



**Luther College at the University of Regina presents
The “Table Talk” Speaker Series**

Luther College begins commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with a series of informal talks featuring our Luther College at the University of Regina (LCUR) faculty and friends. Martin Luther often invited friends into his home for sociable evenings of beer drinking and great conversation. He called these evenings “**Table Talk**,” and in his memory we are inaugurating the Luther College **Table Talk Series**. Drink a **craft beer** with university colleagues, local Lutherans, Luther College High School faculty, and other interested friends. The 20-minute talks are on topics related to the Protestant Reformation or Dr. Martin Luther.

**Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. in February & March
Thorn Hall (Room 100) - Luther College at the University of Regina**

February 7, 2017 - Dr. Yvonne Petry

Why 1517? The Ninety-Five Theses in Context

In many ways, Martin Luther was the right man in the right place at the right time. In this session, we'll examine why the Ninety-Five Theses served as the catalyst for a movement that would ultimately fracture the Western Church, redraw the map of Europe and usher in a century of violent social and political upheaval. By examining the religious, social, political and cultural climate of northern Europe in the early sixteenth century, we can understand why 1517 altered the course of western history.

February 14, 2017 - *Luther: The Film*

Does Hollywood see Martin Luther as today's Lutherans do? Join us to see this 2003 film starring Joseph Fiennes and Peter Ustinov, and then join the discussion.

February 28, 2017 - Drs. Carl and Meredith Cherland

“Why should the devil have all the good tunes?”

Did you know that Martin Luther wrote 37 hymns, several of them based on the popular tunes of his day, including his favourite drinking songs? Come hear a few of them, and sing along, if you like. Consider Luther's ideas about church music and congregational singing. It's been said that the Reformation came in on a song!

March 7, 2017 - Dr. Volker Greifenhagen

Why did Luther want the Qur'an to be published?

In 1542, as the armies of the Ottoman (Turkish) sultan, Suleiman the Magnificent,

were campaigning victoriously in Hungary, a Swiss publisher named Johannes Herbst (Oporinus) found himself in jail. His crime? Trying to print a Latin translation of the Qur'an. Through the intervention of none other than Martin Luther, the translation was eventually printed in 1543, complete with a preface penned by Luther himself. Why did Luther do this, given the animosity toward the Turks which he shared with European Christians in general?

March 14, 2017 - Dr. Bryan Hillis

Luther's idea of 'vocation': Is it relevant in our current state of "pseudo-modernism"?

One of Martin Luther's most liberating theological notions was that 'vocation' should not be limited to the religious life. Informed by his "priesthood of all believers", Luther brought new vitality to the layperson whose vocation was as valued as that of the clergy. British Scholar Alan Kirby has coined the term 'pseudo-modernism' to describe the cultural time since post-modernism where we create our own reality on the internet, in our choice of news and on-line friends. Does Luther's idea of vocation have anything to do with this new reality we think we are creating for ourselves?

March 28, 2017 - Dr. Martin Luther himself (and his friend, the Rev. David Kaiser)

Meet the great man himself! Pastor David will bring him to life for us.

For more information,
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