

January Interim 2018 – Opportunities as of 27 September 2017

Wartburg Theological Seminary

All WTS degree students must complete January Interim (aka “J-Term”) courses, one in each year of primary coursework as defined for their program. Master of Divinity degree students currently must complete three (3) J-Term courses. Master of Arts and Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry degree students currently must complete two (2) J-Term courses. For all degree students, one of your J-Terms must be for completing the Cross-Cultural requirement. See the courses listed below for courses planned for this coming January, plus follow the directions from the WTS Registrar on submitting the needed preference form to express a request for your J-Term course(s).

This is the growing list of opportunities. More will be added as they become known.

I. CROSS CULTURAL COURSES

The following courses all meet the MDiv/MA cross-cultural degree requirement when completed as a cohort, including pre- and post-January meetings. The faculty person named is the local contact for the course, and in most cases the person you will work with in completing the pre- and post-trip requirements for the cross-cultural requirement, as well as sign off on the final grade. Please see that person for more information about the specific trip or course. All courses are numbered MN 399W unless noted otherwise.

The number in parentheses is the number of cross-cultural travel subsidies available for that course as provided through Wartburg’s Financial Aid Office, which can be used by students completing their first cross-cultural experience as required for their degree program to offset some of their travel expenses. (See Amy Current, Dean for Vocation, or Barb Simon, Financial Aid Office, for details on how these cross-cultural travel subsidies work and your eligibility.)

2018 International Cross-Cultural:

Asia:

- **Holy Land – Israel/Palestine** —Schattauer (10)

Europe:

- **Iceland/Norway** —Giere (4)

South America:

- **Guyana**, Pastoral Practicum in ELCG parishes—W. Persaud (4)

2017 Domestic Cross-Cultural:

- **Issues of Domestic Violence Against Women and Children** —Sayler (10)
- **Pine Ridge Indian Reservation**—Nessan (6)
- **Texas/Mexico Borderlands**—LSPS & Troftgruben (4)

II. Other J-Term Courses that meet the MDiv Rural and Urban (new curriculum) requirements:

MN 397W **Rural Ministry – Shalom Hill Farm & North Dakota** – Visit and reflect on two rural areas, starting with the Shalom Hill Farm of Windom, Minnesota. Then

travel to northwestern North Dakota as guests of the churches in surrounding communities; limited enrollment; meets WTS MDiv rural ministry requirement in the old degree program, or the J-Term Rural/Urban Immersion requirement (IN 8.2) in the new MDiv curriculum; additional coursework on the Wartburg campus. Mark Yackel-Juleen

MN 399W Urban Immersion -- Milwaukee This course is still in development. Contact Dr. Martin Lohrmann for more details. Involves travel to Milwaukee. Meets the J-Term Urban/Rural Immersion requirement (IN-8.2) in the new (Fall 2016 and newer) MDiv program.

III. Other J-Term Courses that are purely elective in nature:

MN 103W Pastoral Practicum (arranged between you and a pastor/church, with a faculty member's oversight). A specialized independent study whereby the student focuses on ministry in a church setting (e.g., "shadowing" a pastor, or completing a specialized ministry project, etc.) Student completes an independent study form as part of the registration process in order to outline the goals of their practicum. See below for more information on the amount of work that needs to be arranged for.

IV. ELCA Seminary Exchange Courses

For several years now, the ELCA seminaries have joined together to share J-Term courses, typically one course from each seminary. A WTS student electing this option does not pay tuition to the other seminary, but instead would still pay Wartburg's January Interim tuition, plus be responsible for all travel and other costs associated with attending the course at the other seminary.

The 2018 January ELCA exchange courses have yet to be identified – they usually become known during the summer or very early fall and will be announced at that time. The ELCA exchange courses taken at other seminaries are normally considered to be elective only in their application to a WTS degree program.

