

You are invited to join

## *A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land May 1-11, 2020.*

Pastor Liz Yates, retired Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) pastor, is hosting a visit booked through Bethlehem, Palestine, **GoDeeper Tours** [www.godeepertours.com](http://www.godeepertours.com) to Israel-Palestine. This tour company is directed by Boulos (Paul) Aqleh, member and keyboardist at Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem.

The visit will center in Bethlehem with day trips from there and a night in Tiberias in northern Israel. We will visit Bethlehem—including Christmas Lutheran, Nativity Church, and **Tent of Nations**. With evenings free after hotel dinners, there will be time to explore and experience more of Bethlehem. We will travel to Hebron, Jericho, Nablus, Nazareth, Galilee, and Jerusalem and many significant locations around them. As a pilgrimage of faith, we will look at the Biblical significance of the Holy Land and sites we visits. Boulos' primary reason for planning trips is to *bless us* with an experience of the Holy Land.

The present itinerary may be slightly revised depending upon future events. The **\$3200** price includes air fare, hotels, meals, tour services, trip and medical insurance, and fees based on double occupancy. An additional fee can be expected for single occupancy, if available. Personal expenses of additional drinks and local purchases are not included.

You are responsible for having a **current valid U.S. passport**. A schedule of payments begins with a non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person by October 1, 2019. Two payments of \$1350 will be due December 1, 2019 and March 1, 2020. If you wish to extend your trip (some have asked about Petra in Jordan) before or after this itinerary, it may be arranged at your additional expense. Deadline extended. Sign up NOW.

You can learn more about the Bethlehem Nassar family's **Tent of Nations** and follow their calendar and events at [www.tentofnations.org](http://www.tentofnations.org) where Daoud Nassar and other family members post current information including opportunities for volunteering. We will also learn about **Dar al-Kalima** (The Word) Lutheran School in Bethlehem where Tony Nassar (another brother) is Principal and Dar al-Kalima University led by Lutheran Pastor Mitri Rahab.

A general information meeting will be at **Christ the King Lutheran Church, 9800 West Huguenot Road, Richmond, Virginia on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.**

Interest has also been expressed in a summer trip, perhaps July 2020. Please come if this is your interest! I would also like to arrange a group trip to visit the Museum of the Palestinian People in Washington, D.C. led by Bshara Nassar before our trip.

As we prepare to travel, let us pray for God's presence among us and the people of the Holy Land that justice and peace may be a reality for all God's People and Creation. I look forward to traveling with you in May 2020 (or July!)

Faithful + Bold + Serving *Pastor Liz Yates*

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**Price includes:**

- Airfare Dulles (IAD)-Tel Aviv (TLV)-Dulles (IAD) with connecting flight through Brussels (might be other European airport, it will be known once the tickets will be confirmed)
- Travel insurance
- Accommodation in 4 stars hotels in Bethlehem and Tiberias
- Transportation in a comfortable coach all days of the tour
- Meals: breakfast and dinner open buffet at hotels, lunches in local restaurants, farewell dinner
- Licensed English speaking tour guide services
- All entrance fees to the sites listed in the itinerary
- Cable car in Jericho
- Boat ride in the Sea of Galilee
- Dead Sea entrance fee
- Tips for guides, driver, restaurants and hotels
- Parking fees

**Price does not include:**

- Visa fees if required for non US citizens
- Extra drinks on the meals
- Any personal characteristic expenses
- All expenses not mentioned in the above list "Price includes"

**Price:** 3200 USD

**Payment method:**

- None refundable Deposit of 500 USD by ~~October 1st 2019~~
- The second payment of 1350 USD by December 1st 2019
- The third payment of 1350 USD by March 1st 2020

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Make your checks payable to:  
**Christ The King Lutheran Church**  
**9800 West Huguenot Road Richmond**  
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Write in Memo: **Israel Trip**

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# Holy Land Itinerary May 1-11, 2020

