

Press release

Luther Anniversary Year 2017

500-year Reformation anniversary in Braunschweig

On October 31st 1517, Martin Luther published his 95 theses condemning indulgence. This event was simultaneously the beginning of the Reformation, which brought with it profound changes in both the church and society. In the City of Braunschweig, the Reformation came into effect in 1528. On the 5th of September, Luther's close confidant Johannes Bugenhagen, parish pastor in Wittenberg, proclaimed from the balcony of the Old Town Hall the evangelical church constitution which he had himself compiled. This constitution served as an example of Bugenhagen's subsequent reformatory activities in the Hanseatic cities of Hamburg and Lübeck as well as in Scandinavia in, amongst other cities, Copenhagen, where his work is still highly valued today.

The 500-year anniversary will be celebrated with numerous events initiated by the Evangelical-Lutheran Church Association Braunschweig, the Braunschweig State Museum, the City of Braunschweig and other parties. These events include exhibitions, church services, readings, lectures and a public art project. From May 7th to November 19th, the Braunschweig State Museum, in co-operation with the Evangelical Academy Abt Jerusalem, will be taking a look at a century of profound social change in North-West Germany within the framework of the exhibition "Im Aufbruch. Reformation 1517-1617". Furthermore, you can also search for clues at the numerous preserved, historically-authentic places of the Reformation in Braunschweig.

Further information concerning the programme and the topic of the Reformation can be found at www.braunschweig.de/blickpunkt-reformation.

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