V. Other Seminary Exchange Courses – UDTs Offering

New this year is an opportunity for up to 2 WTS students to take a J-Term course at the nearby University of Dubuque Theological Seminary (UDTS). Students pay Wartburg tuition only, as this is an exchange course. This course is elective only. See course details later in this bulletin.

HT584D The Theology of C.S. Lewis, 3 credits, Prof. Bradley Longfield; class meets on January 8-12, and 16-19, 2018.

VI. INDEPENDENT STUDY or PASTORAL PRACTICUM

For those students who do not complete one of the cross-cultural courses or specified organized activity courses listed above, your remaining option is to complete an independent study or a pastoral practicum. *For students in the new (Fall 2016 and newer) MDiv and MA in Diaconal Ministry degree program, all J-Term independent studies are expected to meet the requirements for a 2-credit course (a minimum of 90 to 95 hours of work). For students in the legacy degree*

programs (pre-Fall 2016 MDiv, MA, or MA in Diaconal Ministry), a J-Term course/independent study is a 3-credit course (a minimum of 135-140 hours of work). There is an Independent Study Contract Form to be completed in conjunction with the faculty member who will oversee your independent study or pastoral practicum, and also signed by your faculty advisor. These contracts should be finalized by the December registration week.

VI. GRADING

All J-Term courses are graded with Credit/No-Credit grading only.

J-TERM 2018 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

(Not all courses may have further description available at this time;
See the Registrar or the faculty contact person for more details)

MN 399W Holy Land – In the Footsteps of Egeria: A Holy Land Pilgrimage to Places, Peoples and Peace

Instructor: Thomas Schattauer

Dates: January 4-20, 2018 (with optional extension to Jordan, January 20-23)

See the separate information brochure, available from the instructor or the Registrar, and provided at the end of the Adobe PDF version of this document.

(The following is an adaptation of a previous year's description, subject to change)

MN 285W Guyana (Pastoral Practicum)

Contact person: Winston D. Persaud

Experience hope and zest for life in an English-speaking two-thirds world setting. In this three-week pastoral practicum, students travel to Guyana without faculty escort, are hosted by pastors and their families / local families in the congregations, and serve hands-on with the clergy and laity of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana – teaching, preaching, leading worship in both homes and churches, working with youth as well as men's and women's groups, visiting church members, etc. Since January 1983, over 60 Wartburg Seminary students have met their cross-cultural requirement through this life-transforming immersion experience. Now, most are graduates serving in parishes, and they continue to speak of the value of this experience to their on-going ministries.

Meets the Cross-Cultural Requirement

Cost: passport, air fare, immunizations, minimal out-of-pocket expenses

Dates: January 4-22, 2018

(The following is an adaptation of a previous year's description, subject to change)

MN 397T Rural Ministry – Shalom Hill Farm & North Dakota –

Instructor: Mark Yackel-Juleen

Visit and reflect on two rural areas, starting with the Shalom Hill Farm of Windom, Minnesota. Then travel to North Dakota as guests of churches in a portion of the state; limited enrollment; additional coursework on the Wartburg campus.

Evaluation: Participation, reading, a project or paper.

Bibliography: To be Announced

Travel dates: **Specific dates to be announced**; additional coursework on the Wartburg campus before and/or after the trip

(The following is an adaptation of a previous year's description, subject to change)

MN 399W RESPONDING TO ISSUES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Gwen Sayler, instructor

Dates: On-campus course with some travel, specific class meeting days to be determined. Class usually meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., except on travel days for fieldtrips

May be taken for cross-cultural credit

Others by permission of the instructor. Limited to 10 for cross-cultural requirement.

