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Minister to lead tour through Scandinavia

Pastor T. Richard Marcis will turn tour guide for a trip through Scandinavia this summer, a position he has assumed for many summers on tours he has written the itinerary for, to all parts of the world.

"I'm very proud of what I've been able to arrange for this trip to make it a delightful experience, and I'm proud of the price," Marcis said, who invites area residents to join him and his wife on the tour through three countries from July 30 to Aug. 14.

Marcis said he doesn't know whether to call the tour a "Scandinavian Odyssey," "The Magic Kingdoms of Scandinavia," or "A Visit to the Most Spectacular Scenery in the World."

"It is all of that and more," he said. "My wife (Betty) and I have been hosting tours since 1968 to many parts of Europe and the Middle East, mostly. This will be our second visit to Scandinavia and we are anxious to return."

While many of those tours have been religious-oriented, such as The Holy Pilgrimage, or the tour he called "Lutherland" in observance of the

500th birthday of Martin Luther, Marcis says, "Those who have traveled with me in the past know that one does not have to be Lutheran to come along and be comfortable."

MARCIS, WHO is pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills, is also a historian, and has a deep interest in all things maritime.

"If I wasn't a minister I don't know if I'd rather be a history teacher or a sailor," said Marcis, who disperses a rich knowledge to the tourists he accompanies during stops all along the way.

Some of the stops along the way in Scandinavia Marcis singles out will be the Gustav Vapland Park in Oslo, the home of Edvard Grieg in Bergen, the raised Vasa ship in Stockholm, the Tivoli Park in Copenhagen and a cruise through the fjords.

"Those are some of the highlights, but what I'm rather pleased with is that I've been able to arrange some travel along the side streets, the secondary roads, the off-the-beaten-tourist-track roads, for a better appreciation and the beauty of the land," he said.

Some travel will be on land by bus, some by train, some on steamers, some on ferries and much of it along the coasts of all three countries.

One of the coastal stops, of particular interest to the tour guide, is when the tourists visit the salvaged 17th century man-of-war "Vasa." The 64-gun ship was sunk in the Stockholm harbor and raised, sometime in the early '70s, 330 years later.

By chance, Marcis was able to purchase a scale model of "Vasa," the only model of its kind, that is now among his personal collection of maritime artifacts and paintings.

OF SCANDINAVIA, Marcis says, "It's about as far away as you can get from all of the unrest that is going on in the Middle East. And these are highly developed countries."

"People who have visited countries such as Greece, Italy, Spain, know what first class accommodations mean there," he said. "Sweden, Norway and Denmark are a long way from these old world countries. The quality of accommodations in Scandinavia is superior. There is no place in Europe that can compare. I have never hosted a tour without doing a year's worth of research and I can guarantee that."

Marcis said he has planned this trip to be a leisurely one with limited mileage each day and with time allotted for optional plays, concerts, shopping time, "and all the cheese and fish you can eat," he said.

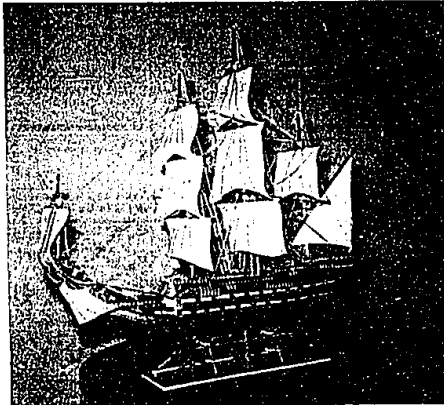
"If someone on the tour has relatives they want to visit, we can arrange that," Marcis said. "I have also been able to arrange optional extensions to Lapland, Helsinki and Leningrad for those who want to continue on after our tour is completed, and again, for very good prices."

Marcis summed up his feelings about Scandinavia by saying, "It is crystal clear fjord, castles of a 1,000-year-old kingdom, gardens, thousands of miles of coastline, mountains and fells, lakes and forests, islands, idyllic small towns and sophisticated cosmopolitan capitals."

Marcis will send a complete brochure on request. Interested persons may call him at his office, 553-3380.



The Rev. T. Richard Marcis (above) talks about Viking history, his penchant for the nautical and the tour he will be leading through Scandinavia this summer. At right is the pastor's scale model of "Vasa" the 64-gun man of war raised 330 years after it was sunk in Stockholm's harbor. The refurbished ship will be one of the tour stops on the itinerary Marcis has planned for the trip through three Scandinavian countries.



Jamaican pastor visits

David Keane, pastor of Church on the Rock in Jamaica, will be at the 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services, then minister for the 6 p.m. service Sunday, March 23, in Northwest Church, 28111 10 Mile Road.

Keane, who was named "Pastor of the Year" for 1985 in Jamaica, has a growing pentecostal church situated on the top of a hill. In addition to the church, the complex contains a home for homeless children in the Kingston area and facilities for a full-time nurse to administer to the poor.

That facility will soon be occupied by Doug and Lorna Kessner, members of Northwest Church. She will work in the medical building and he will be building an amphitheater on the property while simultaneously training six young men in the building trade. The couple will be spending two years in Jamaica.

Keane and his wife Denver are in the



David Keane

Farmington area training under the leadership of Rev. Paul Bersche, pastor of Northwest Church. The congregation of the church is supporting Keane's work in Jamaica.



The 9 young musicians from Farmington and Farmington Hills selected to be members of Musical Youth International's tour this season are (from left) Philip Hanushek, Ron Beaubien, Paula

Pashby, Kathy Kreller, Mike Samardzija, Eric Dummer, Steve Thompson, Adrienne Dummer and Marc Woollard.

Young musicians chosen for tour

Musical Youth International has chosen nine students from the Farmington area to be members of the 1986 wind ensemble and chorus that will tour Korea, Japan and Hawaii.

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Marc Woollard have been selected to be members of the Musical Youth International in its 22nd season. MYI student membership is a unique experience in that it combines professional musical participation with family living in a different culture and the opportunity for individual growth and self reliance.

A group of 100 students from the Great Lakes area is selected annually to form both a symphonic wind ensemble and chorus to tour for four to five weeks during the summer.

The conductors for this season are R. Paul Barber and Leonard L. Riccinto. Barber, in his fourth season with MYI, is music coordinator for the Farmington School District and founder and conductor of the Farmington Community Band.

Riccinto is an associate professor of music at Eastern Michigan University and conductor of the University Choir.

Musical Youth International was founded by the late Dr. Lester McCoy. The non-profit organization grew from his belief that musically talented students could provide international understanding through the universal language of music. His wife is currently the executive director.

The event is an annual fund-raiser sponsored by Women of Bloomfield who raised more than \$10,000 last year for the center's occupational and recreational areas.

Tickets at \$20 each, are available by calling Marti Buchanan, 644-6548.

Fashion show to benefit Clinton Valley Center

Luncheon and a parade of fashions from Bonwit Teller begins at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, in the Novi Hilton, to benefit Clinton Valley Center in Pontiac. The show is produced by Take Time Services. Hair styles and makeup are furnished by Antonio Salon of Farmington Hills.

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