<b>Day</b>	<b>Program*</b>
<b>01.05.2020</b> <b>Friday</b> <b>Departure</b>	22:30 Departure from Dulles
<b>02.05.2020</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>Arrival</b>	16:30 Arrival at Ben Gurion airport 18:00 Transfer to hotel in Bethlehem 19:30 Dinner at hotel
<b>03.05.2020</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>Bethlehem</b>	08:30 Breakfast at hotel 10:30 Sunday church service with local Christians at Christmas Lutheran Church, Bethlehem 13:00 Traditional lunch in Shepherds' Fields in Beit Sahour 14:00 Visiting Shepherd's Fields- place where the Angel announced the birth of Messiah 15:30 Visiting Herodium- King Herod the Great's summer palace 17:00 The Nativity Church- birthplace of Jesus 18:30 Dinner at hotel
<b>04.05.2020</b> <b>Monday</b> <b>Hebron</b>	07:30 Breakfast at hotel 08:30 Departing to Hebron 09:15 Machpellah- burial site of Patriarchs, old city of Hebron 11:00 Mamre: Abraham's Oak 12:00 Traditional glass and ceramics factory 13:30 Lunch at Tent of Nations 14:30 Meeting at Tent of Nations 18:00 Dinner at hotel
<b>05.05.2020</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <b>Jericho</b>	08:00 Breakfast at hotel 09:30 Judean desert views 10:20 Jesus Baptismal site at Jordan River 12:30 Mount of Temptation- Der Quruntul monastery 13:30 Lunch at Mt. of Temptation restaurant 15:00 Dead Sea- relaxing time at the lowest salt lake in the world 18:00 Departing back to Bethlehem 19:30 Dinner at hotel
<b>06.05.2020</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>Nablus</b>	07:00 Breakfast at hotel 08:00 Departing to Samaria 09:30 Visiting Shilo (ancient Biblical site and settlement in West Bank) 11:00 Departing to Sebastia- ancient capital of Samaria 12:00 Sebastia visit 13:00 Lunch at Sebastia 14:30 Jacob's well in Nablus 15:30 Ancient Sechem- Tell Balata 17:00 Departing back to Bethlehem 19:00 Dinner at hotel
<b>07.05.2020</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>Nazareth</b>	06:30 Breakfast in hotel 07:30 Departing to Nazareth 10:30 Old City of Nazareth: Church of Annunciation, St. Joseph's Church 12:00 Nazareth Village: open-air exhibition of daily life in Jesus time 13:30 Biblical lunch at Nazareth Village

	<p>15:30 Visiting Cana Wedding Church: wedding vows renewal  17:00 Departing to hotel in Tiberias  18:00 Check in  18:30 Dinner at hotel</p>
<p><b>08.05.2020</b>  <b>Friday</b>  <b>Galilee</b></p>	<p>08:00 Breakfast in hotel  09:30 Visiting Mount of Beatitudes- place of the Sermon of the Mount  10:30 Tabgha: Church of St. Peter's Primacy  11:30 Capernaum: 1CE town- Jesus hometown  13:00 Traditional lunch: St. Peter's fish  14:30 Magdala: hometown of Mary Magdalene, visiting 1CE synagogue  16:00 Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee  17:00 Leaving back to Bethlehem  20:00 Dinner at hotel</p>
<p><b>09.05.2020</b>  <b>Saturday</b>  <b>Jerusalem</b></p>	<p>07:00 Breakfast at hotel  08:00 Departing to Jerusalem  09:00 Mt. of Olives- Augusta Victoria church- church service  10:30 Pater Noster Church  11:30 Panoramic view of Old City of Jerusalem  12:15 Palm procession road: Dominus Flevit church and Garden of Gethsemane  13:30 Old City: Via Dolorosa  14:00 Lunch in the Old City  15:30 Holy Sepulchre- place of Jesus burial and resurrection  17:00 Western Wall,  17:30 Departure from Dang Gates to Bethlehem  18:30 Dinner at hotel</p>
<p><b>10.05.2020</b>  <b>Sunday</b>  <b>Jerusalem</b></p>	<p>08:30 Breakfast at hotel  10:30 Sunday church service with local Christians at Lutheran church in Jerusalem  12:30 Departing to Jerusalem  13:30 Visiting Mt. Zion: Upper Room and King David's synagogue  14:30 Lunch in the Old City  15:30 Free afternoon in the Old City  18:00 Departure from Jaffa Gates to Bethlehem  19:00 Farewell dinner</p>
<p><b>11.05.2020</b>  <b>Monday</b></p>	<p>01:00 Transfer to Ben Gurion airport  04:50 Departure  08:50 Arriving in Brussels airport  10: 15 Departure from Brussels  12:55 Arriving at Dulles airport</p>

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