In addition to the on-campus class meetings, usually fieldtrips are incorporated into the course - one 2 night immersion trip in Chicago; plus several day trips in Wisconsin and Iowa

DESCRIPTION: This interim experience gives students an opportunity to think theologically and pastorally/diaconally about issues of violence, especially as they impact women and children. The format is a mixture of discussion, local speakers (e.g., police officer, judge, lawyer), local field trips (e.g. Lantern

Center, Maria House, Riverview Assault Counseling), private reflection times, and cross-cultural out-of-town immersions (eg Rainbow Shelter, Genesis House for recovering prostitutes, Apna Ghar services to Islamic and Hindu victims of violence; WAVE, ELCA headquarters, Dane County Rape Center, Briarpatch Homeless Teens Centers, Watertown Women's Center, etc.).

GOALS: This interim experience will give students an opportunity: 1) to think theologically about issues of transition and violence as they impact women/children in US cultural contexts; 2) to gain cross-cultural exposure to creative efforts to respond to violence in a variety of geographical, economic, religious, and social contexts; and 3) to develop practical resources that to identify and respond to these issues as rostered leaders in ministry.

REQUIREMENTS:

Selected readings (time allowed for reading in course of the day's schedule)

Daily journaling (for student's own use)

Participation in Group Project

***some requirements adaptable, depending on whether or not student is using course to fulfill cross-cultural requirement

MN 399W Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

NOTE: This J-Term option has also a separate application form required by the director of the Pine Ridge Retreat Center; be sure to ask the WTS Registrar for that form and its instructions as soon as you have filed your preference for this J-Term option as your first choice.

Contact Person: Craig Nesson

Dates: January 2-12, 2018

Arrival date: Tuesday, January 2nd; Departure date: Friday, January 12th

(Students who are flying, should plan on arriving/departing from the Rapid City Airport late morning or early afternoon. We will provide transport to the Retreat Center.)

OVERVIEW: The ministry at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center (PRRC) can be divided into two broad areas. The first is responding to a knock at the door from the people in the community. These threshold ministries can be thought of as projects. And the other is providing hospitality and cross cultural immersion between visiting teams and the people living in the community. This ministry focuses on relationships.

- Threshold Ministries: Coffee & sandwiches, quilts & blankets, hygiene kits, and baby diapers & wipes. In addition, the after school Sanctuary Program for children provides a safe place to play and worship. We have challenged ourselves to discover ways to shift the focus from providing the material items to ways of helping folks find the ability to provide for themselves and their families.
- Immersion & Hospitality Ministries: Hosting visiting faith based and academic groups in cross cultural immersions. This ministry includes programming and presentations that strive to provide space for mutual conversation and greater understanding of each other. Although there is a service project element included, the focus is on creating healthy, mutually respectful relationships. We strive to address and break down barriers that are supported by negative stereotypes to open the door to deeper appreciation for each other.

EXPECTATIONS: Students will read the required texts and prepare a reflection paper on each. Each paper will be two to four pages in length and are due December 30th.

DAILY SCHEDULE: This list is intended to give a general flow for each day. Specifics vary as the presenters are scheduled and are dependent on opportunities that may come up without advanced notice.

- Breakfast and devotions
- Guest Presentation (both onsite and offsite)/Community projects
- Lunch
- Discussions

- Kids' Time, after school program for neighborhood children
- Dinner
- Evening Program
- Talking Circle

Presenters will share their experiences of life on the Reservation, hopes and views about economic and housing issues, the impact of the Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890 and generational trauma.

Some of the historical sites that we may visit include Red Cloud Indian School, Wounded Knee, Oglala Lakota College, Lakota Fund, and Thunder Valley. We will attend worship, and provide communion to elders in their homes. Weather permitting, we will visit Wind Cave, Crazy Horse, and Mount Rushmore. Community service projects vary and might include winterizing homes, painting, and cleaning.

PROGRAM FEE: \$575.00 per student (\$625.00 for students requiring transport from the airport.)

FOOD & LODGING: Bedding and linens will be provided. You can see photos of the facility at the website <http://www.pineridgeretreatcenter.org/> along with other information about the Pine Ridge Retreat Center. Participants will pool money and purchase groceries for preparing meals together. We recommend budgeting \$75.00 per person. There will be opportunities to eat out, those costs would be in addition to the \$75.00 and are the responsibility of the participants.

