

## 2017-2018 Faith-Based and Special Interest Programs

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### Discovering Barcelona, Basque Country, Northern Spain and Portugal, October 12-23, 2017

**Tour Number: T#4958** *Program leadership by Historian and Educator, Dave Bredemus*

Join Dave Bredemus on another European travel adventure for both the first-time and seasoned traveler. Experience a custom-designed travel experience from Barcelona on Spain's Mediterranean coast to the Atlantic coast of Northern Spain and Portugal, revealing the scenic and cultural contrasts of the countries sharing the Iberian Peninsula. *Program full.*

### A Journey of Faith and Discovery: The Holy Land Today, October 25-November 7, 2017

**Tour Number: T#4954** *Program leadership by Rev. Lindy Purdy, Wayzata Community Church, Wayzata, MN and Mike & Marcia Bussey*

This is an encore travel experience by these leaders after tours in 2013 and 2015 to the Holy Land. The itinerary features unique experiences for the second-time visitor to Israel and Palestine along with the highlights for those visiting for the first time. *Program full.*

### Discover Cuba aboard the Celestyal Crystal, November 2-10, 2017

**Cruise to the historic ports of Havana, Cienfuegos and Santiago de Cuba**

**Tour Number: T#4963** *Program leadership by Historian and Educator, Dave Bredemus*

Explore Cuba and experience the diversity of its riches on a 7-night cruise around Cuba in the Caribbean Sea. This cruise is a unique all-inclusive experience to explore the history, landscapes and culture in a comfortable travel environment with daily shore excursions hosted by local guides. The first night is at an all-inclusive resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Cruise departs from Montego Bay with ports of call at Havana, Santiago de Cuba and Cienfuegos. *Program full.*

### Tropical Costa Rica: An Eco-Adventure, April 8-20, 2018

**Tour Number: T#5037** *Hosted by Historian Dave Bredemus.*

Join Dave Bredemus on a 16-day custom-designed travel experience perfect for travelers looking for an active adventure. Costa Rica is a natural wonder, a tropical paradise brimming with exotic plants and animals, lush tropical rain forests, stunning waterfalls and spectacular coastline.

### Westminster Presbyterian Church Traveling Seminar, Greece: Paul, the Philosophers and the 'Unknown' God, April 9-21, 2018

**Tour Number: T#5012** *Hosted by Rev. Kathy Michael.*

This seminar explores ancient Greece and the development of democratic principles as well as influences of philosophies and the impact of Paul's mission in Athens, Corinth, Philippi, and Thessaloniki. Itinerary includes visits to Delphi and a cruise of the Aegean to visit Santorini, Mykonos, Crete, Patmos, and Ephesus. *Now taking waitlist.*

### Favorite Treasures of Ancient Greece, April 17-28, 2018

**Tour Number: T#4999** *Sponsored by Gustavus Adolphus College Alumni and Friends, Hosted by English Professors of the Classics, William and Patricia Freiert.*

Explore ancient Greek history and culture and learn about the artistic and political history of the "Cradle of Civilization". This 12-day custom-created study tour combines learning, exploring, leisure, lecture, food and arts, led by faculty experts. [Click here](#) to college website for further details.

### Scenic and Historic Scandinavia: Reykjavik, Bergen and Stockholm, May 12-22, 2018

**Tour Number: T#4976** *Hosted by Rev. Craig Breimhorst and Bishop Steve Delzer*

Tour begins with a stay in Iceland with an exploration of the many natural wonders found there and continues to Bergen, Norway's spectacular Fjord Country and ends in Stockholm, Sweden's beautiful capital city. A highlight includes partaking in Syttende Mai celebrations in Bergen.

### Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Senior Choir Tour to Bergen, Stockholm and Helsinki, May 14-23, 2018

**Tour Number: T#4972** *Program leadership by Mark Ertl, Director of Worship and Music*

Experience the beauty of Bergen, Norway's Fjord Country and Stockholm, a city surrounded by water, forests and parks. Sail on overnight ferry to the charming capital city of Helsinki, Finland for two days to explore before returning home. A highlight is partaking in Syttende Mai celebration while in Bergen. *Participation by invitation only and now taking waitlist.*

**Ancient Greece and Eastern Christianity, May 22-June 1, 2018**

**Tour Number: T#5014** *Hosted by Dr. David Fredrickson and Fr. John Kostas.*

This program explores ancient Greek history and Eastern Christianity and includes visits to Athens, Delphi, Olympia, Nafplion, Epidaurus, Mycenae and Corinth.

**Discovering Lutheran Heritage in Germany, June 12-23, 2018**

**Tour Number: T#4984** *Hosted by Rev. Jill Rode, Saint Anthony Park Lutheran Church & Dr. Hans Wiersma, Professor of Religion, Augsburg University*

Learn about the culture and people which gave rise to the tradition of reformers of church, education and government. Stay three nights at Colleg Wittenberg, a Lutheran guest house and study center located steps away from Wittenberg's Town Church. Overnights also in Berlin, Dresden and Nuremberg, with stops in Leipzig and Bamberg.

**501<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Reformation Tour with FLBC, Retracing, Renewing and Reforming,**

**August 6-15, 2018**

**Tour Number: T#5005** *Sponsored by Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, hosted by Hans Wiersma, Professor of Religion, Augsburg University*

Join current and former FLBC staff and Augsburg University Professor, Dr. Hans Wiersma for a special tour of Czech Republic and Germany with visits to Prague, Dresden, Erfurt, Eisenach, Leipzig, Wittenberg and Berlin. This land-only program begins in Prague and ends in Berlin.

**Scandinavia Odyssey with Dave Bredemus, September 2018**

**Tour Number: T#5029** *Hosted by Historian Dave Bredemus.*

Dave Bredemus is planning a customized travel experience to discover the beauty and history of Scandinavia for September 2018 featuring visits to Copenhagen, Stockholm and Bergen plus an overnight in the fjords. Registration will open in early November. Tentative departure date is September 5, 2018.

**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, In the Footsteps of Martin Luther: Journey to Germany, September 30-October 10, 2018**

**Tour Number: T#5045** *Hosted by Rev. David Clark*

Explore history, culture, architecture and music traditions in Wittenberg, Leipzig, Mainz, Worms, Eisenach, Erfurt, Weimar, Eisleben and Berlin. Program departs from Phoenix and registration will open in late November 2018.