Holy Land, Holy People:
Learning from Sites and Conversations

January 27 – February 6, 2018  11 Days
Optional extension to Jordan: February 6-9, 2018

Hosted by Pr. Kent Shane

First Lutheran Church of Poulsbo, Washington
I am really excited about the opportunities and conversations that we will have on this trip to Israel/Palestine, and then on to Jordan for those who wish to continue. We will have the opportunity to learn from not only the sites and places mentioned in scripture, but also from the people who currently live in the Holy Land.

This trip is more than spiritual tourism, it will also be a time for conversation and reflection about what it means to be a Christian in a world context of many religions. We will have the chance to meet and talk with Muslims, Jews, and Lutheran Christians. We will hear their stories of life and ministry, the challenges they face, and the joys they share.

We will be staying in the Old City of Jerusalem as well as in Bethlehem. Both are places alive with history and character. Not many groups have the chance to stay in Bethlehem, so we have a rare opportunity to be not only in the city of Jesus’ birth, but to stay with and learn from the people of Christmas Lutheran Church and the Diyar Consortium, which is a ministry arm of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land.

My hope is that we will return with a deeper understanding of the land of the roots of our faith as well as an honest respect for all of the people of the Book.

Peace, Shalom, Salam,
—Pastor Kent Shane
**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** Your reservation and deposit of $400 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of $1000 is due September 22, 2017. Final payment is due November 22, 2017. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.

**REFUND POLICY:** All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to September 21, 2017 - $100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; September 22, 2017 – January 12, 2018 – Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; January 13, 2018 or after – No refund.

**CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS:** The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than September 22, 2017. A minimum fee of $175 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

**LATE BOOKINGS:** Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a $50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

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**WHAT’S INCLUDED?**

- **AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Seattle via an ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Nine nights accommodation in superior tourist and first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- **MEALS:** Breakfast and dinner daily as outlined in the itinerary.
- **GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- **SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- **PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- **EXPERT GUIDES:** An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Tel Aviv through departure from Tel Aviv.
- **GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, $120 per person has been included).
- **TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently $705 per person).
- **ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name badges, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

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**PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS AND OTHER MEDICAL PROBLEMS COVERED WHEN TRAVEL PROTECTION IS PURCHASED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF REGISTRATION. CONTACT TRAVEL ASSURANCE FOR MORE info. 800-243-3774**

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**Items Not Included:**
- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional travel protection: trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. Please refer to the Travel Protection section.
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Travel protection is optional, but we encourage all travelers to purchase a plan. GTD offers an extensive and competitively priced plan from Travel Insured International. Travel protection can help provide coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. If you decline coverage at the time of reservation, you may purchase it later, but the Pre-existing Conditions Waiver is available only if the plan is purchased within 14 days of the initial trip deposit. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174. Review your Plan Document for Schedule of Benefits and Plan Details.

### GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION INCLUSIONS

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* **a maximum of $6500 per person**

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is $248 per person ($297 with the optional extension). Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. Travel protection is non-refundable fourteen days after you purchase a plan.

This document contains highlights of the plan. The Plan contains insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. The Crum & Forster group of companies is rated A (Excellent) by AM Best Company 2015. The Plan also contains non-insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization, OnCall International, and not by United States Fire Insurance Company or Travel Insured International. Review the Plan Document for complete terms, including benefits, conditions, limitations and exclusions that apply. The Plan Document will be provided to you upon purchase of the plan. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions.

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