OTHER COSTS: There will be opportunities to purchase artwork created by local artists, the cost of these artworks are in addition to the cost of the program. These purchases are at the discretion of the students.

REQUIRED READING:

“Neither Wolf Nor Dog” by Kent Nerburn
 “They Call Me Uncivilized” by Walter Littlemoon

OPTIONAL READING:

“Pagans in the Promised Land” by Steven T. Newcomb
 “The Lakota Way” by Joseph M. Marshall III
 “Toxic Charity” by Robert D. Lupton Pastor Kay Ressel, Director, Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministry at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center

(The following is an adaptation of a previous year's description, subject to change)

MN 399W The Texas/Mexico Borderlands: Mission in Latino Contexts

Instructor: Dr. Javier Alanís and faculty of the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest (Austin, TX)

Contact Person: Troy Troftgruben, Wartburg Seminary

Dates – January 2-19, 2018

First-year students will spend up to three weeks in the January term observing, participating in, and considering the church in mission along the Texas/Mexico border and in various Spanish-speaking contexts throughout Texas. Experiential learning occurs with trips to the Texas/Mexico border and in Latino/a congregations throughout Texas. Students learn about the history, culture and contemporary realities of Latinos/as to gain skills in intercultural dialogue and ministry that they can transpose to other cultural settings. Course hosted by the Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest in conjunction with the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas.

MN 399W Milwaukee Urban Immersion

Instructor: Martin Lohrman

Dates: Still to be determined

Details: Still to be determined

MN 399W Iceland/Norway

Instructor: Samuel Giere

2018 Dates: Still to be determined:

Details: Contact the instructor

Limited to only four (4) students for travel/logistical reasons.

**ELCA COURSE OFFERINGS
JANUARY-TERM 2018**

The ELCA Seminary cross-registration offerings are not yet available as of the publication of this Wartburg Seminary J-Term catalog. Watch for details to come by Fall Semester, if any courses are agreed to.

**UDTS SEMINARY EXCHANGE COURSE OFFERINGS
JANUARY-TERM 2018**

HT584D The Theology of C.S. Lewis

Instructor: B. Longfield

3 credits; Letter grade or pass/fail

Dates: Jan. 8-12 and 16-19, 2018

This seminar will explore the life and thought of C.S. Lewis, one of the most popular lay theologians of the twentieth century, by reading and discussing a variety of his works and key secondary sources.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By participating fully in this class, students will:

1. Be able to identify and analyze the major theological contributions of C. S. Lewis to the ecumenical Christian tradition.
2. Be able to identify and analyze different genres in which C. S. Lewis wrote and the strengths/weaknesses of each genre.
3. Grow in character and gain wisdom for Christian living by bringing their faith into conversation with the theology of C. S. Lewis.
4. Be able to recount the story and witness of the life of C. S. Lewis.

Course Requirements (1000 points total):

- 1) Conscientious attendance and participation. (180)
- 2) Reviews (250 words) of all primary source readings. (270)
- 3) Discussion questions as assigned. (30)
- 4) A book review (500 words) and class report on a secondary source chosen in consultation with the instructor. (120)
- 5) A paper (3,000-3,500 words) addressing some aspect of the theology of C. S. Lewis and a class report on the same. (400)

Required Texts:

