Language. (Please see separate flyer)

Musical events, the dinner and the movie will be open for English-speaking people.

If you are interested in any events for the English-speaking community, please contact Pastor Kristina Breit (604-435-5950 or [pastor.breit@stmarkschurch.ca](mailto:pastor.breit@stmarkschurch.ca) ).

## *Luther and the Reformation – Lectures*

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| <b>March 10th</b> | <b>7pm</b> | <p><b>Martin Luther – his life and the Reformation</b><br/>         The evening will give you an introduction in Luther's life and the main events of the Reformation up to the year 1546.</p>   |
| <b>April 28th</b> | <b>7pm</b> | <p><b>Martin Luther – not the only Reformer! A look at the Reformation as European Movement.</b><br/>         Though the Reformation for most people is closely connected to the Name of Martin Luther. The Reformation became a European Movement already in its early stages and is connected to a series of names and people. On this evening, we look at how the Reformation spread throughout the European countries and who are the main-characters in this process.</p> |
| <b>May 26th</b>   | <b>7pm</b> | <p><b>The beginning of the Reformation: The 95 Theses of Martin Luther</b><br/>         The 95 Theses mark the beginning of what we call today the "Reformation". Originally written as basis for a discussion about the practice of selling indulgences, it started a movement, that changed the church, society and the world. Together we discover what made the theses so powerful and how they can inspire us until today.</p>  |
| <b>June 9th</b>   | <b>7pm</b> | <p><b>Reformation and the Church: "An open letter to the Christian Nobility"</b><br/>         As much as Reformation was focussed on changes in the church and it's practices, in the early stages Luther wrote an important treatise on the responsibilities of Christian Leaders. This work became programmatic for changes to come in society and public life. Together we discover how Luther's thoughts and ideas have influenced societies until this day.</p>           |
| <b>July 7th</b>   | <b>7pm</b> | <p><b>Reformation and Personal life: "A treatise on Good Works" and "Concerning Christian Liberty"</b><br/>         Reformation as a faith movement not only touched structure and practices of the church in general but reached down to the personal life of each</p>  |

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single Christian. Two important writings of Luther line out how Christian life is to be lived out in the tension between freedom and servanthood, in the tension between grace and works.

### *Eat like Luther did*

#### **18. August – 6pm**

We invite you to join us for a dinner in a special setting. You will be served with food and music from the time of Martin Luther.

Since we will prepare the food ourselves, please understand that we have to limit the number of guests served that evening. Details about the price and the sign up will be announced in due time.

### *Luther - The Film*

#### **30. September 5 pm Movie and Soup: Luther (Details to be annouced)**

This evening will bring back the series of „Movie and Soup“. Together we will watch one of the many Luther-movies. After the movie we share a soup and have time to discuss thoughts, ask questions and share our impressions.

## Musical Events

A little series of concerts in the months of April to June will present us music from the time of the late middle Ages and the Reformation. We will also hear works that were composed later, but were influenced by the Reformation and its ideas.

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| <b>29. April</b> | <b>2.00 pm</b> | Organ concert with Mrs. Angelique Po, St. Marks, Vancouver with guest |
| <b>20. May</b>   | <b>2.00 pm</b> | Organ concert with Barry Waterlow, Burnaby, with guest                |
| <b>17. June</b>  | <b>2.00 pm</b> | Organ concert with Gail Ovington, Kamloops, and guest                 |

All concerts will be presented in the Sanctuary of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Time and Date to be announced	Lecture by Dubravko Pajalic on the influence of the Reformation on the music of its time
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