C. S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man* ISBN: 978-0060652944

_____, *The Four Loves* ISBN: 978-0062565396

_____, *The Great Divorce* ISBN: 978-0060652951

_____, *A Grief Observed* ISBN: 978-0060652388

_____, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* ISBN: 978-0064471046

_____, *Mere Christianity* ISBN: 978-0060652920

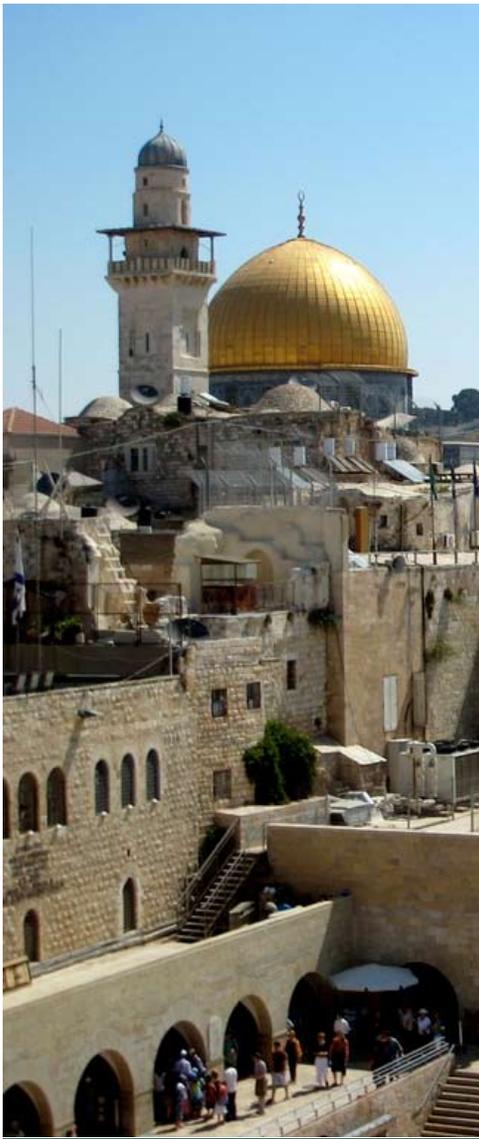
_____, *The Problem of Pain* ISBN: 978-0060652968

_____, *The Screwtape Letters* ISBN: 978-0060652937

_____, *The Weight of Glory* ISBN: 978-0060653200

A secondary source chosen in consultation with the instructor and read by the first class

Recommended text: Robert MacSwain and Michael Ward, *The Cambridge Companion to C. S. Lewis*. ISBN: 978-0521711142



Wartburg Theological Seminary Study Tour

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF EGERIA: A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE TO PLACES, PEOPLES AND PEACE

January 4-20, 2018 17 Days
with optional extension to Jordan
January 20-23

Led by Dr. Thomas Schattauer



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Group Travel Directors

Egeria was a pilgrim nun who journeyed to the Holy Land toward the end of the fourth century. She was irrepressibly curious, devoutly Christian, and a careful observer of places and peoples. We will travel in her footsteps—and those of many pilgrims before and since—as we visit the biblical sites, explore the story of Christian existence in this place, and encounter voices for peace among the peoples of Israel and Palestine today.

Thomas Schattauer is Professor of Liturgics and Dean of the Chapel at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. As a liturgical scholar, he is fascinated with how the places connected to Jesus' life became places of pilgrimage and prayer and influenced the shape of liturgy and piety for Christians throughout the world. He brings to this pilgrim's tour the experience of three previous trips and an ongoing concern for the life of Christian communities in the Middle East. Thomas is married to Paula Carlson, the president of Luther College, and enjoys many opportunities to participate in the life of the college. Thomas is eager to welcome members of both the Wartburg Seminary and Luther College communities on this pilgrimage tour of the Holy Land.



Jerusalem and check into your accommodations located in the Old City. Gloria Hotel (B,D)

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

THU 04 JAN Depart U.S.

A meaningful journey of learning and discovery begins today. Depart Chicago and connect in Newark with the overnight flight to Tel Aviv via United Airlines. (Meals in-flight)

FRI 05 JAN Arrive Tel Aviv/Bethlehem

Upon mid-morning arrival, meet your guide and driver for the transfer to Bethlehem. Take a brief walking tour to get acquainted with your surroundings including a stop at the Visit Palestine Center where you can have a light lunch. After check-in and time to refresh, gather for a welcome dinner. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to the Grand Hotel (Meals in-flight, D)

SAT 06 JAN Bethlehem

This morning attend the Epiphany Mass at St. Catherine's Church. We will also witness the entrance of the Greek Patriarch at the Church of the Nativity for the beginning of the Orthodox Christmas celebrations (January 7 is Christmas Day in the Orthodox calendar). Enjoy a walking tour of Bethlehem's Old City including Manger Square. After dinner, return to Manger Square for Christmas Eve celebrations. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to the Grand Hotel (B, D)

SUN 07 JAN Bethlehem

Worship and enjoy fellowship with members of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Beit Jala, where Wartburg graduate Saliba Rishmawi is pastor. Gather for a fellowship lunch (cost not included). Some may choose to remain in Bethlehem and attend worship there at Evangelical Christmas Lutheran Church, where Mitri Raheb is pastor. This afternoon visit the Mosque of Omar and meet for a discussion of Islam. There will also be some time on own for personal reflection and individual pursuits. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to the Grand Hotel (B, D)

MON 08 JAN Bethlehem

This morning visit Efrat for a tour of this Israeli settlement led by one of its residents. Drive to Hebron to visit the Tombs of the Patriarchs (traditional burial site of Abraham and Sarah) at the Ibrahimi Mosque. Tour this complex Palestinian city with Hebron Rehabilitation Committee (HRC). Visit the hilltop fortress of King Herod (Herodium) en route to Bethlehem. Continue for a visit at Shepherds Fields and a Bedouin tent dinner. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to the Grand Hotel (B, D)

TUE 09 JAN Bethlehem

Visit Aida Refugee Camp where Palestinians have lived since being forced from their homes in 1949.

Also tour the Separation Wall to understand its impact on the Palestinian community. Have conversation over lunch with Zoughbi Zoughbi, Director of the Wi'am Center for Conflict Resolution. Also today, meet with the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb to hear about the role of Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to the Grand Hotel (B, L, D)

WED 10 JAN Bethlehem

Visit Qasr al Yahud on the Jordan River, a baptismal site near Jericho. Then travel to Masada where, on this rocky plateau, the Zealots held their last resistance against the Roman conquerors. Continue on to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Later visit Qumran to see the actual caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. On the return to Bethlehem drive by Mar Saba Monastery. Abu Gubran Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to the Grand Hotel (B, D)

THU 11 JAN Bethlehem/Galilee

Depart for the Mediterranean coast and the site of Caesarea, once the Roman capital of Palestine. See the Crusader fortifications, the Roman amphitheater, aqueduct, and the harbor from where the Apostle Paul was taken to Rome. Meet with former Archbishop Elias Chacour in Ibilin. Abuna Chacour was Archbishop of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church in the Galilee, an ambassador for non-violence, and noted for promoting reconciliation between Arabs and Israelis. Continue to the Sea of Galilee to check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. Pilger Haus (B, D)

FRI 12 JAN Galilee

This morning see the first century "Jesus Boat" at Nof Ginosar Kibbutz, followed by a boat ride on the peaceful waters of the Galilee. Visit the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House at Capernaum. Drive along the north shore to Tabgha to visit the Church of the Multiplication and the Chapel of the Primacy of Peter. Pilger Haus (B, D)

SAT 13 JAN Galilee

Begin the day at the Church of the Beatitudes, one of the most beautiful in the Galilee region. Then visit the excavations at Chorazim before driving north, near the Lebanon border. Visit Tel Dan and Banias Springs (Caesarea Philippi), a source of the Jordan River. Pilger Haus (B, D)

SUN 14 JAN Galilee/Jerusalem

Drive to Nazareth. Celebrate this Sunday with a service of Holy Communion in the beautiful chapel at the International Mary of Nazareth Center overlooking the Basilica of the Annunciation. Visit the Basilica and excavations there, followed by a visit to the Church of St. Joseph. Continue to Je-

MON 15 JAN Jerusalem

Stop at the top of the Mount of Olives for a glorious view of Jerusalem and walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane. During lunch meet with Rev. Mark Brown, Middle East Director of Lutheran World Federation, located on the grounds of LWR-funded Augusta Victoria Hospital. Tour the only hospital that serves Palestinian refugees. This afternoon journey along the Stations of the Cross concluding with a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built on the sites commemorating Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Gloria Hotel (B, L, D)

TUE 16 JAN Jerusalem

Visit the Melkite Greek Catholic Patriarchate and the church there. Meet with a representative of B'Tselem, the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories. Proceed to Mt. Zion to visit St. Peter in Gallicantu, the church that commemorates Peter's betrayal of Christ, and its model of Byzantine Jerusalem. Continue to the Coenaculum, also called the Upper Room (Mk 14/Lk 22), the traditional site of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

WED 17 JAN Jerusalem

Today visit Yad Vashem, the moving memorial to the Holocaust. At the Israel Museum study the model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple period and see the original Dead Sea Scrolls at the Shrine of the Book. Meet with Ophir Yarden to learn about the Jewish people in the land of Israel and his perspective on what will make for a resolution of conflict. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

THU 18 JAN Jerusalem

Begin the day at the Western Wall and the Temple Mount. The Western Wall is the holiest site in Jerusalem for Jews, and the Temple Mount, or Haram al Sharif, with the Al Aqsa Mosque, is equally sacred for Muslims, second only to Mecca (no inside visits to the mosques available). See the Church of St. Anne, a 12th-century Crusader church, and the Pool of Bethesda. Meet with the English-language pastor at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Gather for a farewell dinner at the Philadelphia Restaurant this evening. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

FRI 19 JAN Jerusalem/Departure

This day is entirely free for individual pursuits – dinner is on your own, too. Hotel rooms will be available until evening departure for the airport. You may wish to walk the ramparts, climb the tower of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, explore the Citadel Museum, attend vespers at the Armenian Cathedral of St. James, join the daily 4pm procession at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, or spend some time in the Old City shops. You may wish to welcome Shabbat at the Western Wall. Transfer this evening for flight check-in and departure at 11:10P. Those travelers going to Jordan will remain overnight at the hotel. Gloria Hotel (B)

SAT 20 JAN Return to U.S.

Connect in Newark this morning with the continuing flight to Chicago. Arrive home enriched with a new understanding of the ancient world, the land of the Bible, and the peoples of Israel and Palestine. (B, Meals in-flight)

Code: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
Itinerary subject to change.
Speakers subject to availability

OPTIONAL JORDAN EXTENSION

SAT 20 JAN **Jerusalem/Petra**
This morning transfer to the Allenby Crossing to Jordan and meet your Jordanian guide, driver and coach. Visit Bethany-beyond-the-Jordan, which has received recognition as the likely site where John baptized Jesus. Nearby visit the new Lutheran chapel. Continue through the vast desert to the village of Wadi Musa, which embraces the entrance to Petra – one of the Seven Modern Wonders of the World. Petra Guesthouse (B,D)

SUN 21 JAN **Petra**
Two thousand years ago the Nabateans carved a city out of rose red rock and it was rediscovered in 1812. Today you will discover the formerly lost city of Petra during a half-day guided tour. Begin by walking through the dramatic "ciq" or canyon that opens upon the Treasury, El Khazneh, one of the most elegant remains of antiquity. Beyond El Khazneh the visitor is surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra's carved and built structures. Enjoy a full day of touring this amazing, once-hidden world. Petra Guesthouse (B,D)

MON 22 JAN **Petra/Tel Aviv/Departure**
Depart on the northbound journey to the village of Madeba to see the ancient mosaic map of the Holy Land. Drive to Mount Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land and enjoy the dramatic view of the Jordan Valley, Jericho and the Judean hills beyond. Cross the Allenby Bridge to meet your guide and driver for the transfer to Ben Gurion Airport – stop en route for dinner. Arrive at the airport this evening for flight check-in and departure before midnight. (B, D, Meals in-flight)

TUE 23 JAN **Arrive U.S.**
Connect in Newark with the return flight to Chicago. (Meals in-flight)

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Chicago via United Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Fifteen nights accommodation in Christian guesthouses and superior tourist class hotel, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, two lunches and fourteen dinners 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 with the exception of St. Mark's Lutheran Guesthouse in Jerusalem.
- 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, \$180 per person has been included).
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$530 per person).
- WARTBURG SEMINARY TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Travel medical and limited trip cancellation insurance provided by Wartburg Seminary is included in the tour price; see travel insurance section.
- 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.

COST SUMMARY

\$4539
Group Flights From Chicago
Tour Gratuities (\$180).....Included
Airport/Departure Taxes (\$530).....Included
*Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplements
Single Room.....\$799

Optional Extension to Jordan.....\$899
Includes: Two nights accommodation in superior tourist class hotel; breakfast and dinner daily; transportation by mini-coach; sightseeing fees; luggage handling; fully guided in Jordan; Jordan Entry Visa; border taxes; gratuities. Single Room Supplement=\$119.

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Chicago (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of January 2017, a minimum of 20 travelers (10 on the optional extension), and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only.

- 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.
 - Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
 - No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens visiting Israel/Palestine; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

Iowa Seller of Travel #1075

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#180103 • OR CLIP AND MAIL

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(Name as it appears on passport)

1. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

2. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

Address (no P.O. boxes) _____ Tel. (Day) _____ (Eve.) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Roommate _____ I will pay the supplement for a single room. Yes. Sign me up for the Jordan extension tour.

Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

I/We will take the group flights from Chicago.

I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from _____ airport to join the group.

I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.
Please contact GTD for land- only rates.

DEPOSIT

Please reserve _____ space(s) for me/us:

\$ _____ **\$395** per person without GTD travel protection. I/we understand that GTD travel protection can be purchased per the Travel Protection section of the brochure.

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#180103.
I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

This strenuous, fast-paced tour requires considerable walking; please check with your tour leader if you have questions.



TRAVEL INSURANCE

Wartburg Seminary has included travel medical and limited trip cancellation insurance in your tour price. More information can be found via these links:

- http://eiia.org/assets/documents/International_Travel_Abroad_Summary.pdf
- http://eiia.org/assets/documents/International_Program_FAQs_6.20.16.pdf

Group Travel Directors (GTD) offers more comprehensive travel protection that may be better suited to your needs. Please contact GTD for more information.

GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION INCLUSIONS

Trip Cancellation.....	up to Tour Cost*
Trip Interruption.....	up to 150% of Tour Cost**
Travel Delay.....	\$750
Missed Connection.....	\$300
Baggage.....	\$1,000
Baggage Delay.....	\$200
Medical Expense.....	\$50,000
Evacuation/Repatriation.....	\$500,000
Accidental Death.....	\$10,000
Political Emergency Evacuation.....	\$100,000
ID Theft Resolution Services.....	included
Assistance Service.....	included

* a maximum of 5000 per person
 ** a maximum of \$7500 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is \$273 per person (\$297 with the optional extension). Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. In order to cover pre-existing conditions, this travel protection must be purchased within 14 days of registering for the tour.

PRE-EXISTING medical conditions and other circumstances are covered when travel protection is purchased within 14 days of registration. Contact Travel Insured for more info. 800-243-3174

CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

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NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:

Please be assured that GTD continually monitors travel industry developments (strikes, etc.) as well as world events. If any such matters affect your tour, you will be notified. At the time this tour was developed there was a U.S. State Department Travel Warning in effect for this destination; please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors. <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>

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TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of \$395 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 1, 2017. Final payment is due October 31, 2017. **The tour price is based upon cash payment.**

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 August 30, 2017- \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; September 1 – December 20, 2017 – Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; December 21, 2017 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 1, 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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